



# Huma Bhabha Selected for The Met's 2018 Cantor Roof Garden Commission

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Pakistani artist [Huma Bhabha](#) has been selected as the sixth artist to create a site-specific installation for The Met's Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Roof Garden in New York. The 2018 Roof Garden Commission, *Huma Bhabha, We Come in Peace*, will be on view from April 17 to October 28, 2018. The commission was conceived by the artist in consultation with Sheena Wagstaff, Leonard A. Lauder Chairman of Modern and Contemporary Art, and Shanay Jhaveri, Assistant Curator of South Asian Art, both of The Met's Department of Modern and Contemporary Art.

Born in 1962 in Karachi, Pakistan, Huma Bhabha lives and works in Poughkeepsie, NY in the Hudson Valley. Her work addresses themes of colonialism, war, displacement and memories of place. Using found materials and the detritus of everyday life, she creates haunting human figures that hover between abstraction and figuration, monumentality and entropy, according to the museum.



Huma Bhabha at The Museum of Modern Art's 2016 Party in the Garden on June 1. Photo: Scott Rudd/[scottruddevents.com](http://scottruddevents.com).

Bhabha's work has been the subject of numerous national and international exhibitions including those presented at [MoMA P.S.1](#) (New York); the 56th International Art Exhibition La Biennale di Venezia (Italy); Palais de Tokyo (Paris); Aspen Art Museum (Colorado); the Museum of Contemporary Art (Cleveland); The ICP Triennial at the International Center of Photography (New York) as well as "Land Marks" at [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), the 2010 Whitney Biennial at the [Whitney Museum of American Art](#), the 7th Gwangju Biennale, Korea and others.

In 2008, she received The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum Emerging Artist Award. In 2013, Bhabha was awarded the Berlin Prize, Guna S. Mundheim Fellowship, the American Academy in Berlin.

"Roof Garden Commission: *Huma Bhabha, We Come in Peace*" is the sixth annual site-specific installation for the New York City art museum's outdoor space. It will be accompanied by a book published by The Metropolitan Museum of Art and distributed by Yale University Press.

Previous artists commissioned for the seasonal space are Argentinian artist [Adrián Villar Rojas](#) (2017); British artist [Cornelia Parker](#) (2016); French artist [Pierre Huyghe](#) (2015); American artist [Dan Graham](#) in collaboration with Swiss landscape architect [Günther Vogt](#) (2014) and Pakistani artist [Imran Qureshi](#) (2013).

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**BASIC FACTS:** “The Roof Garden Commission: *Huma Bhabha, We Come in Peace*” will be on view from April 17 to October 28, 2018 at The Met Fifth Avenue, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028. The installation will be featured on The Met website, as well as on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter with the hashtag #CantorRoof. [www.metmuseum.org](http://www.metmuseum.org).

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