

## **HUDSON VALLEY CENTER for CONTEMPORARY ART**

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### **HVCCA announces 2007 Artist-In-Residence Maider Bilbao Echeverria**

#### **With collaborative support from Sala Rekalde, a non-profit art space in Bilbao, Spain**

(Peekskill, NY) On July 7, the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art welcomes 2007 Artist-In-Residence Maider Bilbao Echeverria from Bilbao, Spain. The residency—a collaboration with Sala Rekalde, a non-profit art space in Bilbao—is scheduled for three months and culminates in an exhibition at the HVCCA, which opens to the public on September 16, 2007. The artist was chosen from over 50 portfolios of Basque artists submitted by Sala Rekalde.

Echeverria is an interdisciplinary artist who combines sculpture, photography, performance, video and sound in site-specific installations. Often working outside in natural environments, she documents experimental performative actions using video and photography. She then reinterprets these actions in the gallery context using biomorphic constructions made of elastic textiles onto which images are projected. In preparing for her residency, the artist writes "The essence of my artistic creation is open experimentation...in the new environment of the Hudson Valley, I am sure I will find new resources to expand and empower my artistic production."

About the artist:



Maider Bilbao Echeverria received a Fine Arts degree from the University of the Basque Country in 2001. Her coursework was reinforced by a doctoral course and several artistic workshops. In 2001, she received the Erasmus Grant from the Faculty of Art, Media and Design at the University of Bristol in West England. She also received a New Technologies Grant in 2004 from the Bilbao Art Foundation, which funds new artistic production by emerging talents.

Echeverria has been exhibiting her work in various exhibitions since 2000. She has been a finalist in several art contests, including Ertibil 05 with the Diputacion Foral de Bizkaia (the local Basque Council). Her work has been published in several magazines including *Diseno Interior*, an international magazine of architecture and interior design and *SIC* magazine, a journal of gastronomy and the arts.

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The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art opened to the public in June 2004. Founded by the Marc and Livia Straus family, the not-for-profit center is dedicated to the development and presentation of new art, exhibits and interdisciplinary programs that enrich our understanding of contemporary art, its contexts, and its relationships to societal issues. The Center is committed to the enrichment of Peekskill, a multicultural community that has recreated itself as a major center for art and culture. HVCCA operates a 12,000 square foot exhibition space in Peekskill and is the primary sponsor of the Peekskill Project, a city-wide exhibition of site-specific artwork. We are open Saturdays from 12 noon - 6pm and by appointment. Group tours are available by appointment throughout the year. Admission: \$5.00 adult; \$1.00 student; Members free. For more information on exhibits and programs, please visit [www.hvcca.com](http://www.hvcca.com), e-mail [info@hvcca.com](mailto:info@hvcca.com) or call 914-788-0100.

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