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## **CHERYL FARBER SMITH'S GROOVY SCULPTURE *MELLOW YELLOW* COMES TO TRIBECA PARK**

New York City Parks & Recreation's Art in the Parks program is pleased to announce Cheryl Farber Smith's exhibition of *Mellow Yellow* in Tribeca Park, also known as Beach Street Park. The sculpture is on view to the public through October 27, 2013.

Cheryl Farber Smith's *Mellow Yellow* is as fun as its name. The nine-foot tall aluminum sculpture is a playful piece that juxtaposes the most basic of all visual elements –geometric shapes. Painted a brilliant yellow, the sculpture is comprised of suspended circles, cylinders and cubes that take part in an animated dance. Centrally located in Tribeca Park, this sculpture will brighten the heavily canopied plaza.

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Parks exhibited Farber Smith's sculpture *Leaning Firm* in Brooklyn's Columbus Park in 2007, as part of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Art in the Park program. The sculpture, though red in color, as well as her photographic prints explore similar themes as *Mellow Yellow*.

This triangular park was once part of the Lisenard Swamp, which was drained in 1735 and acquired by the city in 1810. Called Beach Street Park (for the street just to the north) for over a century, it became known as TriBeCa Park in 1985 as a tribute to the surrounding neighborhood. Tribeca Park has hosted nine temporary public art exhibitions, including *Mellow Yellow*, since the first show in 1978. Some of the artists include Ilan Averbuch, Noa Bornstein, Leonard Ursachi, and Kenny Scharf.

Cheryl Farber Smith graduated from the School of Visual Arts in New York. She works primarily in metal sculpture, as well as photography, which often uses imagery taken from her sculptures. Farber Smith's artwork focuses on common geometric shapes in unique arrangements, and she uses vibrant colors in addition to a variety of metals and patinas. The mood of her work reflects the Gemini-like contrast between playfulness and contemplation. Her pieces have been displayed in parks, open spaces, galleries and homes mostly in the New York area.

The City of New York's Department of Parks & Recreation Art in the Parks program has consistently fostered the creation and installation of temporary public art in parks throughout the five boroughs. Since 1967, collaborations with arts organizations and artists have produced hundreds of public art projects in New York City parks. For more information visit .

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