

## 2007 ISC SCULPTURE RESIDENCY IN SWITZERLAND WINNERS SELECTED

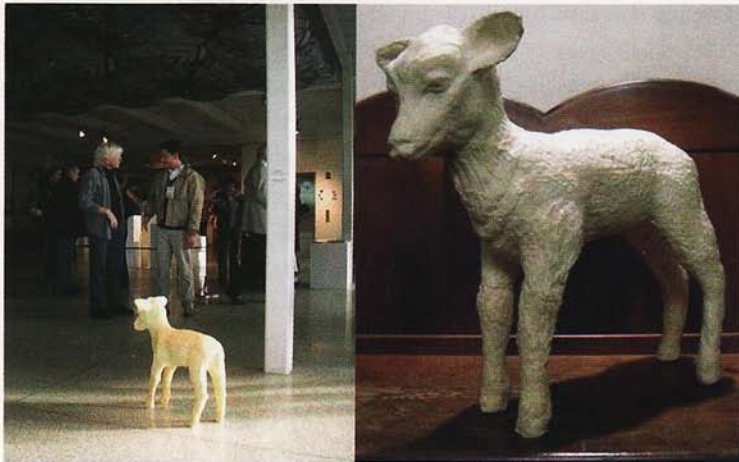
The ISC congratulates Samuel Ekwurtzel and Crystal Schenk, recipients of the 2006 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award. They were selected from 22 other student winners for the 2007 Sculpture Residency in Switzerland. Ekwurtzel, a BFA student at the University of Hartford nominated by Hiro Fukawa, says that his work “distills encounters with everyday suburban objects and re-inserts them into an art context.” Schenk, an MFA student from Portland State University nominated by Elizabeth Stanek, says that her work creates tension “by the semblance of utility. At first glance the pieces look like they can be used and interacted with; however, after further investigation,

the viewer realizes that the objects are inert.”

The Switzerland residency is a fully sponsored donation of ISC board member Gertrud Kohler-Aeschlimann and her husband Heinz Aeschlimann. Gertrud is the founder of Kohler Consulting and Modern Art Advising; Heinz is a prominent sculptor. Together, they own Art-St. Urban, an art center and sculpture park in Switzerland. This amazing opportunity allows student winners to spend six weeks working and studying directly with Heinz in his studio and atelier, while gaining entry to the Swiss art world.

Works by 2006 Outstanding Student Award winners will remain on view at Grounds For Sculpture, in Hamilton, New

Jersey, through April 29, 2007. In addition to the Swiss residency, a Canadian Scholarship, sponsored by ISC board member Barrie Mowatt, will be offered in conjunction with the 2007 Student Awards. For more information, visit the ISC Web site <[www.sculpture.org](http://www.sculpture.org)>.



Top right: ISC Board member Gertrud Kohler-Aeschlimann at the reception for the 2006 Student Awards exhibition at Grounds For Sculpture. Above left: Samuel Ekwurtzel and *go-go*, 2006. Above right: Crystal Schenk and *Have and Have Not*, 2006.