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Cristina Iglesias’s *Landscape and Memory*—where five shallow bronze sculptures layered with bas-reliefs of created elements with details of twigs, roots, rocks, branches, soil ledges, and abstract forms are nestled beneath a meandering ribbon of tall grasses—has disrupted and intrigued parkgoers since the project opened in Madison Square Park on June 1, 2022. Those who gaze in from the pathways surrounding the Oval Lawn might think that Iglesias has rendered an undulating earthwork of fountain grass that has grown and transformed since it was first planted in the spring.

But those who accept the artist’s invitation and make a pilgrimage onto the greensward may come upon what is hidden and unexpected, deep within. The sound of flowing water beckons first, as if a creek had been transported into the clamor of New York City. That beautiful noise is a lure, leading to subterranean pools where water cascades across the bronze surfaces to summon simultaneously contemporary and ancient time. In this work, Iglesias relays a profound vision born in her mind’s eye; she reached into her drawings and watercolors and computer renderings, and shaped the work at a metal foundry outside Bilbao, Spain. She wills us to look critically at the present, into a space where human history and natural history converge.

*Landscape and Memory* sites its five bronze sculptures just at and below the ground plane so that viewers can imagine a waterway flowing across the park through the millennia. Mirrored surfaces guide the illusion of connectedness, as parkgoers traverse the lawn and walk from sculpture to sculpture in what becomes a vast, unending terrain. Subtle streams of water continuously trail across each sculpture’s hollowed surface in intricate patterns, evoking the constancy of water slowly eroding rocky strata over the epochs.

Cedar Creek, a winding stream that once flowed in parts of Madison Square Park, was documented on the Sanitary and Topographical Map of the City and Island of New York, charted by civil engineer Egbert L. Viele in 1865. His topographical maps of New York City recorded original
water courses including creeks and streams as well as marshes and coastline superimposed over the city grid. The Viele maps are referred to even today by structural engineers; they are in the collections of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., and the Map Division of the New York Public Library, where Iglesias studied them in person in December 2021 after viewing them online. Cedar Creek was eventually covered over by the momentum of development—buildings, sewers, drainage—in the later nineteenth century. Many of the active waterways Viele recorded were visually lost in the name of progress. Iglesias calls us back to the force and toughness of those basic life sources. While its current journey is hidden, Cedar Creek still flows under Madison Square Park.

Acknowledging Simon Schama’s major 1995 volume *Landscape and Memory*, which surveyed the history of landscape across time and terrain, Iglesias appeals to parkgoers to imagine what is unseen below the surface, moving beneath sidewalks and pathways, streets and avenues. She welcomes us to connect with a primordial past poetically and philosophically. Her *Landscape and Memory* is a process of vital exploration for parkgoers to become citizen archaeologists tracing Cedar Creek’s streamflow. Robert Macfarlane’s 2019 book *Underland: A Deep Time Journey* shares a kinship with Iglesias’s vision. *Underland* brings to the surface the earth’s inmost recesses through the lens of human evidence in writing, memory, mythology.

For generations, one definition of American progress has been to look, act, and dream ever upward, whether that involves building skyscrapers, climbing to the summits of soaring mountains, or exploring space. Iglesias pauses that progression by challenging us to turn our gaze downward to what she calls the “profound depth” of the land and underground waterways and to sear that imagery in our memory. Stand in her work and take the journey by following the delicate ribbon of grasses. You will experience the sound of coursing water and the unforeseen placement of bronze pools. There are unanticipated discoveries with each step.

Cristina Iglesias was born in San Sebastián, in northern Spain, in 1956. She studied chemical sciences at Universidad del País Vasco (1976–1978), ceramics and drawing in Barcelona (1978), and sculpture at the Chelsea College of Arts in London (1980). Her studio is in the Torrelodones municipality of Madrid. *Landscape and Memory* is her first major temporary outdoor work on view in the United States.

In the 1980s, resisting the asceticism of the Minimalist movement, Iglesias made gridlike structures in natural materials that were suspended architecturally to create pavilions and rooms. By the 2000s, she began incorporating water into some of her permanent outdoor projects and sculptures. Her work hovers between the past and the present in sculpture that alludes to the tensions between what is ancient and what is contemporary. *Landscape and Memory* builds on her practice of excavating natural history and unearthing the forgotten.

Iglesias’s site-specific installations have been commissioned internationally. She has realized projects for Fundación Botín, Santander (2018); for Bloomberg headquarters, London (2017); and for the Mexican Foundation for Environmental Education, Baja California (2010). Among her other works are *Tres aguas* in Toledo, Spain (2014); the monumental doors of the Museo Nacional del Prado extension, Madrid (2007); and the reworked public square.

*Landscape and Memory* has been complemented by an array of free public programs. Madison Square Park Conservancy’s annual symposium was held on June 3, supported through the ongoing generosity of The Henry Luce Foundation. We are grateful to Dr. Mariko Silver, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. Teresa Carbone, Program Director for American Art. The symposium, *Unearthing Public Art*, convened before an audience of several hundred at the SVA Theatre. The Conservancy acknowledges Adam Natale, Director, and the SVA Theatre team for this enduring partnership. The program included brilliant participants: artists Alice Aycock, Maren Hassinger, Alan Michelson, and Kennedy Yanko; Metropolitan Museum of Art curator Ian Alteveer; journalist Ted Loos; poet Deborah Landau; scholar Mark Wigley; and Cristina Iglesias in the keynote conversation with National Gallery of Art curator Lynne Cooke.

On-site in the park, evening Art Talks were held on the Oval Lawn in July and August, with Cynthia Daignault, Vanessa German, Kevork Mourad, and Adam Liam Rose. These exceptional artists responded generously and thoughtfully to Iglesias’s project in their remarks. Carnegie Hall Citywide returned to Madison Square Park in July with a series of free evening concerts with the Attacca Quartet playing selections by Philip Glass, Caroline Shaw, and Dmitri Shostakovich. Our gratitude to Nolan Robertson, Director, Artistic Projects, and Wendy Magro, Manager, Artistic Projects, at Carnegie Hall for bringing these four stunning musicians—Caleb Burhans, Domenic Salerni, Amy Schroeder, and Andrew Yee—and Nathan Schram and Caroline Shaw, who participated one evening. In July, parkgoers were invited to respond to a Reflection Board with the question: *What is a forgotten history you have unearthed?* In collaboration with The Kitchen—thank you, Legacy Russell, Executive Director and Chief Curator, and Alison Burstein, Curator, Media and Engagement—new
work by choreographer and artist Beau Bree Rhee with dancers Bria Bacon, Cara McManus, Chaery Moon, and Caitlin Scranton inspired by Landscape and Memory was performed in September and October. Thank you also to Lucia Muñoz Iglesias for her dedication to this effort, and to Marian Goodman, Leslie Nolen, and Linda Pellegrini at Marian Goodman Gallery. We also appreciate the ongoing work of Maddi Rotaeché, Salomé Prada, and Marina Navarro at the Iglesias studio. Our gratitude for the searching and stunning essays by Mira Dayal and Dr. Jason Rosenfeld in this volume.

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With Landscape and Memory, Cristina Iglesias has created an ode to Mother Earth and to her toughness, a work that looks natural and rugged, as if it has been in place eroding and carving into the landscape for centuries. Iglesias has prompted us to pause and to look at the city beneath our feet, to bring us at and below the ground plane. With this powerful project, she has confoundingly conjured memories of a primordial panorama that marked ancient time and that, through this work, lives in the present day.
In my work, I have created refuges in cities and public spaces. Places of gathering for people to be together or alone, to imagine or remember, and perhaps both.

I have developed work that concentrates on ideas of what might lie underneath us, of what might grow rhizomatically around us, of underground waters that might still flow and ebb if unveiled, and I have asked audiences to slow down and grant my work perhaps more time than what they are used to, looking at a water sequence change.

The same city we experience at high-speed, can also offer us a place in which to slow down, reflect, listen, and encourage us to understand the intimate experience in a collective space.

For the Madison Square Park project, I started studying the geographic history of the Manhattan park and the mapping of the area revealed that two bodies of water once ran under the park. The Cedar Creek and Minetta Brook, now forgotten, once coursed for two miles before flowing into the Hudson and East Rivers.

I had already been working with geological landscapes in some of my recent permanent works, such as *Inner Landscape* (*The Lithosphere, the Roots, the Water*) at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, or *Hondalea*, in the lighthouse at the Santa Clara Island in San Sebastián, so as *Sea Cave (Entrance)* in Malta International Contemporary Art Museum.

And though in many of my works there is a direct study and reference to the site they are conceived for, they also belong to a universal imaginary of the land we all share, its profound depth, its memory, and the concept that two geographically distant places are in fact mentally connected. It is precisely this idea of connection that I use to create the fiction that activates the work *Landscape and Memory* at Madison Square Park.

Five bronze elements constitute the work, placed at different intervals around the park, together they draw the old course of the rivers that once flowed under what today is Manhattan. Where the waters once ran, now lies a mass
of communication cables and infrastructure pipes, but also roots of trees, a vast net of fungi and all types of living organisms connected amongst themselves. In this way, these five geometric openings revealing a bronze interior landscape, talk about the ancient and the eternal. Water flows continually through these bronze elements located below floor level, obliging our bodies to get closer to what lies underneath us. Reflective walls at each end of the rectangular shaped bronze spaces enable me to enhance the fiction that this water is indeed flowing from one space to the next. We have also planted between each bronze concavity a different type of grass, one that grows higher than the rest of the park’s extension, fictionalizing once more that the water is indeed running under that line and its humidity is becoming visible to the viewer. This suggested continuity of the water flow unites the five holes making us imagine the whole.

These five bronze elements compose a bas relief made up of invented rocks and roots, evoking an organic fictional nature creating the old riverbed. The contrast of fictional nature directly juxtaposed with the real landscape of the park activates in the audience’s view both a memory of what was and an imagination of what could be.

With this piece I wanted to make a work in which people could lay down, listen to the sound of water and permit themselves to get lost in the details. Referencing the rivers that once passed by this place permits me to create a metaphor that can make the consciousness of the spectator flow. However, that awareness and imagination of what lies underneath us, under our constructed societies, could be equally activated anywhere on the planet.

Understanding geology as the memory of landscape, and in doing so encouraging audiences to create their own landscapes, their own memory of place, is something that I try to do with my work. I am interested in what lies underneath us, what might continue to grow outside of our view, and how this idea can activate the imaginary construction of space—the moment when a peripheral vision becomes acutely aware that our world is vastly larger than what our senses are able to register.
Cristina Iglesias likes to read stories in which authors imagine places they’ve never seen, constructing visions from fragments of other experiences. Her own work is full of such portals—sculptures set into deep black pedestals that suggest dioramas of larger abysses, yards-long cutaway sections of the ground embedded with simulated landscapes. Usually made of bronze, these terrains are often composed based on actual rocks and roots whose forms Iglesias replicates and recombines at a foundry through aluminum, sand, and lost-wax casting. They at times evoke petrified wood, as they retain the shapes and textures of their sources but are evidently made of a harder material. Petrification occurs when wood is buried quickly or deeply enough that it is deprived of oxygen; this slows the process of decay, and the organic material instead absorbs and is eventually replaced by minerals from groundwater or ash.

Growth and decay, burial and unearthing, preservation and destruction—these linked cycles are key to Iglesias’s practice, including her site-specific work *Landscape and Memory* in New York City’s Madison Square Park. Here, Iglesias has run flowing water through a set of five shallow bronze basins sunk into the central Oval Lawn. The basins, each roughly the size of a large crib or small grave, are spaced yards apart but aligned to follow a curving path delineated by tufts of fountain grass that has thrived and wilted in different sections over the course of the exhibition. Iglesias based the wandering line on the path of a creek that flowed nearby, likely into the East River, until the 1800s. As with many other bodies of water that once dotted or crossed Manhattan, Cedar Creek was buried to make the ground more suitable for developing the burgeoning city; in the time between then and the present park’s construction, this area supported a wide range of man-made impositions, including a potter’s field, storage for army munitions, and two hippodromes. Amid these waves of construction and repurposing, residents’ relationships to and valuations of the land were shifting.
Iglesias's gesture of digging a layer deeper into the park invites larger reflections on what this landscape looked like before, how and why it changed, and what might still lie underneath. Standing next to one of her casts of root masses and soil, a visitor hears the gurgle of water alongside the stream of traffic at the busy junction of Broadway and Fifth Avenue abutting the park. Broadway was once a trade route used by the Lenape people, this land's indigenous inhabitants, who were pushed out of the region by Dutch colonists starting in the 1600s, on the basis of a misunderstood land deal. Responding to a complaint from the European settlers that they had not left the land, the Lenape reportedly asserted that "they had only sold the grass on the land, not the land itself." This anecdote from a devastating history might point toward a more layered understanding of the land, which always contains and sustains far more than what we experience or claim to possess above it. Even before this area was crossed by trade routes, animals would have established their own paths for navigating its streams and forests, and plants would have formed patterns of growth according to the varying properties of the environment. (Iglesias took precautions during installation to avoid disturbing the roots of the mature trees bordering the lawn, which provide their own sense of the current park's life span.)

For all these specific stories hovering around and sedimented beneath it, Landscape and Memory remains generalized—it was not molded from roots gathered on-site, and its relatively shallow depth doesn’t seem to point to a specific geological layer that would correspond to that of the former creek. Rather, the sculpture of earth is perhaps more like a death mask for the idea of old roots, broadly commemorating former lives of the land. This funerary reading of the solemn bronze troughs is reinforced by the coffinlike scale and position of the sculpted components. Knowing that the lawn was once used as a potter’s field, one could also see the work as a commemoration of the many people, named and unnamed, heroic and not, who had relationships to this land in prior eras.

The overall installation recalls a procession: its path proceeds north, up the center of the lawn, as if bordered by onlookers, before meandering off to the east, as if to carry on in private. The sound of the water rises and fades like a wail or a memory—think of purification, rebirth—as one traces this path and draws closer to and farther from each basin.

Picturing another near-ceremonial act behind this work, of arranging plots and digging holes to lower the sculptures into the ground, one could see Iglesias as a medium, who conveys matter and information into and out of an underworld. Something mystical, an aberration of nature, indeed seems to be happening within each basin: the water flows not smoothly in one direction as if part of a stream, but in multiple, sometimes opposing directions. Iglesias has timed these water cycles to elicit curiosity at the changing rhythms and thus encourage sustained attention. She twists the traditional fountain into a fantasy of dual gravity and reversible trajectories; one might ask: Could the creek be resuscitated? Could it flow back from the East River inland? Is it still pulsing beneath our feet? Iglesias’s work is in this sense optimistic and inquisitive, like a fountain full of loose change tossed in with a wish. Landscape and Memory toys with our sense of time and asks what we might hope to bring back. Imagine a place you’ve never seen.

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“Delicate” is not the word that comes to mind when thinking of some of the memorable art installations that have commanded the verdant Oval Lawn and its environs in Madison Square Park. Many spoke to the city while remaining defiantly alien and bold: Mark di Suvero’s chromatic steel sculptures (2004–2005); Ursula von Rydingsvard’s grand and seemingly stalactite-laden resin and cedar inverted conical forms (2006–2007); Roxy Paine’s stainless shimmering vegetal constructions (2007); Martin Puryear’s monumental and terrific hunched latticework, Big Bling (2016–2017); Leonardo Drew’s encrusted architectural mini city (2019); Maya Lin’s eloquent Ghost Forest of stripped cedars (2021). Some artists have embraced the ephemeral and worked beautifully with light, but on a large scale: Rafael Lozano-Hemmer’s movingly unifying and responsive Pulse Park (2008); Jim Campbell’s Scattered Light (2010–2011); Paula Hayes’s futuristic Gazing Globes (2015); Erwin Redl’s constellation of hanging bulbs, Whiteout (2017–2018); Ernie Gehr’s characteristically thought-provoking, mind-bending, and disconcerting videos titled Surveillance (2010). But Cristina Iglesias has combined the interest in vegetation inherent in several of her predecessors’ works on the site with a gentle touch in terms of what you perceive when you approach her design in the Oval. Once you get close enough to see what lies within and beneath the work, it reveals itself in a vivid and magical way to be of things bold and indigenous.

From a distance, Landscape and Memory appears to be a gently meandering five- or six-foot-wide line of fountain grass, about two feet high but still growing, that latitudinally snakes through the park’s central Oval Lawn. Since July the plantings have sprouted bristles. From above, the line must resemble a reversed question mark, but with a continuance of curves at the extremities that moves it close to an arabesque. From east and west perspectives on the ground it is revealed to have four cuts through the grasses, narrow paths that people can traverse...
to get from one side to the other. It is only when you get within twenty feet of this apparently vegetal earthwork, on a day when there is less ambient noise in the city’s jar and fewer picnickers on the park lawn with children flitting about, that you experience its ambient element—the unexpected sound of a babbling brook. The revelation is that in five sections within the curvature of these 1,500 planted fountain grasses there are cavities containing low slanted trapezoidal boxes about nine feet long, irregularly rectangular open-air coffinlike steel containers with a bronze flooring that simulates rocks and branches and twigs in various levels of relief. The grasses preclude visibility. The inner surfaces at either short end of these steel boxes feature mirrors that expand your vision of the shallow subterranean gullies. Water flows through these sculpted riverbeds, in a consistent direction from the north to the south end of the Oval. In revealing something hidden, in burrowing below the park’s ground level, Iglesias has achieved something novel. The gently swaying fountain grass entices, and then the surprising enveloped and sunken sculpture within enchants. When you are close to these unenterable cavities, the sound is loud enough to nearly cancel out the noise of the city. If you back away from these intermittently placed aqueous trenches, the sound gradually fades. The vegetation subsumes what lies within.

The magic of Iglesias’s present project is that it both continues themes and forms from her recent global work and reveals a specificity about this 6.2-acre green quadrant in lower Midtown. Like much of Manhattan, this area north of East 23rd Street and south of East 26th Street was once traversed by a now-subsumed waterway, in this case Madison (earlier called Cedar) Creek. This freshwater stream flowed southeast into the East River. The famed Egbert L. Viele Sanitary and Topographical Map of the City and Island of New York, now in the New York Public Library (1865), shows the creek looping under the northeast corner of the park, having originated from four small springs in the area between 22nd and 28th Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues. Landscape and Memory simulates its reemergence.

Iglesias approaches her public projects with a responsiveness to the history of the selected site and the present use of the space that she then combines with a sensitivity toward how people interact with their environs. It is like how Andy Goldsworthy operates in his projects: researching the place; employing a sense of appropriateness of materials; keeping a focus on how people’s experiences of a site will change because of the work; and deploying his own innately beautiful and recognizable aesthetic. Like Goldsworthy’s, Iglesias’s work is productively in contrast to the control factor so present in the designs of an earlier generation, that of Serra and De Maria and Heizer, who used alien materials and forms, and wherein a resulting alienation can bubble to the fore. Iglesias lays out the material, but the viewer shapes the experience.

One special element that connects this temporary floral-metal sculpture with existing artworks and waterworks in Madison Square Park is that it meanders between a reflecting pool and a nineteenth-century-style basin and fountain that mark the north and south extremities, respectively, of the Oval Lawn. Just above the reflecting pool sits one of New York’s most thrilling sculptural ensembles, which continues the aquatic theme. This is the monument to Admiral David Glasgow Farragut (1880), with its bronze sculpture of the naval hero by Augustus Saint-Gaudens atop a black granite exedra designed by Stanford White and decorated with sweepingly symbolist female allegorical bodies. It was recently brought to life by Krzysztof Wodiczko in Monument (2020), wherein the artist projected moving likenesses of international refugees on Farragut’s body, accompanied by the sounds of them telling their stories. Farragut stands foursquare to all the winds, facing south—the general direction of his great naval victories of the 1800s. Thus, he faces Landscape and Memory.

Delightfully, the ground within White’s high stone base is inlaid with beach stones and mimics the seafloor. In the center is a bronze crab incised with the artists’ names. I like to think of Madison Square Park as a totality, and Iglesias’s elegant clef of a natural/sculpted form seems to emanate from the Farragut font and flow south toward the Flatiron Building. New York is a vertical city, and the many distinctive peaks that surround this jewel of a green space are reminders of that. The city’s residents, heirs to the perfectors of such skyscrapers, tend to reject the subterranean, to avoid the deeper subway stations (63rd and...
Lexington), to scoff at sunken plazas with their failed commercial ventures (such as the Mars 2112 eatery north of Times Square). The only subterranean elements that have had any staying power in New York are the skating rink at Rockefeller Center and Whole Foods in the Time Warner Center, because the ride up the escalators to the great glazed wall that opens onto Columbus Circle in the latter is so deliriously marvelous. We go up elevators to live, to work, to party (but not to eat, as the denizens of Tokyo do, or to shop, as we prefer street culture and window gazing). At the same time we avoid the urban underlands, in Robert Macfarlane’s memorable term. It is comforting to know that the solid mica schist below Manhattan makes possible our airy vistas. But most of us don’t want to explore that urban undercroft. Landscape and Memory strips bare the thin crust of New York’s carapace and suggests the rills and flows of fresh water that proliferate(d) under our feet. “Manhattan has been compelled to expand skyward because of the absence of any other direction in which to grow,” wrote E. B. White, long ago. He went on to describe what he called the ganglia of the city, exposed whenever the pavement is cut up, consisting of pipes and cables and tubes. In her alternately delicate and muscular work, Cristina Iglesias has turned back time and peeled back sod to reveal the natural circulatory systems beneath all that technological layering. To come upon her aesthetic excavations encourages consideration of the flumina in urbe that haunt our city’s manipulated topography, that carry water, sound, and the imagination.

1. The closest precursor is Forgotten Streams of 2017, commissioned for the plaza outside the Bloomberg headquarters building in London. See Vicente Todoli, ed., Cristina Iglesias: Interspaces (Santander: Fundación Botín, 2018), 210–211; and Liquid Sculpture: The Public Art of Cristina Iglesias (Stuttgart and Berlin: Hatje Cantz, 2021), 18–43. The difference is that Iglesias conceived of the larger sculptures in Forgotten Streams as an evocation of the rivers that flow(ed) under London, and Landscape and Memory fairly closely follows the route of a specific stream.

2. Zoomable version available at www.davidrumsey.com. The four springs were revised to two in the 1874 large-scale and updated Atlas form edition.


Cristina Iglesias

WORKS IN THE EXHIBITION
2022  Landscape and Memory
Bronze, stainless steel, electrical pump, and water
Five works, each approximately 10 × 6 × 3 feet
Collection the artist, courtesy Marian Goodman Gallery
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DETAILS
1956  Born in San Sebastián, Spain
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1982  M.A. (ceramics and sculpture), Chelsea College of Art, London
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Lives and works in Madrid

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-landscape-and-memory/
Cristina Iglesias (Spanish, b. 1956) was born in San Sebastián, in northern Spain. She studied chemical sciences at Universidad del País Vasco (1976–1978), and ceramics and sculpture at the Chelsea College of Art in London (1980–1982).

Iglesias’s work has been the subject of solo presentations at museums internationally, including Centro Botín, Santander, Spain (2018); Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid (2013); Ludwig Museum, Cologne (2006); Whitechapel Art Gallery, London (2003); and Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York (1997).

She has been commissioned to create major projects and installations at Bloomberg headquarters, London (2017); Centro Botín, Santander (2018); Toledo, Spain (2014; a work titled Tres aguas); the Mexican Foundation for Environmental Education, Baja California (2010); the Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid (2007); and the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp (2006). The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, features Iglesias’s major permanent outdoor public work Inner Landscape (the lithosphere, the roots, the water) (2020) in front of its new Kinder Building. In Hondalea (2021), she has transformed a lighthouse into a sculpture on Santa Clara Island in the Bay of Donostia, San Sebastián, Spain. In 2022, Iglesias’s work was on view in the courtyard of the Royal Academy in London.

Iglesias has represented Spain at the Venice Biennale (1986, 1995); the Biennale of Sydney (1990, 2012); the Carnegie International, Pittsburgh (1995); the Taipei Biennial (2002); the SITE Santa Fe Biennial (2006); and the Folkestone Triennial (2011).

Iglesias was granted a Fulbright scholarship to study at Pratt Institute (1988). She was appointed professor of sculpture at the Akademie der Bildenden Künste, Munich (1995). The artist lives and works in Torrelodones, Madrid.
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| 2014 | On Reality, with Thomas Struth, Ivorypress Space, Madrid  
Tres aguas—The Toledo Aquifer, Public Work, El Greco 2014 and Artangel, Toledo, Spain  
Cristina Iglesias, BOZAR, Centre for Fine Arts, Brussels |
| 2013 | Cristina Iglesias: Metonimia, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid  
Lugar de Reflexão, CasaFrança-Brasil, Rio de Janeiro |
| 2012 | Concertgebouw Brugge, Brussels |
| 2011 | Cristina Iglesias, Marian Goodman Gallery, New York  
Cristina Iglesias, Galerie Marian Goodman, Paris |
| 2010 | Submerged Settings, Public Work, Mexican Foundation for Environmental Education, Baja California |
| 2009 | Cristina Iglesias: Il senso dello spazio, Fondazione Arnaldo Pomodoro, Milan |
2008  Cristina Iglesias, Pinacoteca do Estado, São Paulo  
Public Work, Basque Parliament, Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain  
Public Work, Fundación Francisco Godia, Barcelona  
Public Work, Castello di Ama, Siena  
Public Work, Isla Espíritu Santo, Mexico

2007  Public Work, bronze doors for new wing, Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid  
Cristina Iglesias, Instituto Cervantes, Paris

2006  Drei hängende Korridore, Ludwig Museum, Cologne

2005  Marian Goodman Gallery, New York

2003  Cristina Iglesias, Galerie Marian Goodman, Paris  
Cristina Iglesias, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin  
Cristina Iglesias, Whitechapel Art Gallery, London

2002  Museu Serralves, Fundação Serralves, Oporto  
Taipei Biennial, Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei

2001  Pepe Cobo, Seville

2000  Carré d’Art, Musée d’Art Contemporain, Nimes

1998  Palacio de Velázquez, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid  
Museo Guggenheim Bilbao  
A cidade e as estrelas, Galerie Luis Serpa, Lisbon  
Al otro lado del espejo, Sala Robayera, Miengo, Spain

1997  Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
Renaissance Society, Chicago

1994  One Room, Stedelijk Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, The Netherlands

1993  Galeria Municipal de Arte ARCO, Faro, Portugal  
XLV Biennale di Venezia, Spanish Pavilion, Venice  
Mala Galerija, Moderna Galerija, Ljubljana

1992  Art Gallery of York University, North York, Ontario

1991  Kunsthalle Bern, Bern

1990  De Appel Foundation, Amsterdam

1988  Museo Bellas Artes, Málaga  
Kunstverein für die Rheinlande und Westfalen, Düsseldorf

COMMISSIONS

2021
Hondalea, Lighthouse at Santa Clara Island, San Sebastián, Spain
Sea Cave (Entrance), Malta International Contemporary Art Space (MICAS)

2020
Inner Landscape (the lithosphere, the roots, the water), Kinder Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

2017–2019
Casa del Faro de Santa Clara, Santa Clara Island, San Sebastián, Spain

2017
Forgotten Streams, Bloomberg London building, City of London
Permanent Collection, Centro Botín, Santander, Spain
The Ionosphere (A Place of Silent Storms), Norman Foster Foundation, Madrid

2014
Tres aguas—The Toledo Aquifer, El Greco 2014 and Artangel, Toledo, Spain

2010–2012
Vegetation Room, Inhotim, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

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Castello di Ama, Siena
Isla Espíritu Santo, Mexico

2006–2007
Bronze doors for new wing of Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid

2004
Passatge de Coure, Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona (CCIB), Fórum 2004

2000
Vegetation Room VII, Umea, Sweden
American Express building, Minneapolis

1997–2006
Deep Fountain, Leopold de Waelplaats, Antwerp

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

2020
Royal Academy Architecture Prize, London

2019
National Award for Printing, Spain

2015
Gold Medal of Merit in the Fine Arts, Madrid

2015
Prize, XXIV edition of Medallística Tomás Francisco Prieto, Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre, Real Casa de la Moneda, Madrid

2012
Berliner Kunstpreis, Germany

1999
National Award for the Visual Arts, Madrid
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JUNE 3, 2022
Unearthing Public Art
Public Art Symposium at SVA Theatre with
Ian Alteveer
Alice Aycock
Lynne Cooke
Maren Hassinger
Cristina Iglesias
Deborah Landau
Ted Loos
Alan Michelson
Mark Wigley
Kennedy Yanko

TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS THROUGHOUT THE EXHIBITION
Lunchtime Tours of Landscape and Memory
Madison Square Park

JUNE 15, 2022
Art Talk with Kevork Mourad
Madison Square Park

JUNE 22, 2022
Art Talk with vanessa german
Madison Square Park

JUNE 29, 2022
Art Talk with Adam Liam Rose
Madison Square Park

AUGUST 3, 2022
Art Talk with Cynthia Daignault
Madison Square Park

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 13, 20, AND 27
Music on the Green: Attacca Quartet: Caleb Burhans, Domenic Salerni, Amy Schroeder, and Andrew Yee, featuring Nathan Schram and Caroline Shaw for one performance
Carnegie Hall Citywide
Madison Square Park

JULY 25 THROUGH AUGUST 1
Reflection Board
Madison Square Park

SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 12, OCTOBER 20
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Landscape and Memory, 2022
Bronze, stainless steel, electrical pump, and water
Five works, each approximately 10 × 6 × 3 feet
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FIG. 4
Egbert L. Viele (American, 1825–1902)
Topographical atlas of the city of New York, including the annexed territory showing original water courses and made land (detail), 1874
1 atlas; 5 colored maps, each 20⅝ × 28 inches
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Beau Bree Rhee, Shadow of the Sea, 2022. Performance view. Presented by The Kitchen in partnership with Madison Square Park Conservancy
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