

ART IN NEW YORK CITY

“Dancers of the Wind” by Gus and Lina Ocamposilva

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SCULPTURES DANCE ON EAST RIVER PARK PROMENADE. GUS AND LINA OCAMPOSILVA'S DANCERS OF THE WIND New York Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce Lina & Gus Ocamposilva's inaugural New York City public art exhibition Dancers of the Wind, which will be on view along the East River Park Promenade from June 26th through November, 2013.

Three twelve-foot colorful sculptures will be placed on a grassy lawn along the promenade near the baseball fields just south of the East 10th Street foot bridge. The exhibition will express the passion, movement, magic and poetry of the human body, and will also represent

the freedom of the human soul. Each dancer in this exhibition is different and unique, but echoes its partners. Inspired by ballet steps (the grand jeté, adagio and arabesque), the Ocamposilvas have immortalized the poetry of form, the landscape of the human body and its capacity to challenge the forces of gravity.

Abstract and figurative, classic and contemporary, Gus and Lina Ocamposilva's sculptures are made of strong aluminum, but appear soft and fluid. The bended forms incorporate tubes, exposed bolts, stippled texture and brilliant yellow, cobalt blue, teal and red coloring. These dancers appear to move gracefully in the wind along the East River promenade in Manhattan . The artists hope that park visitors will be inspired by Dancers of the Wind —it is not enough to just stand back and admire the sculptures, but they invite everyone to embrace the feeling of movement and to dance alongside them.

Gus and Lina Ocamposilva are a husband and wife team that creates sculpture inspired by their homes in the Andes and the tropics, a world filled with diverse colors. They have exhibited their public artworks in Kingsport, TN; Palm Desert, CA; Buffalo NY; Clearwater, FL, Denver, CO, Phoenix, AZ, Miami, FL and Suwanee, GA, among others. Gus Ocamposilva was born in Colombia, studied Murals at Massana School of Barcelona and painting at Barcelona University, Spain.

NYC Parks & Recreation's 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 www.nyc.gov/parks/art or www.GusLina.com .