


November 19, 2012

# New York: The Talking Cure - Artist Talk and Reception

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Join alumni and parents for an artist talk and reception with **Melissa Stern '80**

## The Talking Cure: Wesleyan Collaborative Multi-Media Artwork Debuts in New York City

Wednesday, December 12

6:30-8 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages

Welcome Remarks by President **Michael S. Roth '78**

Smart Clothes Gallery

154 Stanton Street

New York, NY

### About the Exhibition

Conceived in the Wesleyan spirit of multimedia and cross-disciplinary collaboration, the project marries fine arts, literature, acting, and new media, with a downtown sensibility. The exhibition consists of twelve mixed material sculptures by Stern, each accompanied by an interactive audio track created by a literary collaborator. The collaborators are all meaningful indie film makers, actors, comic book writers, poets, and screen writers - the core of them from Wesleyan: **Janet Grillo '80**, is a well known figure in the film world, directing and producing both documentary and feature films. She is currently a Professor at the Tisch Film School, at NYU. **Anthony Weintraub '87**, is a film producer, screen writer, and children's web and television content creator. **Paula Sharp** taught at Wesleyan in the College of Letters for nine years, retiring last spring. She is a novelist and is currently at work on a new work of fiction.

### About Melissa Stern

**Melissa Stern '80** has worked in both sculpture and drawings for over twenty years, living and exhibiting in California, Europe, and New York City. Her work is featured in a number of prominent corporate and museum collections including Dow Jones, News Corporation, JP Morgan, The Davison Print Collection, The Arkansas Art Center and the Kohler Corporation, where she was an artist-in-residence. She has also had residences at the Serenbe Institute outside of Atlanta, and at The Washington School of Glass in Washington DC. Her artwork has been featured in *Trans- Ceramic Art*, *500 Figures in Clay*, and *American Illustration 26 – The Best American Illustrations of 2007*.

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