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EAST HAMPTON ARTS COUNCIL BILL KING SCULPTURE PLACED ON GROUNDS OF TOWN HALL

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The Town of East Hampton in conjunction with the East Hampton Arts Council would like to announce that the Bill King sculpture, *Nureyev & Fontaine*, donated last year by Laura Cutler to the Town of East Hampton has been placed on the grounds of Town Hall located at 159 Pantigo Road.

Bill King made East Hampton his home for over forty years, was deeply involved in the community, and was a distinctive and prolific artist whose work is part of collections held by the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Los Angeles County Museum, the Guggenheim and the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and is the recipient of four honorary doctorates and numerous fellowships as well as the International Sculpture Center Lifetime Achievement Award (2007) and the Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Award (1997) at Guild Hall in East Hampton.

The East Hampton Arts Council and the Town of East Hampton are grateful for the generosity of Laura Cutler and are pleased that it will be seen and enjoyed by the community. Councilwoman Sylvia Overby said, "It is a privilege to have this sculpture on Town Hall grounds. Bill King was an artist known worldwide and he loved and celebrated East Hampton." Jane Martin, Co-Chair of the East Hampton Arts Council said, "We are very pleased to honor the sculpture of late artist Bill King with a prominent placement of *Nureyev and Fontaine* on the East Hampton Town Hall grounds. The arts play a prominent role in the history, culture and attraction of East Hampton and this display of sculpture honors the long history of arts on the East End."

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