

# GLADSTONE GALLERY

Anna Marcum, "Ugo Rondinone Will Rock Rockefeller," *Art in America*, March 6, 2013.

## Ugo Rondinone Will Rock Rockefeller

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Beginning in April, the plaza at Rockefeller Center will host *Human Nature*, a colossal sculptural installation by New York-based artist Ugo Rondinone.



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*Human Nature* comprises nine 16- to 20-foot-tall anthropomorphic stone figures. Roughly hewn bluestone blocks are assembled into post-and-lintel structures that depict the most basic representations of the human form. Made possible by the Public Art Fund and Tishman Speyer, *Human Nature* continues the artist's recent emphasis on public art projects, for example the rainbow-themed sign reading "Hell, Yes!" that adorned the facade of New York's New Museum from 2007-10.

"*Human Nature* reconnects the contemporary world with our most ancient origins," said Public Art Fund director and chief curator Nicholas Baume in a press release. "Conceived directly for Rockefeller Center, this installation launches an important new body of work for Ugo; we're delighted that it will debut on center stage at this iconic New York City location."

Rockefeller Center has been the site of several public works such as Anish Kapoor's *Sky Mirror* in 2006 and Jeff Koons' topiary *Puppy* in 2003.