

6-month exhibit of 2 sculptures

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Parks Commissioner Henry Stern will join Queens artists, neighborhood residents and the Hunters Point Community Development Corp. at 4 p.m. today in the opening of a six-month outdoor exhibition of two major sculptures by local artists.

The ceremony will be held in the John F. Murray Playground, 21st St. and 45th Ave., Long Island City, where a work called "Bigger Bird," by Dan Sinclair, will be on view. A second untitled sculpture by Paul Pappas will be on view in Court Square Park, Jackson and Thompson Aves., Long Island City. Both works were created specifically for the parks in which they are situated.

Stern said the work by Sinclair is a 20-foot-tall, birdlike sculpture of winged forms. It is constructed with painted chain-link fencing and poles that mirror the existing fence around the John F. Murray Playground. The backdrop for the sculpture is the Manhattan skyline.

The Pappas sculpture is a sprawling wood, slate and welded steel work designed to fit among the trees in the triangular park. It measures 40 feet long by 8 feet high and includes platforms on which visitors can sit. Local businesses donated about \$10,000 in materials, labor and other services for the project.