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#### Martin Puryear to Receive Yaddo Artist Medal

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Visitors look at the work “Sanctuary,” 1982, center, on display at the “Martin Puryear: Multiple Dimensions” exhibition at the Morgan Library & Museum last December. Credit Byron Smith for The New York Times

The sculptor Martin Puryear will receive the third annual Yaddo Artist Medal. Yaddo, the artist colony in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., will celebrate Mr. Puryear at a benefit on May 18, which will also include a performance from musicians Jason Moran and Alicia Hall Moran.

Mr. Puryear began his career in the 1970s and is known for his work in wood and bronze. He was the focus of a retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in 2007 and had an exhibit last winter at the Morgan Library & Museum. “Mr. Puryear has remained faithful to sculpture, and keeps probing the medium’s capacity for revelation and beauty,” Jason Farago wrote in December in The Times. His new sculpture “Big Bling,” which is 40 feet tall, will debut in Madison Square Park two days before the benefit.

The multimedia artist Laurie Anderson and the novelist Philip Roth have been the honorees in years past. More information and tickets for the benefit can be found at [www.yaddo.org](http://www.yaddo.org).