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**MIT Museum Celebrates Grand Re-Opening of Gestural Engineering Exhibit with
an Evening with Arthur Ganson
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CAMBRIDGE, MA – October 3, 2016 – In celebration of the grand re-opening of the exhibit *Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson*, the MIT Museum will host “An Evening with Arthur Ganson” on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The evening will include a conversation with Arthur Ganson facilitated by MIT Museum Director, John Durant, followed by an opportunity to visit the exhibition.

Arthur Ganson’s kinetic sculptures are among the most beloved features of the MIT Museum. Press a pedal or turn a crank and you’ll put Ganson’s machines into motion. His sculptures explore the nature of oiled surfaces, object manipulation and slow explosions, and are created from a range of materials that he fabricates or finds.

During the gallery renovation, many of the sculptures were restored and new controls were added to improve accessibility and usability for visitors. Each sculpture now includes a vignette in Arthur’s own words that talks about his process and inspiration behind each piece. In addition, there is a tactile display that gives visitors an opportunity to physically connect with some of the materials and forms Arthur uses to create his sculptures, as well as several videos, including the award-winning short film “Machine with Wishbone” by Randall Okita.

“Whimsical, captivating and witty - all are words used to describe Arthur Ganson’s wonderfully creative kinetic sculptures,” said John Durant, The Mark R. Epstein (Class of 1963) Director of the MIT Museum. “Since the exhibition first opened in 1995 it has been a museum favorite and the newly renovated gallery will make the exhibition better than ever,” said Durant.

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Admission to “An Evening with Arthur Ganson” is free but space is limited so reservations are required. To RSVP go to: <http://bit.ly/2ddOUIv>

For more information on the event go to: <https://mitmuseum.mit.edu/exhibition/gestural-engineering-sculpture-arthur-ganson>.

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The MIT Museum’s mission is to engage the wider community with MIT’s science, technology and other areas of scholarship in ways that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century.

Visitor Information

MIT Museum

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Central Square Cultural District
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Open Daily 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed major holidays

General admission: \$10.00 for adults; Youth under 18, students, seniors: \$5.00; free admission for MIT card holders and alumni, and children under 5. Discounts are listed [online](#).

Parking: Metered street parking and area lots

Public Transportation: Red Line “T” to Central or Kendall Square or take the #1 Bus on Massachusetts Ave.