

Patricia Cronin Sculpture Installation At Woodlawn Cemetery

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On September 20, 2011 at Woodlawn Cemetery, artist Patricia Cronin will install a bronze, larger-than-life version of her sculpture Memorial to a Marriage.

Nearly a decade ago, artist Patricia Cronin unveiled a marble version of this neoclassically-inspired nude sculpture, which depicts her and her partner, now wife, artist Deborah Kass, in bed. While her marriage may not have been legally recognized, she was intent on celebrating her love for eternity.

The installation of the new, bronze version comes just months after the legalization of same-sex marriage in New York and Cronin & Kass's July 24, 2011 marriage. Time has changed the context and meaning of Cronin's work, without making it any less powerful.

Its permanent home at Woodlawn Cemetery, which has an outstanding collection of funerary art and architecture, speaks to its vital importance and lasting meaning.

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