Thoma Foundation Installs Colossal 3-Ton Tom Joyce Sculpture at Art House

**WHEN:** October 5, 2015

**WHERE:** Art House, 231 Delgado St., Santa Fe, NM

Santa Fe, NM – On Monday, The Carl & Marilynn Thoma Art Foundation installed *Aureole I*, an immense forged stainless steel sculpture by artist Tom Joyce, in the front garden at Art House, the Foundation’s public art exhibition space at 231 Delgado Street. The massive 6,492-lb piece stands over six feet tall and six feet wide. Forged from industrial metal remnants, the sculpture’s skin-like, eroded surface references geologic forces of expansion and contraction.

Installation began at 1pm at James Kelly Contemporary gallery in Santa Fe where *Aureole I* had been part of a recent solo exhibition of the artist, Tom Joyce. The monumental sculpture was lifted by crane into a waiting truck before being driven a mile to Art House near Canyon Road. At Art House, crews had already dug an 18-inch deep trench to support the sculpture’s immense weight. The piece was carefully maneuvered into place with the help of a crane.

**ABOUT TOM JOYCE:**

Tom Joyce works and resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was awarded a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship in 2003 and in 2012 was commissioned to forge a 100-foot long quote by Virgil for the National September 11 Memorial Museum in New York. His work has been shown around the world and is held in a number of permanent collections, including the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, the...

For more information about Tom Joyce, please visit [http://tomjoycestudio.com](http://tomjoycestudio.com).

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**LOCATION AND HOURS:**
Art House is located at 231 Delgado Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501 and is free and open to the public. *Aureole I* is on view in the publically-accessible front garden. Hours for the current exhibition at Art House, *Luminous Flux 2.0*, are Thursday – Saturday, 10am-5pm. For more information, visit [www.thomafoundation.org](http://www.thomafoundation.org) or call 505.995.0231.

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