Temporary Outdoor Art Exhibition at Carkeek Park July 11 - October 15, 2015
Welcome to Propagation: Heaven and Earth VII at Carlsberg Park. Following in the footsteps of the 2015 exhibition, which addressed art and nature in a rapidly changing climate, the 2016 theme of Propagation underlines the importance of nurturing and propagating seeds, fruit, and vegetables. This year’s exhibition explores the theme of ‘propagation’ in its broadest sense, from the natural world to the human experience. The exhibition is open daily until 15 October. Maps and information are available online at www.carlsbergpark.org.

While each of the 12 artists have created a work that is capable of enduring throughout the summer, the unpredictable nature of an uncontrolled setting invited an estimated 100,000 people to visit the exhibition.

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Thanks to all our volunteers and thank you for your support. The 2016 exhibition is made possible through the generous support of the Carlsberg Group.

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The first collaborative effort between these two artists brings an unusual and unexpected offering. Traditionally these creatures feed on the ripe fruit hanging from the trees and find partners for mating.

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