



Dubuffet Sculpture Treatment & Relocation

KYKUIT, ROCKEFELLER ESTATE, TARRYTOWN, NY

EverGreene conserved and relocated a one-of-a-kind sculpture by Jean Dubuffet entitled "L'Érection Logologique Bleue." French sculpture and painter, Jean Dubuffet, founded the Art Brut (or Outsider Art) movement in the late 1940's and was a relentless innovator and pioneer in multiple mediums until his death in 1985.

Kykuit encompasses gardens and grounds which display an extensive collection of artworks. The Dubuffet piece was housed in the estate's former Orangerie for decades until it was moved to allow for the renovation of the building. After assessment, it was decided that the sculpture could once again be exhibited outside.

EverGreene's scope for this project included cleaning, relocation, and conservation treatment of the sculpture. Our conservators performed a blast cleaning and applied protective paint coats to the sculpture's steel beams. Following the reinstallation, we performed conservation treatments from a custom-built multi-level scaffold that surrounded the sculpture to provide hand access to all areas. The sculpture was given an overall cleaning followed by the removal and re-pointing of deteriorating mortar joints. Cracks and losses to the terracotta were stabilized and filled. Joints and fills were toned in to match adjacent surfaces and provide a seamless finish. Lastly, a lead cap was installed over the top of the sculpture and painted to help prevent further moisture intrusion into the sculpture.

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MORE INFORMATION:

<https://evergreene.com/projects/dubuffet-sculpture-treatment-relocation/>

SERVICES PERFORMED

Art Handling & Salvage
Collections Care
Conservation Treatments

PROJECT DETAILS

Client

The Pocantico Center

Sculptor

Jean Dubuffet



