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## Artist-activist Ai Weiwei to visit Provincetown in July



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The celebrated Chinese artist and activist **Ai Weiwei** will be at Provincetown's Fine Arts Work Center this summer.

The 60-year-old artist, who grew up in China and later studied at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of California, Berkeley, and the Parsons School of Design, will be in Provincetown July 20-22 for a private preview of an exhibition, "Ai Weiwei: Rebar and Case," in the Work Center's **Hudson D. Walker** Gallery. (The exhibition will be on view from July 22–Aug. 30.)

The Work Center will also honor Ai with an award for distinguished artistic achievement at its annual summer awards celebration July 21 at the Pilgrim Monument and Museum in Provincetown. (The next day, in conjunction with the Provincetown International Film Festival, the Work Center will host a screening of "Human Flow," Ai's documentary on the global refugee crisis.)

Ai returned to China in the early 1990s, but his activism eventually landed him in prison, where he was held for nearly three months. He lives in Europe now, and next fall will have three exhibitions in Los Angeles.