

Artforum News

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Artist Nancy Holt has passed away. Though she also worked in diverse media including film, photography, and writing, Holt was perhaps most famous for her large-scale environmental works, which treated the sun, earth, and stars as markers of perception. Among her well-known pieces were *Sun Tunnels*—an installation of weighty concrete tunnels aligned in response to the sunrise and sunset of summer and winter solstice—and *Dark Star Park*—which comprised multiple spheres, pools, steel poles, and tunnels occupying a park in Rosslyn, Virginia. A major figure in the land art movement who collaborated with everyone from astrophysicists and surveyors to her late husband, Robert Smithson, Holt was the recipient of five NEA grants and a Guggenheim fellowship. She was recognized with a lifetime achievement award by the International Sculpture Center in 2013.