

## Chinese activist/artist Weiwei to create installation on Alcatraz

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Ai Weiwei in the elevator when taken into custody by the police, Sichuan, China, 2009; photo courtesy the artist Photo: Courtesy Ai Weiwei, Same



Ai Weiwei, the prominent Chinese activist artist, will create a site-specific installation for Alcatraz Island, to open in September 2014.

Ai, who has been imprisoned in China and is still forbidden from leaving the country, has been commissioned by the [For-Site Foundation](#), in partnership with the [National Park Service](#) and the [Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy](#).

He will develop pieces for four separate sites on the Rock, based on information For-Site Founder Cheryl Haines has delivered during several trips to his studio in Beijing. Haines will curate "Ai Weiwei on Alcatraz," which will touch on history of detainment and imprisonment on the island and run from Sept. 27, 2014 through April 26, 2015.

The exhibition will be privately funded through individual and foundation donations.