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**Droga, 2009, Ursula von Rydingsvard** PHOTO COURTESY THE ARTIST AND GALERIE LELONG

## Ursula von Rydingsvard

Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield  
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Highly acclaimed American artist, Ursula von Rydingsvard, will be featured in a first large-scale survey of her work in Europe, set to open at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in April this year. More than 40 works made by von Rydingsvard over the last two decades will be on display, demonstrating the artist's distinctive approach to sculpting, in which cedar wood lies at the heart of her practice. Von Rydingsvard's ancestral family were peasant farmers and wood featured as an integral part of everyday life. As the artist says, "they were surrounded with wood – wooden homes, wooden fences, wooden tools to farm the land". Alongside main sculptures, the exhibition also includes a selected display of objects amassed by the artist during her life, which have fed into her practice and thinking. Several events are taking place alongside the exhibition, including a conversation with Ursula von Rydingsvard, a documentary film exploring her artistic contributions, and a publication reviewing her works.