Katie Paterson to Launch Artwork Into Orbit

Because solely exhibiting your artwork on planet Earth is so 20th-century, Katie Paterson will be sending one of her sculptures off into space tomorrow. “The unmanned cargo resupply spacecraft Georges Lemaitre ATV will launch from the Guiana Space Centre in Kourou, French Guiana, on a mission to resupply the International Space Station with propellant, water, air and dry cargo,” states a press release from the artist’s New York gallery, James Cohan.

“Part of this dry cargo will be a hand-sized re-formed meteorite by Paterson.” The meteorite is from a series, “Campo de Cielo” (Field of the Sky), that involves taking an existing meteorite and having it “melted and re-cast back into a new version of itself.” Other sculptures from the series are on view through September 27 in Paterson’s exhibition at Ingleby Gallery, part of the Edinburgh Art Festival.

Paterson, meanwhile, doesn’t always have her sights set on the stars: As we previously reported, she’s engaged in a 100-year long publishing project centered around a Norwegian forest.