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Oldenburg's Giant Three-Way Plug

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Claes Oldenburg's *Giant Three-Way Plug* was constructed in 1970. The artist produced three and this piece belongs to the Allen Memorial Art Museum at Oberlin College. The *Plug* was displayed outdoors partially buried according to Oldenburg's design. It was excavated and removed from Oberlin in order to examine the underground surfaces and deal with corrosion issues. New coatings were applied to the interior as well as the buried portions of the exterior. The bronze prongs were polished and re-lacquered. The main image shows a drainage hole being cut into the bottom of the sculpture to prevent water from pooling inside.