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(Brockton, Mass.) Fuller Craft Museum, New England's home for contemporary craft
Museum Hours: Tuesday – Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Thursday 5:00 – 9:00 pm

FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM PRESENTS

Press Reception on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Machines and Mechanizations: Explorations in Contemporary Kinetic Sculpture
February 2, 2014 – June 1, 2014

Public Reception, February 9, 2014, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

High resolution images available online at: <http://fullercraft.org/press/machines-and-mechanizations/>

What does it mean for an artist to compose motion the way he or she composes shapes and colors? Movement then becomes an integral part of the design and meaning of a sculpture—demanding a different kind of engagement with the viewer. *Machines and Mechanizations* showcases contemporary artists working in the realm of kinetic sculpture. Movement, motion, and sound are explored through a variety of motor-driven and hand-powered objects. Artists include Kim Bernard, Chris Fitch, David Lang, Erica von Schilgen, and Mark Davis.

Kinetic sculpture can be defined as any three-dimensional object that incorporates movement or implied motion for its effect. This action can be achieved in a variety of ways: electricity, wind, light, motors, human energy, and manipulation of materials, among other things. Each artist expertly incorporates dynamic motion as a means to elicit surprise, curiosity, and connection with the viewer. The effect of motion is creatively heightened by other artistic elements like color, form, causation, material, and narrative that together engage us in profound ways.

The participatory relationship between kinetic sculpture and the viewer offers a singular opportunity for viewers to engage with the work on an immediate level. The space is activated and shared. And in many cases, the artwork relies on the observer to activate it, thus eliminating the one-sided nature of engagement and connecting object and viewer in a direct, meaningful way. The necessity of human involvement ensures the work ceases to simply exist—it relies, it invites, it connects.

Current Exhibitions at Fuller Craft

Made in Massachusetts: Studio Furniture of the Bay State
October 12, 2013 – February 9, 2014

Bojagi and Beyond
October 6, 2013 – January 26, 2014

All Things Considered VII: National Basketry Organization Biennial Juried Exhibition
November 23, 2013 – February 23, 2014

Mark Davis: Icarus
Ongoing

Traditions and Innovations: Fuller Craft Museum Collects
Ongoing, rotating selections of the permanent collection

Coming Soon to Fuller Craft

Machines and Mechanizations: Explorations in Contemporary Kinetic Sculpture
February 2, 2014 – June 1, 2014

SMARTS (Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative)
February 9, 2014 – February 23, 2014

The Stories We Tell (Tommy Simpson, Binh Pho, Michelle Holzapfel)
March 9, 2014 – June 15, 2014

The Stories We Tell explores the imaginative visions of three internationally recognized artists: Tommy Simpson, Michelle Holzapfel, and Binh Pho. The multimedia exhibition will include furniture, wood, sculpture, painted reliefs, ceramics and textile designs.

Shine a Light: Artistic Expressions from Gateway Arts
March 22, 2014 – June 29, 2014

This exhibition will feature Gateway Arts, a studio arts center for adults with development and psychiatric disabilities.
Closing Reception Sunday, June 29, 2:00 pm

Dorothy Simpson Krause: Book + Art
June 14, 2014 – November 2, 2014
Reception Sunday, June 29, 2:00 pm

Fiber Forward
July 6, 2014 – January 24, 2015

Annette Bellamy: Floating
June 29, 2014 – November 2, 2014
Reception Sunday, June 29, 2:00 pm

About Fuller Craft Museum

Fuller Craft Museum, New England's only museum of contemporary craft, is dedicated to the objects, ideas, and insight that inspire both patrons and artists to explore life through the art of contemporary craft. Fuller Craft Museum is located at 455 Oak St. in Brockton, MA. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, with free admission for all Thursdays from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and students, free for members and children 12 and under. For more information on Fuller Craft exhibitions and events please visit www.fullercraft.org or call 508.588.6000.

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