



MILLENIA FINE ART

Sculptor Doug Hays Joins Artist Roster At Millenia Fine Art

Three Steel Equine Sculptures Currently on Display

Orlando, FL – Artist **Doug Hays** modestly refers to himself as a working blacksmith, considering that is how he learned the techniques of his craft – working, bending, and sculpting steel. But this Lake County artist inherently understands how to transcend the unyielding steel from which he breathes life into his abstracted birds, horses, and other animals. Having recently had works featured in Deland’s **Museum of Florida Art**, a series of three horse sculptures by Mr. Hays are currently grouped for public view at **Millenia Fine Art**.

Linda Pinto, Chair of the recent Equine Exhibit at the **Museum of Florida Art** says, *“Doug Hays’ skill as a sculptor infuses life into cold, hard metal - transforming these materials into elegant representations of horses in all their nobility. We (MoFA) have been honored to have Doug’s creations as featured works in our EQUUS exhibitions.”*

Hays most famous work is a 14-foot-tall Blue Heron which has become an icon in the “re-branding” of the city of Eustis. Recently Eustis adopted a new logo featuring the silhouette of the 14-foot-tall stainless steel sculpture created by Hays. The monumental sculpture was commissioned in 2007 and was placed in the city’s Ferran Park. Since its installation, the sculpture has become a community icon and a gleaming example of the manner in which ART can change the life and perception of a community.

A 2009 **United Arts Grant** recipient, Hays has a prolific history of creating public art, having completed Eustis’ first piece of public art in 2001. Since then, Hays has completed several public projects for the City of Eustis and for Public Arts and Music, a non-profit arts organization. *“Eustis and Public Arts and Music have been very proactive in bringing art and cultural events to the area,”* Hays says. *“There are sculptures by many artists on display for visitors to enjoy in downtown, as well as a museum of art, a theater, and a music festival in the fall.”*

Doug Hays’ sculptures may be viewed at Millenia Fine Art now through the Fall.

Millenia Fine Art is located at 555 South Lake Destiny Drive, Orlando, FL 32810 at exit 88 on Interstate 4.

The Gallery is open Monday thru Friday from 9:30 am to 6 pm.

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