

MEDIA ALERT/INVITATION

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SCULPTOR DAVID PHILLIPS AT CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS, APRIL 25 and 26 75 Richdale Avenue #9, a short walk from Porter Square Red Line NEW WORKS INCLUDE A NEW MEDIUM: IRON POWDER ON ALUMINUM

David Phillips, nationally known for his large site specific projects has discovered a new medium, iron powder on aluminum. According to Phillips, “the process and properties of materials is a determining factor in this new work. Composed entirely of iron powder on aluminum panels, my starting point is a series of magnets positioned beneath a metal sheet. Working horizontally, iron powder is sifted onto the surface, then fixed with sprayed resin. The magnets are then removed. By superimposing layers, control and chance together create an intricate web of lines, delicate traces and clusters of patterns.” Phillips will present 10 new works on silver and bronze anodized aluminum. The dimensions of the works range from 12 inches to 60 inches. (jpeg attached)

In addition to the wall pieces, the exhibition also includes a series of intimate sculptures titled “Touchstones.” Phillips manipulates stones he finds on New England beaches, transforming these into handheld treasures. Using a diamond saw to make precise geometric cuts, he dissects, reassembles and inlays copper within areas of the stone.

More about David Phillips

Respected for his large site-specific works, Phillips incorporates diverse materials such as stone, bronze, water, lighting, plants, and paving which have found their home as a permanent part of urban settings such as subway stations, universities, playgrounds, parks, and hotels in the United States and Japan. Recent local projects include "Luna", Children's Hospital, 2009, “Stegosaurus” at New England Wildflower Society, 2007; the Tadpole Playground Frogs on the Boston Common, 2003, “Passage” at the Landsdown Street Quadrangle, Cambridge completed in 2001.

Cambridge Open Studios (COS) is a collaboration of the Cambridge Arts Council (CAC), Cambridgeport Artists Open Studios (CAOS), North Cambridge All Arts Open Studios (NoCA) and artists and arts organizations throughout the city to enable significant interaction between the local arts community, residents and visitors to Cambridge.

Phillips will also be participating the same weekend in the West Medford Open Studios.

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