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Chris Ramsay: Meditations in Stillwater

OSU MUSEUM OF ART INTRODUCES *CHRIS RAMSAY: MEDITATIONS IN STILLWATER*, HIGHLIGHTING OSU FACULTY MEMBER

(STILLWATER, Okla., Sept. 16, 2014) — The OSU Museum of Art is pleased to introduce *Chris Ramsay: Meditations in Stillwater*, featuring more than 30 works from the past two decades by artist and OSU professor Chris Ramsay.

Collecting souvenirs of the everyday world, Ramsay creates mixed-media sculptures that invite the viewer to look closer and analyze objects not as rare or precious artifacts, but simple anonymous objects, serving as a metaphor for life processes. These pieces also examine the relationship and dialogue between various combinations of found objects (both man-made and natural) and the energy and spirit that connect them.

Since childhood Ramsay been fascinated by objects, and has developed a habit of picking up pebbles, bits of glass, broken machinery, and various small treasures, and later arranging them in meaningful combinations. These complex compositions lead the viewer to consider the universal relationship between time, life cycles, and the inherent spirituality in objects.

Chris Ramsay: Meditations in Stillwater is curated by Glen R. Brown, professor of Art History and Director of Graduate Studies and Kansas State University. The exhibition will be on view at the Postal Plaza Gallery from Sept. 15 to Jan. 17, with an opening reception and curator talk on Oct. 2 from 5 – 7 pm. Chris Ramsay will lead a public artist talk on Dec. 4 from 6 – 7 pm, as well as an artist workshop on Dec. 6. In conjunction with the exhibition, the OSU Museum of Art will host two Community and Family Days at the Postal Plaza Gallery featuring educational and interactive art-making opportunities for all ages on Oct. 18 and Jan. 10.

This exhibition is organized by the OSU Museum of Art. The exhibition and related programs are free and open to the public, though RSVP might be required. See museum.okstate.edu for details.

About the OSU Museum of Art

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