



You are cordially invited to a cocktail reception for the artist on Tuesday, April 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m.

The exhibition continues through April 28th, 2001



## ADELSON GALLERIES, INC.

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he tools of an artist usually foretell the results of his creation. The fine point of an etcher's needle, the quill shape of the watercolorist's brush, and the clipped bristle of the oil painter somehow bespeak their resultant work. The blowtorch and steel grinder do not bring subtle form or sinewy lines to mind. However, it is with these blunt instruments that Peter Reginato creates the exuberant floating arcs and brilliant cut plates that make his sculpture. These foreign forms take on an easy grace, like friends from long ago, near forgotten, but suddenly familiar. It is Reginato's sleight of hand to reverse gravity. Heavy objects do not merely drift in space, but dance there for us. Cut and ground panels connected by tensile steel wires form energetic humanoid images. The shapes have personalities; they smile and frown, beckon and wave. To the artist they have names: boat, whirly-gig, watermelon. Some have a biomorphic presence: pods, petals, leaves, and flowers. Others evoke bits of architecture: open doors, arched domes, and cut-out windows. The core of this work is elemental: powerful draughtsmanship and an explosive color sense. The sure line and solid design of Peter's sculpture is thoughtful and premeditated. He says, "You can borrow a lot of things and you can fake a lot of things. But one thing you can't fake is drawing."

Color is an integral ingredient. It is brushed, splashed, and puddled in a display that is both painterly and primal. Paint fits in with the logic of his structures—brushy, gloppy, spattered, dripping, gathered in puddles, and evenly applied. Magically it always seems in context with the form. The palette seems to engage in its own logic. "Because each shape is an individual, it should have a

different color. Painting helps free up the structure and allows me to express myself more fully." Reginato's color harmonies create a distinct mood for each piece. Some are dramatic, others are playful. All are filled with the verve and energy that have come to distinguish Peter Reginato's remarkable performance.

In the past decade we have presented three exhibitions of Peter Reginato's work. At each event we have marveled at the artist's magical use of steel and paint to create his own exuberant world. Our current exhibition seems to take us even further with pieces of moderate size, yet filled with his boundless energy and invention.



38-24-36, 2000 Steel painted with Insl-tron  $26 \times 18 \times 9$  inches





Another Weak Moment, 2001 Steel painted with Insl-tron  $40 \times 18 \times 10$  inches

### PETER REGINATO

Born in Dallas, 1945 Studied at San Francisco Art Institute, 1963–66 Taught at Hunter College, New York, 1971–73

#### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

Adelson Galleries, Inc., New York, 1996 Adelson Galleries, Inc. and William Beadleston, Inc., New York, 1992, 1994 Allen Center, Houston, TX, 1974 B.R. Kornblatt Gallery, Baltimore, 1975, 1976 The Brunnier Gallery and Museum, Iowa State University, Ames, 1988 Diane Brown Gallery, Washington DC, 1978, 1980 Jaffe Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, 1998 Medici-Berenson Gallery, Bay Harbor Islands, FL, 1980, 1981, 1983 Meredith Long & Company, Houston, 1995 New Jersey Center for the Visual Arts, Summit, New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Architectural Monumental Sculpture Series, Union, 1983

Patricia Hamilton Gallery, Chicago, 1988 Patricia Hamilton Gallery, Los Angeles, 1986 Patricia Hamilton Gallery, New York, 1985, 1987, 1989

Patricia Hamilton Gallery, Santa Monica, 1990 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, 1981, 1983 Sarah Rentschler Gallery, Bridgehampton, NY, 1982

Tibor de Nagy Gallery, Houston, 1974, 1979, 1980 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980

University of Rhode Island, Providence, 1973 Watson/de Nagy, Houston, 1978, 1984 Watson-Willour & Co., Houston, 1980

#### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

Adelson Galleries, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999
Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, CT, 1971
William Beadleston, Inc., New York, 1999
Bruce Lewin Gallery, New York, 1999
Deep Space, New York, 1995, 1996, 1997
Elena Zang Gallery, Shady, NY, 1998
Gagosian Annex (Thirtieth Anniversary Reunion and Benefit: Max's Kansas City), New York, 1996
Gimpel & Weitzenhoffer Gallery, NY, 1989
Gloria Luria Gallery, Bay Harbor Islands, FL, 1986, 1992
Grounds for Sculpture, Mercerville, NJ, 1993
Hayward Gallery, London, 1975

Indianapolis Museum of Art, IN, 1972

Jaffe Baker Blau, Boca Raton, FL, 1991 Michael Kohn Gallery, Los Angeles, 1986 Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 1991 The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 1974, 1983 Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY, 1975 Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY, 2000 Pardo View Gallery, New York, 1996 Philadelphia Art Alliance, PA, 1990 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, 1973 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, 1981 Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, University of Florida, Gainesville, 1993. Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, NY, 1974, 1984 Summit Art Center, Summit, NJ, 1985 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, 1969, 1997, 2000 University of Maryland Art Gallery, College Park, 1971 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, 1991 Whitney Museum of American Art (Biennial), New York, 1970, 1973 Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA, 1988

#### SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS Allen Art Center, Houston, TX

Brown University, Providence, RI

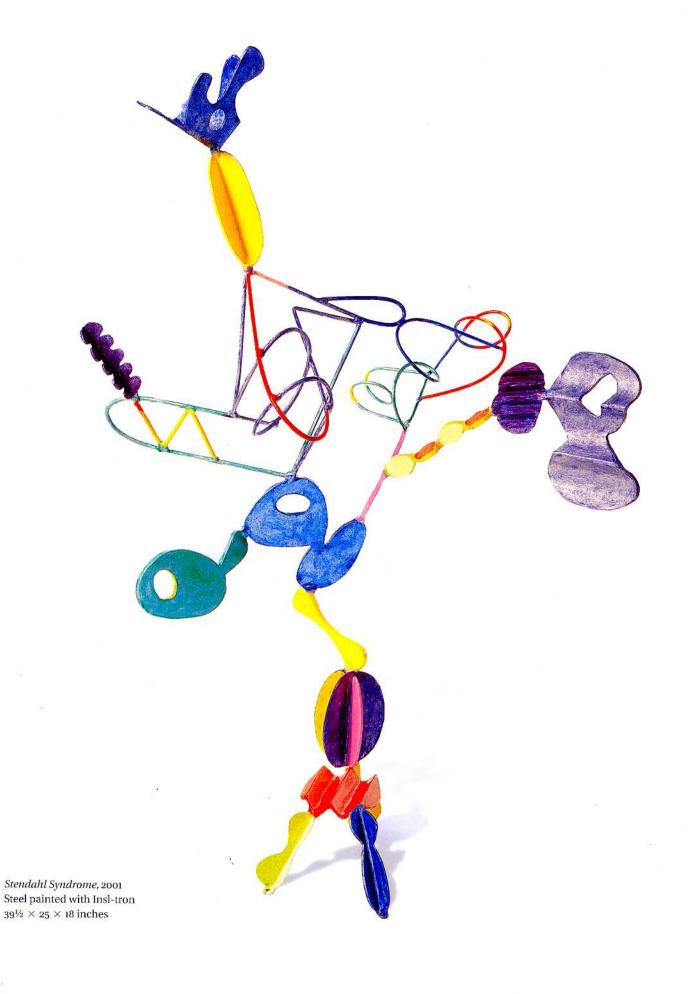
Art Acres, Boca Raton, FL

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA City of Hope Sculpture Garden, Duarte, CA Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC IBM Corporation, White Plains, NY Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Boca Raton, FL John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL Mead Art Museum, Amherst College, Amherst, MA Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, NY Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY Northwestern University, Evanston, IL Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA Richard Brown Baker Collection, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT Rockford Museum, Rockford, IL Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, NY Samuel P. Harn Museum, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Peter Reginato's sculptures are steel painted with Insl-tron and are suitable for both indoor and outdoor display.

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