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Christmas Buffalo, 2010, courtesy
Johnny Swing

International sensation Johnny Swing to speak at Herron

“Persistence. Preparation. Perspiration. Patience. Possess at least three of these. Mix in talent, love in your heart, a few lucky breaks and a supportive family and you might make it,” says internationally known artist Johnny Swing.

Swing will present a free lecture at Herron School of Art and Design on Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Basile Auditorium in Eskenazi Hall. He will share his personal experiences evolving from starving artist to someone who makes a living at it now.

Swing has been through it all. He knows the highs one gets from having work embraced and the lows of having works slammed by critics. He says, “If you’re feeling crushed, you have to learn to rebuild and fight for the validity of your work. My own ego says to stay true, but truthfully I am influenced by everything. It is good to understand and embrace this.”

Swing has developed a loyal following of fans around the world including local businessman David Eskenazi, whose collection includes a number of Swing’s pieces. “For me, Johnny’s work starts with the shape and flow of the piece – the curves, and a fluidity which seems frozen in space,” says Eskenazi. “Then there is the material – unexpected, as in... ‘and look what it’s made of...’– coins or raw metal, a heavy material suspended in this fluid shape. With the coin furniture, you first get fixated on the coins – the welds and patterns (besides of course asking yourself how much money this adds up to...). Underneath lies a structure and support frame equally as beautiful, easy to overlook.”

Swing’s free public lecture is being presented with the support of Julie and David Eskenazi.

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Limited parking is available in the Sports Complex Garage just west of Herron. Park in the visitor side of the garage and bring your ticket to the Herron Galleries for validation. Complimentary parking is courtesy of The Great Frame Up.

Parking in the surface lot next to Herron School of Art and Design requires a valid IUPUI parking permit at all times.

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