

Ralph Michael Brekan Slated for Retrospective at Tempe History Museum

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This May the beautiful Tempe History Museum will host "25 Years of Pop Art" a retrospective of former longtime Tempe resident, Ralph Michael Brekan.



Brekan has had an impressive year career thus far exhibiting globally in thirteen cities, seven countries, and on three continents since 1992. Brekan attended McClintock High school, eventually going on to study fine art, motion picture and creative writing at Scottsdale Community College and he currently resides in California. Through the years he has continued to pursue both his art and film careers, where he has amassed quite a resume and received numerous awards.

A promotional poster for the "25 years of Pop Art" exhibit. The poster features a collage of images, including a portrait of Ralph Michael Brekan wearing a hat, a cityscape, and a bridge. The text on the poster reads: "25 years of Pop Art by Tempe's own Ralph Michael Brekan. Exhibit opening May 11, 7- 10:30 p.m. Tempe History Museum is proud to exhibit 25 years of fine art by Tempe resident and 1992 McClintock High School graduate Ralph Michael Brekan. Brekan's Warhol-inspired art has been exhibited in seven countries and three continents. All are invited to join the artist for a meet-and-greet celebration. A Live DJ set by DJ Sean C and refreshments will be provided. Free Admission. Tempe History Museum 480-350-5100 8002 E. Southern Ave. tempe.gov/Museum facebook.com/TempeHistoryMuseum TEMPE HISTORY MUSEUM Tempe".

"This exclusive engagement offers Tempe residents the unique opportunity to celebrate their hometown artist's success, and sample original artworks," states the Tempe History Museum. This exhibition will offer a wonderful selection of more than 50 multi-media work created over the course of his career highlighting his unique vision and style that is inspired by Warhol and peppered with pop culture references.



Brekan creates one-of-a-kind cut and paste collage-painting where he hand-crafts from color theatrical gels (deep-dyed, transparent polyester lighting filters) and coated in polymer resin, continuing in the tradition of what is known as "California Assemblage". Brekan uses unconventional media and techniques while utilizes bold colors and stark contrast continuing to push the boundaries of form and fashion.

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The Tempe History Museum will host the opening reception which will take place May 11th from 7:30 to 10pm with free admission. The evening will feature an opportunity to meet the artist, a live DJ set by DJ Sean C and complimentary refreshments will be served. "25 Years of Pop Art" will be on display at the Tempe History Museum through June 30, 2017.



The mission of the Tempe History Museum is "to be a place where the community comes together to explore Tempe's past, share its present and imagine its future." The Tempe History Museum is located at 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe 85282. The museum hosts daily hours Monday through Thursday 10-5pm, Saturday 10-5pm and Sunday 1-5pm. For more information about the museum or this exhibition visit www.tempe.gov/museum or check out Brekan's portfolio at myawesomemart.com. *All images are courtesy and copyright of the artist Ralph Michael Brekan and the Tempe History Museum.