



John Alexander and Joel Perlman Open Solo Shows at Guild Hall Museum

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The exhibition highlighting the famous Artists vs Writers Celebrity Softball game isn't the only exhibition opening at Guild Hall on Saturday—two solo shows also share the limelight when all three exhibitions have their Opening Receptions on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Sculptor Joel Perlman opens an outdoor and indoor exhibition of sculpture. John Alexander presents a new series of paintings made specifically for the show at Guild Hall Museum.

Perlman will exhibit welded steel, bronze, aluminum, and iron sculptures. The solo show will present works outdoors in the Frieda and Roy Furman Sculpture Garden and inside Guild Hall at the Wasserstein Family Gallery.

The angular and circular elements of his work recall the early constructionists, according to Guild Hall. Perlman works intuitively. To make his artworks, he cuts eccentric shapes from steel and repeatedly tacks them together until the work is complete. Bronze, aluminum and iron are other mediums of choice.

Perlman encourages viewers to interact with his art through touch and by examining the works from different viewpoints, according to the museum.

Perlman's work has been exhibited internationally. Museum exhibitions include the 1973 Whitney Biennale and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. His work is currently on display at Storm King Art Center (Mountainville, NY), Grounds for Sculpture (Hamilton, NJ), Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park (Hamilton, OH) and Socrates Sculpture Park (Long Island City, NY).



"Seven Ponds V" by Joel Perlman, 2010. Welded steel, 7 x 12 x 5 feet. Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weisberg, Sagaponack, New York.

John Alexander is a visionary artist whose artwork often contains representational imagery with

Surreal elements, according to Guild Hall. Recurring subjects include flora, fauna and landscape. For the Guild Hall show, Alexander has made a new body of work that incorporates natural landscapes.

Alexander is the 2012 Guild Hall Academy of the Arts Lifetime Achievement Award winner for Visual Arts. His work is exhibited internationally. Major retrospectives have been held at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC and at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas.

His art is part of permanent collections held by the Metropolitan Museum of Art (NYC), Corcoran Gallery of Art (Washington, DC), the Museum of Contemporary Art (Los Angeles, CA), the Dallas Museum of Art (Dallas, TX), The Museum of Fine Arts (Houston, TX), the Dayton Art Institute (Dayton, Ohio) and others.

Following are a few of the works included in Alexander's exhibition at Guild Hall Museum:



"Scarlet Ibis" by John Alexander, 2013. Oil on canvas, 64.25 x 70 inches. Photo by Michelle Klein.



"Oysters" by John Alexander, 2013. Oil on canvas, 64.25 x 70 inches. Private Collection. Photo by Michelle Klein.



"Paradise Confused" by John Alexander, 2013. Oil on canvas, 76 x 60.25 inches. Photo by Michelle Klein.



"Heron at Midnight" by John Alexander, 2013. Oil on canvas, 45.75 x 35 inches. Photo by Michelle Klein.

BASIC FACTS: "John Alexander" and "Joel Perlman" open June 15, 2013. An Opening Reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. "John Alexander" remains on view through July 28. "Joel

Perlman” remains on view through October 14, 2013.

John Alexander will give an Artist Talk on Saturday, July 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. The talk is free with museum admission.

Also opening on June 15, 2013 is “**Artists & Writers: They Played in the Game.**” The exhibition remains on view through July 28. The group show features artworks by artists who have played in the annual Artists vs Writers Celebrity Softball Game. The exhibition also includes photographs of the many personalities who have made the charity softball game a legend.

For details, visit “[Artists and Writers: They Played in the Game” Opens June 15 at Guild Hall Museum.](#)”

Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org

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