



Eric Fischl Featured in Art Barge's "Artists Speak" Series

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The Victor D'Amico Institute of Art presents a conversation with figurative painter Eric Fischl to launch its 2016 Artists Speak Series. Held on June 22 at 6 p.m., the program will be moderated by journalist and author [Ellen T. White](#). This summer's Artists Speak series will also feature conversations with artists Donald Sultan and Laurie Anderson in July and August. Reservations are required for the series as space is limited.



Ellen T. White



Eric Fischl

Born in 1948 in New York City, Eric Fischl is an internationally acclaimed American painter and sculptor who currently lives and works on the East End. He earned his B.F.A. from the California Institute for the Arts in 1972. He first received critical acclaim for his depictions of the dark, disturbing undercurrents of mainstream American life and is considered one of the most influential figurative painters of the late 20th and 21st century.

His work is currently the subject of the solo show, "Eric Fischl: Rift Raft", at the [Skarstedt Gallery](#) in New York City through June 25, 2016. Click [here](#) to read a review of the show for [Hamptons Art Hub](#).

Fischl's work has been the subject of numerous solo and group exhibitions and is represented in many museums and collections, including [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#), [The Whitney Museum of American Art](#), [The Museum of Modern Art](#), [The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles](#), and the [Musée Beaubourg](#) in Paris. In The Hamptons, Eric Fischl's work was exhibited in the solo show "[Beach Life](#)" at Guild Hall in 2012. His work is held in the permanent collections of both Guild Hall and the Parrish Art Museum.

The Artists Speak series was started in 1983 as an invitational discussion with renowned artists about their life and work. Past participants have included [Christo](#), [Alfonso Ossorio](#), [Chuck Close](#), [Dan Flavin](#), [Jack Youngerman](#), [Audrey Flack](#), [James Rosenquist](#), [Elaine de Kooning](#) and many more. Last year's guests included [Jack Lenor Larsen](#), [Joan Semmel](#), and [Elliot Erwitt](#). Along with Eric Fischl, this

summer's Artists Speak series will feature conversations with artists [Donald Sultan](#) and [Laurie Anderson](#) in July and August.

The Victor D'Amico Institute of Art, affectionately known as [The Art Barge](#), is a summer art school located on the eastern end of Long Island. Founded in 1960 by Victor D'Amico, Director of Education at the Museum of Modern Art, the Institute is situated on a World War I Navy barge moored on Napeague Harbor. Through weekend workshops, open studio sessions, and evening events, The Art Barge prides itself on furthering arts education and reflecting the rich art history of Long Island. Classes begin in June and are held through September.

BASIC FACTS: The first 2016 "Artists Speak," featuring Eric Fischl in conversation with Ellen T. White, will be held June 22, 2016 at 6 p.m. Advance reservations are required. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 [here](#). The program will be held at The Art Barge, 110 Napeague Meadow Road, Amagansett, NY 11930. www.theartbarge.org.

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