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FCMOCA Opens **Out of Shapes: Stainless Steel Sculptures by Bret Price**
Exhibition Dates: January 16, 2009-March 22, 2009

An exhibition of the stainless steel sculpture of California artist Bret Price opens to the public on January 16th, 2009. LA Times art critic David Pagel, who also wrote the catalogue for the exhibition, describes Price the appeal of Price's work:

At a time when a lot of art aims to shock viewers with its outlandish theatrics, his streamlined pieces fly in the face of such trendy spectacles by embracing an ethos of even-keeled calm—of slow, focused deliberation and swift decisiveness.

Price began his career as a ceramicist and his work in metal uses many techniques used in shaping clay. The artist heats his metal until it is physically malleable and then forms it, just as one would strings of clay, into amazingly elegant shapes that seem to defy the hard, unforgiving metal they are made of. The works in the exhibition at FCMOCA are done entirely in stainless steel and resemble the exuberant curves and flamboyant signatures made with a quill pen. As Pagel writes in his essay:

At their best [Price's sculptures] let viewers see the world with fresh eyes, its lively dynamism charged with sizzling energy, every molecule orbiting rapidly on its own path and all the parts generating the unfathomable magic of the simplest of things.

Included in the exhibition are two orb-shaped sculptures that measure 4 ft. and 6 ft. in diameter each and hang from the ceiling. Comprised of a web of stainless steel threads, they rotate slowly on frictionless bearings and throw fleeting reflections across the gallery and cast mesmerizing shadows on the walls.

This exhibition is presented in conjunction with CSU's department of sculpture and the SculptureScape program. 5 of Price's monumental sculptures are on view in various locations on the CSU campus.

FCMOCA is located at 201 South College, Fort Collins Colorado 80524.

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, 12 pm to 5 pm.

Closed Sunday and Monday

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