

THE SCULPTURE CENTER

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Jeffry Chiplis: *It's a Gas! Sculpture with Light and Color* Exhibition at The Sculpture Center

The Sculpture Center opens its 2005-2006 artistic season with a special exhibition by neon artist **Jeffry Chiplis**, entitled *It's a Gas! Sculpture with Light and Color*, from **September 16 through October 21, 2005**. There is a collector's preview reception on Friday, September 16, from 6 pm to 9 pm, with an admission price of \$10 per person or \$15 per couple in cash or check payable at the door. The free, public reception with the artist is Sunday, September 18 from 2 pm to 5 pm. DJ Andrew Klimek will spin records during the reception. Also on Sunday, September 18, the exhibition is featured as a Trolley stop in the SPARX in City Gallery Hop and Lolley the Trolley ride.

Jeffry Chiplis's sculptural installation consists of forms and phrases using parts from discarded or retired neon signs and various types of new and vintage transformers. Chiplis does not bend glass for neon, but instead finds new meaning and intention for the abandoned signs that otherwise might be sent to a landfill. In addition to some seldom seen works, Chiplis will show new works created from a recent salvage trip to a defunct dry cleaner's shop. Some works included in the show are: SIN/FUN, Curtains...Drapes, Triple Knot, and Glacier.

Chiplis was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, earned a B.F.A. in Sculpture at Indiana University, and has been a resident of Tremont, in Cleveland, Ohio for 25 years. He has shown with critical acclaim at the White Box Gallery in New York City, and currently has a piece in the Cleveland Museum of Art's NEO show, as well as permanent installations in bars and nightclubs throughout Cleveland. Chiplis recently was resident artist on behalf of the Dilna Residency and Symposium in Mikulov, Czech Republic. He has shown at Art Metro, Asterick, Lucky's Café, Studio Gallery, and in many group shows in the Ohio area. Chiplis continues to serve as one of the original board members of SPACES Gallery in Cleveland.

About The Sculpture Center:

The Sculpture Center gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturdays from noon to 4 pm. Programs and hours are subject to change. Admission, public receptions, and parking are free except where noted. The Sculpture Center is handicapped accessible. The Sculpture Center is a not-for-profit arts organization.

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