

THE SCULPTURE CENTER

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P.R. Miller: *The Grizzled Wizard* presented by The Sculpture Center at Ingenuity: A Festival of Art & Technology

The Sculpture Center presents P.R. Miller's sculptural work in recycled industrial trash at the Galleria as part of the downtown Cleveland Labor Day weekend event *INGENUITY: A Festival of Art and Technology*. The exhibition runs from Thursday, September 1 through Monday, September 5. The Galleria is located at E. 9th and St. Clair, Cleveland. The artist will be on-site at the Galleria during exhibition hours: Thurs., Sept. 1, 5 pm to 9 pm, and Fri., Sept. 2 through Mon., Sept. 5 from noon to 9 pm.

P.R. Miller, self-named "The Grizzled Wizard" of Akron, Ohio, is a consummate recycler. He salvages industrial items including iron works, wood machine patterns, commercial fans, rubber and plastic runoff, and oversized building signs. His works are crafted from the salvaged materials and embellished with colorful paints to create new life. The industrial discards are transformed into large-scale flowers, animals, bugs, thrones, benches and lamps. Miller's inspiration is in direct response to his lifelong career as a demolition and scrap specialist, the threats to the environment created by manufacturing and industry, and his personal illnesses acquired as the result of occupational hazards. His sculptural forms are colorful, whimsical portrayals of a fantastical world, in which he hopes to spark curiosity in the viewer and perhaps lead to an expanded understanding of the consequences of the world's consumer waste.

Miller was born and raised in Mars, Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of Akron since 1966. He holds a B.S. in Art Education from the University of Akron, and has studied public art in Oslo, Norway, and Mexico. He operates a large studio in downtown Akron, and has exhibited his works in a solo show at the Massillon Museum, Ohio and has shown in several venues in the Akron/Canton area.

About The Sculpture Center:

The Sculpture Center is a not-for-profit 501[c]3 arts organization located in Cleveland's University Circle neighborhood. Now in its 15th programming year, The Sculpture Center fosters the careers of emerging sculptors and promotes sculptors and sculpture as a necessary element in a thriving community.

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