

Ed Wilson

Soaring in the Clouds

October 22 - November 19, 2016

Reception for the artist Saturday, October 22, 2016, 6-8 pm

Moody Gallery is pleased to announce *Soaring in the Clouds*, an exhibition of new work by Ed Wilson. This marks his second solo exhibition at the gallery and is concurrent with the unveiling of his public sculpture commission at the George R. Brown Convention Center which was awarded by the Houston Arts Alliance. The commission, also titled *Soaring in the Clouds*, depicts a 67-foot mobile of bird and cloud forms made of perforated stainless steel that is suspended from the ceiling and dramatically lit with colorful, changing LED theatre lights. Support material for the commission will be featured in his exhibition at Moody Gallery, including a model of the commission entitled *Soaring Reverie*. The exhibition is also concurrent with the citywide event *Sculpture Month Houston* that celebrates and showcases sculpture throughout Houston and takes place October 15 - November 19. Wilson is showing a new sculpture in the exhibition *From Space to Field*, curated by Sculpture Month Houston, at Site Gallery Houston at The Silos at Sawyer Yards located in the Washington Avenue Arts District.

Ed Wilson was born in Louisiana in 1953, and lives and works in Houston, Texas. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in sculpture from Louisiana State University in 1979, and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Houston in 1984. His work has been shown in numerous solo exhibitions, both nationally and internationally, including at the Station Museum of Contemporary Art, Houston, Texas; Mönckskirche, Salzwedel, Germany; Portikussi, Frankfurt-Offenbach, Germany; Art League Houston, Texas; McAllen International Museum, McAllen, Texas; Flight Gallery, San Antonio, Texas; Redbud Gallery, Houston, Texas; and Artscan Gallery, Houston, Texas. Wilson's work has also been featured in many group exhibitions including Tophane Arts Center, Istanbul, Turkey; Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Texas; Beeville Art Museum, Beeville, Texas; Alliance Gallery, Houston, Texas; Red Arrow Contemporary, Dallas, Texas; Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas; at Lawndale Art Center, Houston, Texas; Diverse Works, Houston, Texas; and Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio Texas. Public sculpture projects include commissions by the Houston Downtown District, Texas, Schweizerhof Grundschule, Germany, and Buffalo Bayou Art Park & Sculpture Garden, Houston, Texas. Other public sculpture projects include *Nethership*, part of *Sculpture for New Orleans Poydras Street Corridor* by The Ogden Museum of Southern Art in Louisiana and *Folded Plane*, part of *True North, Sculpture on the Boulevard* by Redbud Projects in Houston, Texas.

The exhibition *Soaring in the Clouds* will be on view at Moody Gallery from October 22 through November 19, 2016 with a reception for the artist on Saturday, October 22 from 6-8 pm. Moody Gallery is located at 2815 Colquitt, Houston, Texas 77098. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:30-5:00, and Saturday, 11:00-5:00. For more information, please contact Moody Gallery at 713-526-9911 or by email at info@moodygallery.com. For more information about the Sculpture Month Houston event please visit their website at www.sculpturemonthhouston.org.