



The Humboldt Arts Council
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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Exhibition Headline: LARGER THAN LIFE: Large Format Black & White Photographic Portraits of North Coast Visual and Performing Artists

Exhibition Dates: February 4 through April 2

Reception Date: First Saturday Night Arts Alive! February 4, 6 to 9 p.m.

Museum Hours: Thursday - Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Acclaimed photographer, Robin Robin's exhibition focuses on images of the artist community, during February and March at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. The exhibition is a collection of large format studio portraiture by Robin Robin in the Dr. Richard & Elizabeth Anderson Gallery for the next two months.

Artists and their artwork are important to the identity of Humboldt County, and of particular importance to the identity of the Morris Graves Museum of Art. In this exhibition photographer Robin Robin has elevated the featured artists from important to monumental, while maintaining his distinctiveness as a photographer.

Robin Robin specializes in photography for editorial, advertising, and corporate purposes. Since arriving in Humboldt County ten years ago he has also been deeply involved with the various art communities, both visual and performing. He photographed the recent and infamous "Dell' Arte Exposed" calendar and continues to serve his artist clients with photographs of their works for reproduction and juried shows.

"My whole career has been built around photographing people," Robin explains. "In this exhibition I have presented larger-than-life images of a few of the many fine artists in Humboldt County. These people are important to me as individuals and the work they do illustrates an even greater identity, that of a Humboldt County artist."

Robin has photographed famous cultural icons from Kareem Abdul Jabar to George Burns, Judy Garland to Joan Rivers, Bernadette Peters, Carl Reiner and on and on for over forty-five years. Robin says, "I try to make a photograph that is *about* the person, not a photograph *of* the Person. My portrait sessions are really conversations punctuated by occasional strobe light flashes. I try not to have too much of a mental image of the final result before we begin. I let the relationship between the subject(s) and I unfold as it wants to go and the images that work jump off the contact sheets."

The exhibition features photographs of George Bucquet, Leslie Kenneth Price, John Pound, Ellen Golla, Shoshanna, Frances Boettcher and Doctor George Isenhart.

The final 40" x 50" prints are digitally produced by Paul Riecke of Swanlund's Camera and are mounted by Mark Soderstrom of Southstream Art Services.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public noon-5p.m., Thursday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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