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BRUNO DAVID GALLERY ANNOUNCE NEW AFFILIATION WITH SCULPTOR AND BOOK ARTIST BUZZ SPECTOR

SAINT LOUIS, MO — Bruno David, owner of the Bruno David Gallery is pleased to announce that Franklin “Buzz” Spector has joined the gallery’s group of artists and will be represented by Bruno David Gallery in the St. Louis area. The Chicago-born artist brings to the gallery a new vision, continuing along a path of thoughtful contemporary art set by other artists in the Bruno David Gallery. We are looking forward to present his first exhibition at Bruno David Gallery in January and February 2010.



Sculptor, book artist and art theorist, Buzz Spector is one of the nation’s premier contemporary artists making use of the books as an expressive medium. During his thirty years art career, Spector has acquired international stature for his inquiry into the relationships between the physical and conceptual identities of books but also between books and individual memory, and libraries and public history. Books are both the subject and object in his work. He rips, stacks, tears, sews, bends, and photographs books in order to recontextualize them. Spector often uses discarded books from libraries, but also use books from his own extensive personal library. His books are meticulously stacked, yet still inviting, sensuous and tactile. Drawing on his own

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readings in art, philosophy, and literature, Spector explores the connections of language, textuality, and material in our understanding of conceptual art. He wants us to understand his engaging book sculptures as “excavation or displacement of objects from their situations.”

Buzz Spector received his M.F.A from the University of Chicago in 1978, combining studies in art and philosophy and his B.A from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1972. He has received three National Endowments for the Arts fellowships (1982, 1985 and 1991) and has exhibited his work in such museums as the Art Institute of Chicago, Los Angeles County Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, The Corcoran Gallery, and the Mattress Factory in Pittsburgh.

He was recently appointed Dean of the College and Graduate School of Art, both part of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. Spector also holds the Jane Reuter Hitzeman and Herbert F. Hitzeman, Jr. Professorship of Art. Spector is the author of several books on art and artists, his new book “Active Voice: Essays on Artists’ Books, Books as Art, and Art as Language” is to be published by Granary Books, New York, in 2010.



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2009-2010 ART PROGRAM

LESLIE LASKEY: September / October 2009
CHRIS KAHLER: November / December 2009
BUZZ SPECTOR: January / February 2010
CINDY TOWER: March / April 2010
KELLEY JOHNSON: May / June 2010

Images:

Buzz Spector at work in his Rome, Italy, studio, January 2009.
Buzz Spector, 2006. (photo by Frank DiMeo)

ABOUT THE BRUNO DAVID GALLERY

Bruno David Gallery, St. Louis' leading art gallery specializing in contemporary art and one of the most important places to see art in Saint Louis. The Gallery represents some of the best artists that Saint Louis has to offer, along with artists of national and international reputation. Located in a stunningly renovated industrial building in the Grand Center arts district, directly opposite the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts and the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis. Bruno David Gallery's art program has introduced new contemporary art to local gallery goers, and has been discussed in important art publications including, Art in America, Art Papers, ArtNet Magazine.

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