



DAVID HAYES:  
*Modern Master of American Abstraction*  
at the Housatonic Museum of Art



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*Housatonic Museum of Art  
Presents David Hayes: Modern  
Master of American Abstraction*

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Modern Master of  
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*Exhibition organized by Robbin Zella, Director*



Housatonic Museum of Art hosts *David Hayes: Modern Master of American Abstraction* in celebration of this important Connecticut sculptor whose career spanned six decades. The drawings and maquettes on view here are studies for his monumental sculptures and include the biomorphic and geometric forms that comprise his signature style. Born in Hartford, he maintained a home and studio in Coventry, CT where dozens of his sculptures are situated throughout fifty-plus acres of bucolic farm and woodlands. The influence of his mentor David Smith and his friend Alexander Calder are visible in the playful welded steel polychrome works on display in the gallery. Hayes drew his inspiration from nature, translating delicate foliage into lyrical, brightly painted industrial strength sculptures.

Robbin Zella























## DAVID HAYES BIOGRAPHY AND LISTING OF SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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| 1931      | Born in Hartford, Connecticut. Lived in Coventry, Connecticut.   | 1973 | Juror, Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute; Utica, New York – Annual Exhibition  |
| 1949–1953 | University of Notre Dame; Notre Dame, Indiana, A.B.  |      | Illustrated Varmint Q by Charles Boer; Chicago: Swallow Press  |
| 1953–1955 | Indiana University; Bloomington, Indiana. M.F.A. Studied with Robert Laurent, Alton Pickens, and David Smith.  |      | Juror, American Academy in Rome – Sculpture  |
| 1955–1957 | United States Navy   | 1976 | Sculpture for playground; Killingly, Connecticut   |
| 1958      | Silvermine Guild; New Cannan, Connecticut – Sculpture Award<br>New Haven Festival of Arts; New Haven, Connecticut – Best in Show   | 1977 | Monumental Sculpture Commission, Massasoit Community College; Brockton, Massachusetts  |
| 1959      | Museum of Modern Art, New York – Recent Sculpture, U.S.A.<br>Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York – <i>Animal and Young</i> , part of inaugural exhibition                         | 1978 | David Hayes: Sculptor; Channel 57 television documentary<br>Screen Sculpture Commission, Moriarty Brothers, Inc.; Manchester, Connecticut                                |
|           | Boston Arts Festival; Boston, Massachusetts – Drawing Award  | 1979 | Illustrated French Cooking for People Who Can't by Julia Hayes; Atheneum Publishers<br>Sculpture Commission, Lydall Corporate Headquarters; Manchester, Connecticut      |
| 1960      | New Haven Festival of Arts; New Haven, Connecticut – Best in Show for Sculpture  | 1980 | Juror, Scholastic Art Awards, Connecticut, for Sculpture<br>Juror, National Screening Committee, Institute of International Education, for Sculpture                     |
| 1961      | Chicago Arts Institute; Chicago, Illinois – Logan Prize for Sculpture<br>Post Doctoral Fulbright for study in Paris. Guggenheim Fellowship awarded and arranged to follow Fulbright. | 1981 | Monumental Sculpture Commission, Hartwood Acres; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  |
| 1963      | Represented United States at “Forma Viva” Sculpture Symposium, Portoroz, Yugoslavia  | 1982 | Juror, National Screening Committee, Institute of International Education, for Sculpture<br>Relief Sculpture Commission, Albertus Magnus College; New Haven, Connecticut |
| 1965      | National Institute of Arts and Letters Award, New York   | 1983 | Relief Sculpture Commission, Wilbraham & Monson Academy; Wilbraham, Massachusetts  |
| 1968      | Return to live in the United States  |      | Appointed Trustee, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford; Hartford, Connecticut  |
| 1970      | Monumental Ceramic Wall Commission, Elmira College; Elmira, New York   | 1985 | The Brooks File: David Hayes’ Sculpture Fields, Channel 3 WFSB; Hartford, Connecticut  |
| 1972      | Appointed visiting artist, Harvard University; Cambridge, Massachusetts  |      |  |

- 1987 Monumental Sculpture Commission, Hartford Public Library; Hartford, Connecticut
- 1988 Monumental Sculpture Commission, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame; Notre Dame, Indiana
- 1990 Monumental Sculpture Commission, School of Business, Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, Michigan  
*Welded Steel Sculpture with David Hayes*, documentary film by Richard Byrnes
- 1991 Monumental Sculpture Commission, Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, New York  
PBS Broadcast of *The Sculpture of David Hayes*, documentary film by Richard Byrnes
- 1992 Elected Regent, University of Hartford; Hartford, Connecticut
- 1993 Appointed Board Member, New York Sculpture Guild
- 1994 One-man show at Anderson Gallery
- 1996 One-man shows at Prudential Center; Boston  
Gulf Coast Art Center; Belair, Florida  
The Pingry School; Martinsville, New Jersey
- 1997 One-man shows at 100 Pearl Gallery; Hartford, Connecticut  
The Gallery, University of New Haven  
Southern Vermont Art Center; Manchester, Vermont  
Gulf Coast Art Center; Belleair, Florida - Screen Sculptures  
Orlando City Hall; Orlando  
Hines Building; Boston  
Hayes Modern Gallery; Naples, Florida
- 1998 One-man shows at Mercy Gallery, Loomis Chaffee School; Windsor, Connecticut  
City of Stamford, Connecticut and Stamford Town Center  
Tremaine Gallery, Hotchkiss School; Lakeville, Connecticut  
The Appleton Museum; Ocala, Florida  
Boca Raton Museum of Art; Boca Raton, Florida  
Stamford Center for the Arts, Rich Forum; Stamford, Connecticut
- 1999 Screen Sculpture Commission, Nicotra Group; Staten Island, New York
- 2000 One-man show at Colgate University; Hamilton, New York  
One-man shows at Sculpture at Sasaki, Sasaki & Associates; Watertown, Massachusetts  
Fordham University Downtown; New York  
David Hayes Steel Sculptures, Denise Bibro Fine Arts Inc.; New York, New York
- 2001 One-man shows: Geary Design; Naples, Florida  
Lyric Theater; Stuart, Florida - Outdoor Sculpture  
Hanging Sculpture Commission, Nicotra Group; Staten Island, New York
- 2002 One-man shows: Lyric Theater; Stuart, Florida - Outdoor Sculpture  
Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, Connecticut - Small Sculptures
- 2003 One-man shows: Burt Reynolds Museum, Jupiter, Florida - Inaugural exhibition  
5 Screen Sculptures at the University of Central Florida; Orlando, Florida  
David Hayes Sculpture, Sculpture Garden & Studio at



	Gidion's, Kent, Connecticut		The Irving Arts Center; Irving, Texas
	Group: Sculpture in the Park 2003, Rockland Center for The Arts; Nyack, New York		The Lauren Rogers Museum of Art; Laurel, Mississippi
	Selections from the von Liebig Art Center Collection, The von Liebig Art Center; Naples, Florida		Everson Art Museum; Syracuse, New York: Return to Syracuse
	Small and Everlasting, ACA Galleries; New York, New York		Ross Art Museum at Ohio Wesleyan University; Delaware
2004	One-man shows: David Hayes Sculpture at Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, Miami, Fla		Ohio – Small Sculptures, Drawings and Outdoor Sculpture
	Outdoor Sculpture, James A. Michener Art Museum; Doylestown, Pennsylvania	2008	City of Syracuse, New York - Downtown Sculpture
	Exhibition Without Walls; 40 sculptures in downtown Fort Pierce, Florida	2009	Albertus Magnus College; New Haven, Connecticut: David Hayes Outdoor Sculpture
2005	One-man shows: 8 Vertical Motifs at the Mobile Museum of Art; Mobile, Alabama.		David Hayes in White Plains: 62 sculptures in White Plains, New York.
	12 sculptures on Oyaron Hill, Hartwick College; Oneonta, NY		The Sweeney Decade: Acquisitions At The 1959 Inaugural. Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum.
	Maquettes and Drawings, Yager Museum, Oneonta, New York	2010	Hayes Family Show: Three Generations. White Plains Library, White Plains, New York
	Small Sculptures and Drawings, Krasl Art Center; Saint Joseph, Michigan		Art to the Avenue; Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut
	Sculpture in Erie: installation of sculpture in downtown Erie, Pennsylvania		Fathers & Daughters, The Greenwich Arts Council Presents In The Bendheim Gallery; Greenwich, Connecticut
2006	LSU Museum of Art; Baton Rouge, Louisiana – David Hayes Sculpture	2011	Boscobel, In conjunction with the CURRENT show through Garrison Art Center
	Erie Art Museum Annex Gallery; Erie, Pennsylvania – Small Sculptures and Drawings		Sculpture at One North Broadway; White Plains, New York
	Longview Museum of Fine Arts; Longview, Texas – David Hayes Sculpture		Huntsville Museum of Art in conjunction with Huntsville's Spaces Sculpture Trail
2007	Awarded an honorary doctorate degree by Albertus Magnus College; New London, Connecticut	2012	David Hayes Small Sculpture, George Waters Gallery, Elmira College; Elmira, New York
	Vero Beach Museum of Art; Vero Beach, Florida: David Hayes Sculpture		Sculpture at Goodwin College; East Hartford, Connecticut
			Small sculpture, gouaches, and new Totems; Garrison Art Center, Garrison, New York
			20 Sculptures at Art Museum at the University of Kentucky; Lexington, Kentucky

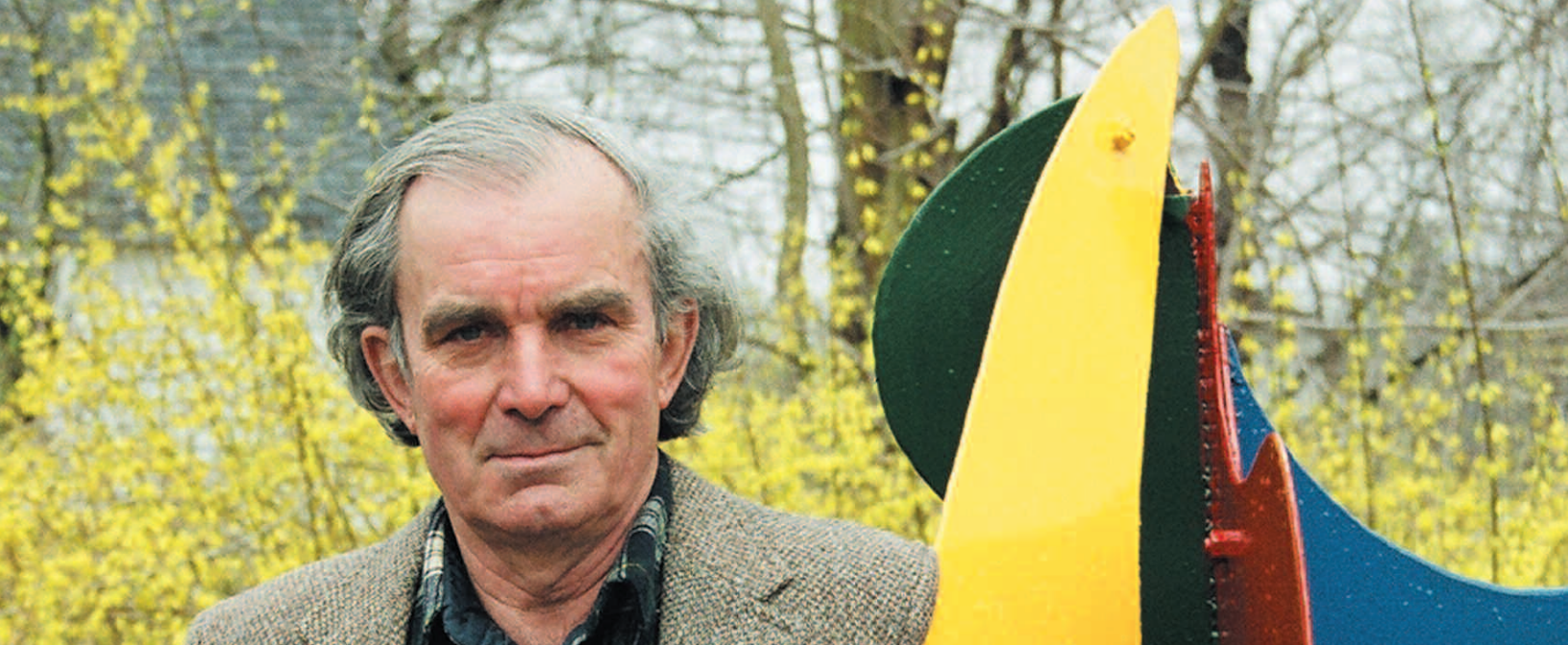
- 2013
- Sculptures at the WSU Downtown Art Gallery; Westfield, Massachusetts
  - Sculptures at the Governor's Mansion, Hartford, Connecticut
  - David Hayes Sculpture, Contemporary Art Center; Peoria, Illinois
  - David Hayes: A Sculptor of Space and Nature, Elizabeth Myers Mitchell Gallery at St. John's College; Annapolis, Maryland
  - Hanging Screen Sculptures at the Lutz Children's Museum; Manchester, Connecticut
  - David Hayes dies April 9, 2013
  - David Hayes Sculpture at the Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame; Notre Dame, Indiana
  - Sentinel Sculptures at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art; Fort Wayne, Indiana
  - David Hayes Sculptures at the Wiregrass Museum; Dothan, Alabama
- 2014
- Small Sculptures and Gouache Studies, Wiregrass Museum; Dothan, Alabama
  - David Hayes Sculpture at the Jundt Art Museum; Spokane, Washington
  - Maquettes and Gouache Studies at the Housatonic Museum of Art, Bridgeport, Connecticut
  - Sculpture at the Springfield Museums; Springfield, Massachusetts
  - Recent Small Sculptures at M+V Art Gallery, Miami, Florida
  - Sculpture at Northwood Village; West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2015
- Art Wynwood fair, Cynthia Corbett Gallery; Miami, Florida
  - Sentinel* Sculptures at the Cummer Museum and Gardens; Jacksonville, Florida
- 2016
- Art Miami New York Fair, Cynthia Corbett Gallery; New York, New York
  - David Hayes Sculpture at the Wichita Falls, Texas Museum of Art
  - David Hayes Sculptures, Project Space Gallery, SUNY College at Oneonta; Oneonta, NY
  - Large and Small*, Hartford Public Library Gallery; Hartford, Connecticut
  - Art Hamptons Fair, Cynthia Corbett Gallery; Southampton, New York
  - Sculptures on campus, SUNY College at Oneonta; Oneonta, New York
  - Art Miami art fair at the Cynthia Corbett Gallery, Miami, Florida
  - Context art fair at M+V Fine Art Gallery, Miami, Florida
  - The Original Miami Beach Antiques Show, Miami Beach, Florida with Alpen Art & Antiques
  - Small Vertical Motifs, Commenez Gallery, Key Biscayne, Florida
  - Art Palm Beach fair with Alpen Art & Antiques; Vail, Colorado
  - Straight from the Barn, Emmanoel Lavagnonli Fine Art Gallery, Wynwood, Miami, Florida
  - Small sculptures and gouache studies, Center For Creative Education, West Palm Beach Florida
  - Clio Art Fair at Ale Berni Gallery, New York, New York
  - Small Sculpture and Gouache Studies, Lowe Art Museum, Coral Gables, Florida

## DAVID HAYES PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Museum of Modern Art, New York  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
Addison Gallery of American Art; Andover,  
Massachusetts  
Currier Gallery of Art; Manchester, New Hampshire  
Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris  
Detroit Art Institute; Detroit, Michigan  
Museum of Fine Arts; Houston, Texas  
Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.  
University of Michigan; Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Arizona State University; Tempe, Arizona  
Carnegie Institute; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Wadsworth Atheneum; Hartford, Connecticut  
Elmira College; Elmira, New York  
Brockton Art Center, Fuller Memorial;  
Brockton, Massachusetts  
Ringling Museum of Art; Sarasota, Florida  
Fleming Museum, University of Vermont;  
Burlington, Vermont  
First National Bank of Chicago; Chicago, Illinois  
De Porceleyne Fles; Delft, Holland  
University of Connecticut; Storrs, Connecticut  
Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts; Columbus, Ohio  
University of Notre Dame; Notre Dame, Indiana  
Michael Schiavone and Sons; New Haven,  
Connecticut  
Indiana University; Bloomington, Indiana  
National Museum of American Art; Washington, D. C.  
Struktur 68NV; The Hague, Holland  
Boston Public Library; Boston, Massachusetts  
Dartmouth College; Hanover, New Hampshire  
Everson Museum of Art; Syracuse, New York  
Dade County Art Collection; Miami, Florida  
DeCordova Museum; Lincoln, Massachusetts

Williams College Museum of Art; Williamstown,  
Massachusetts  
George Washington University; Washington, D. C.  
New Britain Museum of American Art; New Britain,  
Connecticut  
Brooklyn Museum; Brooklyn, New York  
Price, Waterhouse, Inc.; Hartford, Connecticut  
Russell, Gibson, Von Dolen, Inc.; Farmington,  
Connecticut  
Thiokol Corporation; Newtown, Pennsylvania  
University Art Gallery, State University of New York;  
Albany, New York  
Lynch Motors, Manchester, Connecticut  
Housatonic Museum of Art; Bridgeport, Connecticut  
Boca Raton Museum; Boca Raton, Florida  
Museum of Fine Arts; Springfield, Massachusetts  
Wichita State University; Wichita, Kansas  
Gund Hall, Harvard University; Cambridge,  
Massachusetts  
The Norton Company; Worcester, Massachusetts  
National Trust for Historic Preservation, Nelson  
Rockefeller Collection; Tarrytown, New York  
Harry Guggenheim Collection, Nassau County  
Museum; Sands Point, New York  
Fitchburg Art Museum; Fitchburg, Massachusetts  
Ohio Wesleyan University; Delaware, Ohio  
Hunter Museum of Art; Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Albertus Magnus College; New Haven, Connecticut  
Wilbraham and Monson Academy; Wilbraham,  
Massachusetts  
Westmoreland County Museum of Art; Greensburg,  
Pennsylvania  
The Woodlands, Texas  
Philbrook Art Center; Tulsa, Oklahoma

Wondriska & Russo Associates; Farmington,  
Connecticut  
Pfeizer, Inc.; New York  
Pepperridge Farms, Inc.; New Haven, Connecticut  
Olin Corporation; Cheshire, Connecticut  
Manchester Community College; Manchester,  
Connecticut  
Hartford Public Library; Hartford, Connecticut  
BKM, Inc.; East Hartford, Connecticut  
Western Michigan University; Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Hollister Corporation; Libertyville, Illinois  
Hartford Art School; West Hartford, Connecticut  
University of Hartford; West Hartford, Connecticut  
Mitchner Museum; Doylestown, Pennsylvania  
Gerwun Jewish Heritage Foundation, New Jersey  
University of Connecticut Health Center;  
Farmington, Connecticut  
Westminster School; Simsbury, Connecticut  
Hartwood Acres; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut  
Gulf Coast Art Center, Belleair, Florida  
Picker Art Gallery, Colgate University; Hamilton,  
New York  
Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center;  
Naples, Florida  
Emerson Gallery, Hamilton College; Clinton,  
New York  
City of Fort Pierce; Fort Pierce, Florida  
Office of Charles Moore; Owensboro, Kentucky  
Frost Art Museum; Miami, Florida  
Vero Beach Museum of Art; Vero Beach, Florida  
William Benton Museum of Art; Storrs, Connecticut



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