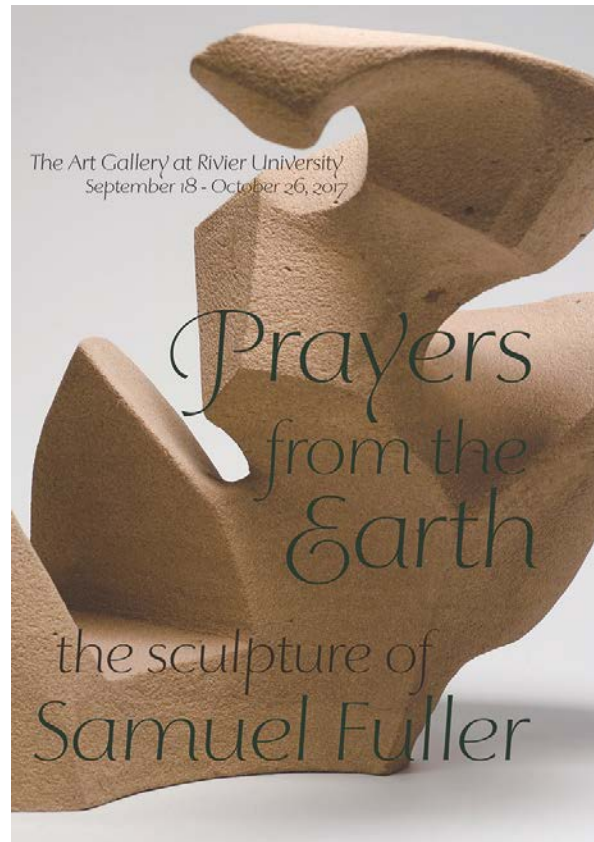


THE ART GALLERY AT RIVIER UNIVERSITY PRESENTS “PRAYERS FROM THE EARTH: THE SCULPTURE OF SAMUEL FULLER”

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Beautiful, Active, Reflective, Technically Unique

Inspired by the versatility of bodily presence in space, this work suggests dance and metaphorically speaks of openness and wholeness as life values.

Open Monday through Wednesday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
also by appointment for groups.

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Free admission. Access by elevator plus six low steps.

“As an artist, I am concerned with the process by which the unknown becomes known through an encounter with the physical,” says Samuel Fuller, Capuchin Franciscan priest, environmentalist and featured artist at The Art Gallery at Rivier University through October 26, 2017. In addition to the exhibition, a reception and gallery talk by the artist will take place on September 28, 2017, from 7 – 9:30 p.m.

By his own admission, Fuller’s work “entails a freedom of the unconscious rooted in the conviction that beneath the appearance of things, there is an unseen order which if allowed to manifest itself on its own terms will do so as unity.” His sculptures, made of the clay of the earth, are a “response to space as a vibrant and palpable presence”; they are abstract forms often hinting at human form.

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The Sculpture of Samuel Fuller

His sculpture confirms the familiar adage that ‘the artist creates the art and the art creates the artist.’ In approaching each piece, his process begins with an unusual subtractive method of building with clay, a method that allows him a certain freedom from conventional restraints.

“Instead of hollowing out the clay, he works it ‘solid’ and also fires it ‘solid,’ says Sister Theresa Couture, Director of The Art Gallery. “The end results are intensely personal and engagingly complex testimonies to the reciprocal relationships among physical materials, form and space. Each piece ultimately pushes and probes a metaphor for a view of life that boldly embraces openness, authenticity, and the unmistakable thrust toward wholeness that permeates, and in the end validates, the intrigue of ambiguity.”

The exhibition “Prayers from the Earth: The Sculpture of Samuel Fuller” will be on view from September 18 through October 26, 2017; it is free and open to the public. The Art Gallery is located on the second floor of Memorial Hall on the Rivier University campus at 420 South Main Street in Nashua. Regular open hours are listed below. The Art Gallery is accessible by elevator and six low steps.

GALLERY OPEN HOURS

Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Patrons can call (603) 897-8280 or email artgallery@rivier.edu for additional information, or visit the Gallery’s webpage at www.rivier.edu/artgallery.

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