

COLM ROWAN FINE ART

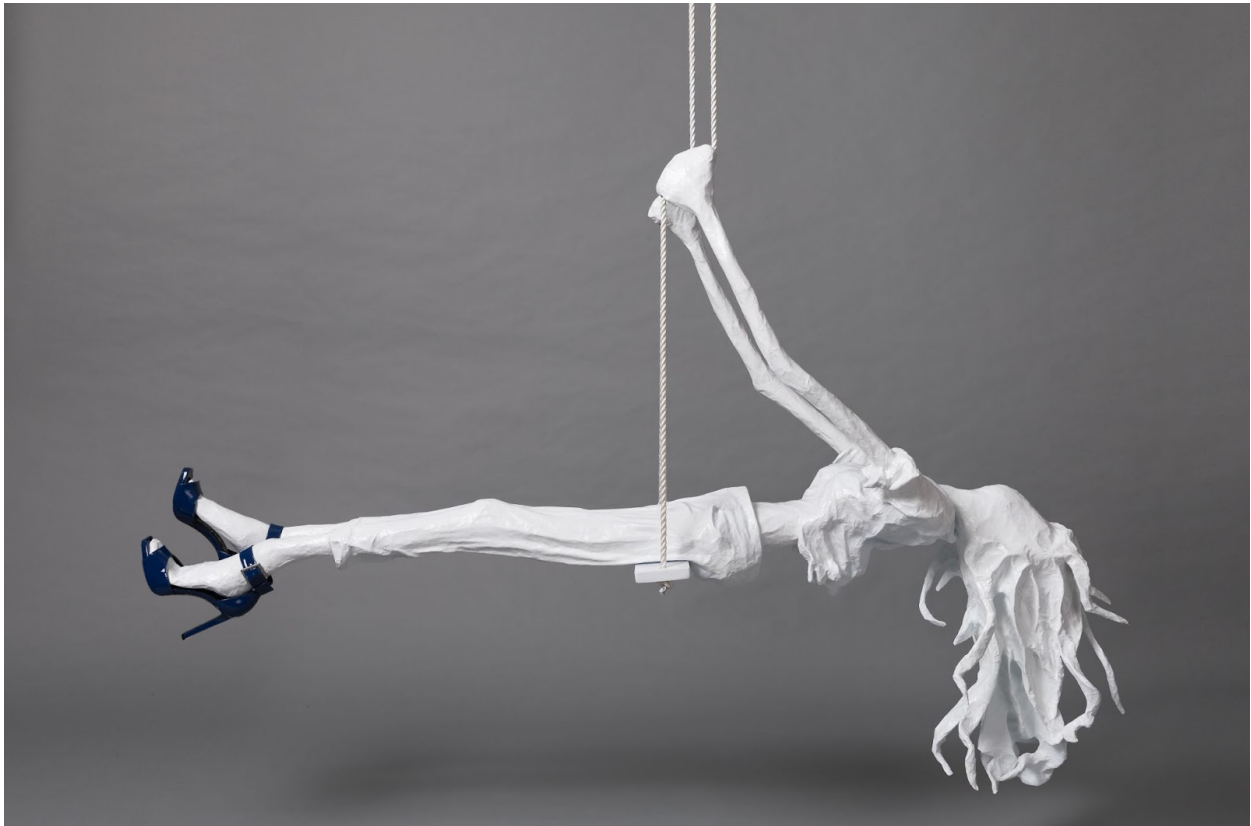
Press Release

Modern-Day Renaissance Artist Debuts “Swing” Exhibition in East Hampton Gallery

Exhibition dates: August 14–29, 2021

Exhibition location: 55 Main Street, East Hampton, NY 11937

Press preview: August 12 and 13; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Colm Rowan Fine Art presents the sculptures of Bret Reilly, Westchester-based artist, designer and musician, and the culminating artist in the gallery's series of four summer solo exhibitions. Reilly's work spans more than three decades and resides internationally in private residences and corporate installations.

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Inspired by Giacometti and Degas, Reilly's contemporary abstract figures feature his signature style—white papier-mâché accented by a colorful pair of real shoes. The theme of SWING is a whimsical antithesis to the COVID crisis—a reminder of the simple and playful moments in our daily experiences.

“The goal of my work is to be relatable for the viewer—for each person to see themselves or someone they know in the situational gestures of my sculpture,” Reilly said. “My art exudes personality and inspires reaction by capturing the snapshots of everyday life, the intimacy of private moments, and the catharsis of freeing ourselves from inhibitions.”

According to gallerist Colm Rowan, “Bret Reilly lives every moment as if it were his last, with an infectious enthusiasm that impacts the lives of everyone who is drawn into its orbit. Each sculpture in the suite expresses an emotion or mood that every one of us experiences growing up. Some are plaintive and others are buoyant. Together they represent a good proportion of the emotional life that is our human lot.”

In addition to a career as a visual artist, Reilly has a gold record for his original song on the Dumb and Dumber soundtrack and is a GRAMMY-ballotted musician, with his 2020 album Bluebird. He will be releasing his next single in October 2021. As a functional designer, Reilly has earned multiple patents, as well as creating a furniture line designed in partnership with Alberto Vignatelli of Fendi Casa.

Reilly's SWING exhibition will take place at Colm Rowan Fine Art, 55 Main Street, East Hampton (on walkway between Main Street and carpark adjacent to the Ralph Lauren barn) from August 14 to 29, with gallery hours 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. The artist will be present at the opening reception on August 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. Press may preview the show on August 12 and 13 during gallery hours. Additional details can be found at www.colmrowan.com.

For further information about all of Bret Reilly's creative works—art, music, and design—please visit www.bretreilly.com or socials @bretreillyny.