

# 2019-2020 Humanities Center Brown Bag Series

## Detroit Bronze to Hot Cast: 20 +1 Years of Cast Metal Sculpture in Detroit

In 1986, the Michigan Gallery in Detroit hosted "Detroit Bronze". This exhibition highlighted the work of the community of Detroit region sculptors working in cast bronze using a variety of processes, including direct and indirect lost wax casting, resin sand, and direct foam casting, the latter an artistic adaptation of the lost-foam casting method used in the auto industry. This presentation begins with "Detroit Bronze" and explores 21 years of art, artists and the foundries in and around Detroit that nurtured a robust and prolific explosion of cast metal work in bronze, aluminum and iron. Culminating with the "Hot Cast" exhibition at Zeitgeist Gallery in Detroit in December 2007, we'll explore the uniquely Detroit Aesthetic that sprang from this community during those 21 years, including bi-metal lost foam casting, the iron pour traditions, and the "gypsy" pour artists. This presentation reflects an effort to capture the history of and recognize one of the many vibrant and active art communities in Detroit beyond the confines of "Kick out the Jams" in 1981 and the myth of Detroit as a place void of a creative community promulgated by the national press in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis.

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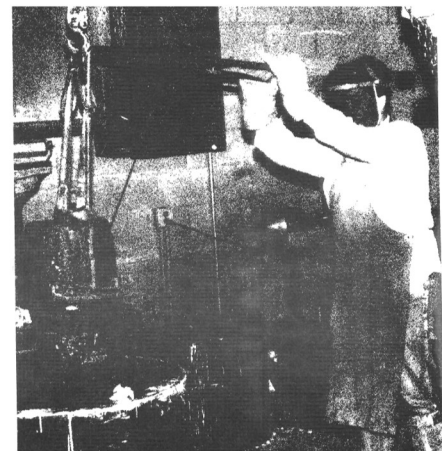


**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

**12:30PM—1:30PM**

**Rm. 2339**

**Faculty Administration Building**



BRONZE POUR AT CENTER FOR CREATIVE STUDIES, TODD ERICKSON AND MATTHEW HANNA

### DETROIT BRONZE

An Exhibition of Contemporary Bronze Sculpture

Reception: Saturday, June 7, 1986, 7:00-10:00 p.m.  
Gallery Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 11-5, Sat. 1-5, thru June 27  
[or by appointment: 561-9366 or 961-7867]

Michigan Gallery, 2661 Michigan, Detroit, MI 48216  
One Mile West of Tiger Stadium at 20th Street



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