

WHIRLWIND: ART IN MOTION



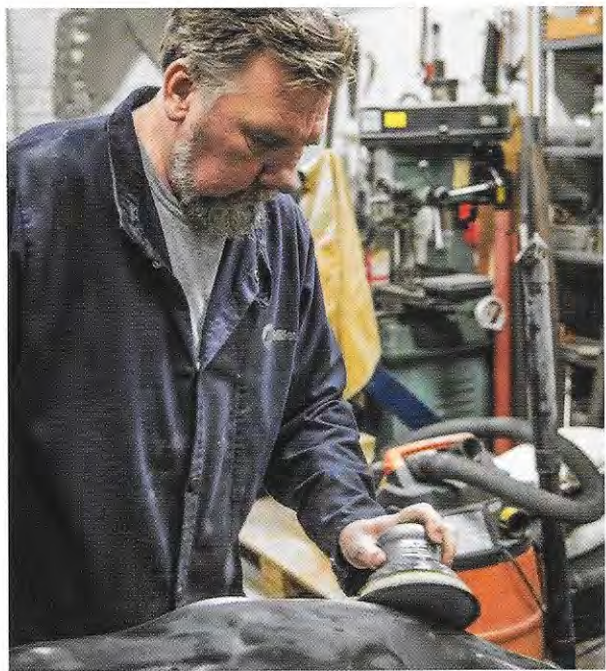
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WHIRLWIND CURATOR

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THE WHIRLWIND EXHIBITION FOCUSES ON KINETIC (MOVING) ART. THE SHOW IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF HOW THE IMAGINATION OF ARTISTS CAN BE USED TO HARNESS AND CHOREOGRAPH MOTION THROUGH SCULPTURE. THE SCULPTURES UTILIZE LIGHT, TIME, SPACE, AND THE FOUR ELEMENTS TO CREATE FLUID AND LYRICAL MASTERPIECES. SOME ARE ENERGIZED BY WIND, LIGHT, OR ELECTRICITY, OTHERS PRODUCE SOUND.

THIS COLLECTION BRINGS TOGETHER NINE OF THE TOP LIVING KINETIC ARTISTS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE ARTISTS WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE BASED ON THEIR EXHIBITION RECORDS AND REPRESENTATION IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ART COLLECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WHIRLWIND PROVIDES A UNIQUE AND AMAZING OPPORTUNITY FOR KINETIC



ART TO INSPIRE ENTHUSIASM FOR CLEAN ENERGY – MOTIVATING US TO EMBRACE NEW WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT POWER IN OUR DAILY LIVES AND FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PLANET.

“Just as one can compose colors, or forms, one can compose motions.”

– Alexander Calder

SOLAR BUTTERFLY & SUN BUG, SOLAR SUNFLOWER

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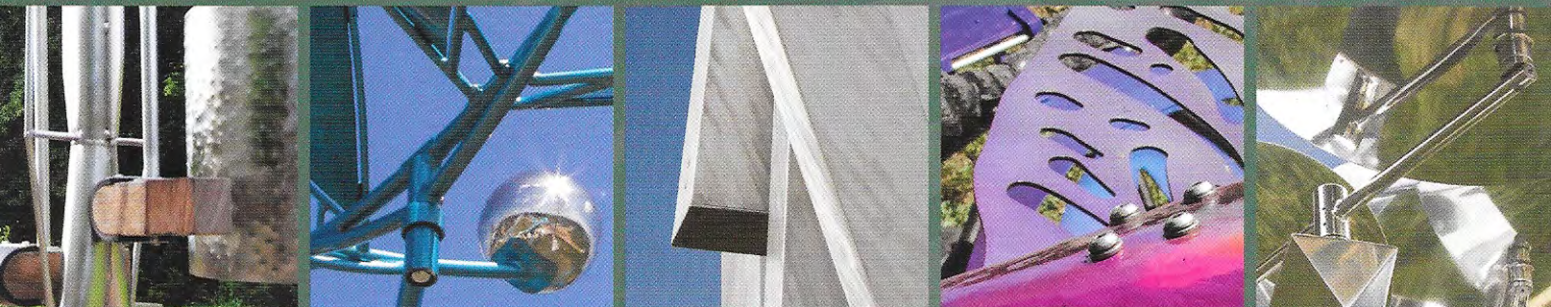
SOLAR BUTTERFLY & SUN BUG, SOLAR SUNFLOWER – BOTH OF THESE PIECES ARE SOLAR-POWERED. BUTTERFLY AND SUN BUG’S SURFACES HAVE WONDERFULLY SMOOTH HUE-SHIFTING COLORS. THE WINGS MOVE BY ELECTRICITY COLLECTED FROM THE SUN.



Rein Triefeldt’s environmental kinetic solar sculptures have been exhibited internationally for more than 20 years. Exhibitions of his work are permanently installed in Asia, Europe, and South America as well as the United States. As one of the founders of the Kinetic Art Organization and founder of the Solar Tree Foundation, Rein has received several awards for his work.

For more than a decade, Rein has been creating sculptures that produce energy from the sun and are scaled to provide power for homes, museums, sculpture parks, arboretums, vineyards and public places. His work combines traditional sculptural elements/materials and 21st century solar technology, allowing every project to reflect its own unique sense of character.

Rein has served as the curator of the 2018-19 Whirlwind: Art in Motion exhibit at the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Gardens.



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