

Phyllis Stigliano Gallery

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New Steel Sculpture Tom Bills 10 September-10 October, 2009

Phyllis Stigliano Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition, *New Steel Sculpture, Tom Bills*, scheduled from 10 September-10 October 2009. The show consists of seven wall-hung flame carved sculptures. Based on Bills's knowledge of working with industrial materials, each mass of steel is measured and engaging – evoking presence; the vertical significance and stance of the work explores a self-contained existence within each form.

Bills sculpts steel with a visual rigor - the precise repeated flame cuts made with an acetylene torch in *Outward Curve*, 2009, and *Slow Bird*, 2009, both approximately 24.5" height, define their linear presentation with a gently curving, seemingly transparent and weightless material yet forcefully referential. The works address an identity that is modest yet confident and determined.

Tom Bills was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1948. He received an M.F.A. from Yale University, 1978, and since 2001, he is Professor, Fine Art, University of California, Davis. His first solo show was held at 112 Greene Street Gallery, NY, 1976; he has exhibited nationally and internationally at galleries and museums including Blum Helman Gallery, NY; Feigenson Gallery, Detroit, MI; Anne Plumb Gallery, NY; Rolf Ricke Gallery, Cologne; Zabriskie Gallery, NY; Detroit Institute of Arts, Michigan; and Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA. His work is in selected public collections throughout the world. He is a recipient of grants from the Guggenheim Fellowship, New York Foundation for the Arts, The Pollock-Krasner Foundation, and National Endowment for the Arts. He is represented by b. sakata garo, Sacramento, CA and Don Soker Gallery, San Francisco, CA.

Phyllis Stigliano Gallery is located at 62 Eighth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11217. Hours: Thursday-Saturday, 12-6:00PM; 11 October-29 November by appointment : 718 638.0659, email: artjump@aol.com, www.phyllisstigliano. Reception: Saturday, 12 September 2009, 4:00-6:00PM. Directions: approximately 3 blocks from number 2 or 3 Grand Army Plaza subway stop; walking distance from the Brooklyn Museum.

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