



DAVID BYRD Ten Stops

The David Byrd Estate is pleased to announce *DAVID BYRD Ten Stops*, an art pilgrimage of ten exhibitions that illuminate the life and artistic trajectory of David Byrd. Byrd, who worked in obscurity for decades, created hundreds of paintings,

drawings, sculptures and a book about the people, places and situations that haunted his memory. Each exhibition in the series exposes a layer of the late artist's reclusive life and showcases a segment of his oeuvre, including the stone and salvaged wood

home/studio Byrd designed and built on twelve bucolic acres in the Catskills. *DAVID BYRD Ten Stops* will culminate in an old-time Catskill country auction at his home in early fall 2017.

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DAVID BYRD Ten Stops...

Ten Stops... a scenic New York road trip highlighting the paintings of David Byrd from Brooklyn to Peekskill and West Point, continuing north to Delhi, Franklin and Sidney Center, on to Cooperstown, with a final stop in Seattle.



"The war with the house continues. I'm seeing rocks in my soup I'm so preoccupied with them. It feels like I'm building the pyramids. It goes on forever...I am looking forward to painting again and adventure. Well painting anyhow. I know adventure—in painting."
—David Byrd

JULY

1 FRANKLIN STAGE COMPANY, FRANKLIN, NY

THE DRAMATIC GESTURE: PAINTINGS OF DAVID BYRD An exhibition celebrating Byrd's skill depicting the inherent grace in the guileless gesture.

July 1–31. Opening Sat July 1, 5–7pm (in conjunction with the Stagecoach Run weekend)

25 Institute St. Franklin, NY 13775 «Contact: Jack Siman, jacksiman@gmail.com, 607-829-2196»

Sat & Sun 10–2 (opening weekend July 1 & 2, 10–5pm) or by appointment | www.franklinstagecompany.org

2 DAVID BYRD HOME & STUDIO, SIDNEY CENTER, NY

DAVID BYRD, A LIFE This exhibition will feature a selection of David Byrd's work in the Catskills home and studio he built.

July 8–Sept 30

2205 Pine Swamp Road, Sidney Center, NY 13839

«Contact: Jody Isaacson, davidbyrdvoices@gmail.com, 607-369-3059, weekends 607-865-5897 11–5, Sat & Sun, or by appointment | www.davidbyrdestate.com»

Admission \$5.00 and all students FREE

3 WEST POINT MUSEUM, WEST POINT, NY

DAVID BYRD AT WEST POINT | Byrd's largest landscape, West Point, a panoramic view of the Military Academy from his daily commute to the Montrose V.A. Hospital.

July 10–Oct 22

2110 New South Post Road, West Point, NY 10996

«Contact: Marlana Cook, marlana.cook@usma.edu, 845-938-7340»

10:30am–4:15pm daily www.westpoint.army.mil/museum.html

4 STUDIO 10 BUSHWICK, BROOKLYN, NY

DAVID BYRD: FLICKS, BOUTS, BLOCKS Visions of calm moments in Coney Island, ringside revelers, loiterers on corners and cinematic glimpses—with a metaphorically rich stoop in the midst. Paintings, drawings and a sculpture by David Byrd from his life and times in Brooklyn. Curated by Paul D'Agostino

July 20–Aug 6. Opening Thursday July 20, 6–8pm

56 Bogart St. Brooklyn, NY 11206 «Contact: Paul D'Agostino, postuccio@gmail.com, 917-744-4841, Larry Greenberg, studio10bogart@gmail.com, 718-852-4396» www.studio10bogart.com

Thurs through Sun 1–6pm or by appointment

AUGUST

5 DELAWARE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, DELHI, NY

VIGNETTES: DAVID BYRD PAINTS DELAWARE COUNTY David Byrd's ethereal landscapes of Delaware County, and vignettes of the people Byrd encountered during his weekly trips to the laundromat, grocery store, doctor's office and filling station.

Aug 1–Oct 8. Opening Aug 4, 4 pm–?

46549 State Hwy 10, Delhi, NY 13753 «Contact Tim Duerden, dcha@delhi.net, 607-746-3849»

Tues–Sun 11–4pm | www.dcha-ny.org

6 SMITHY GALLERY, COOPERSTOWN, NY

SANCTUARY: A REFUGE OR SAFE PLACE Several of David's paintings have been selected for this group exhibition located in the historic Smithy Pioneer Gallery, the oldest building in Cooperstown, NY.

Aug 7–Sept 3. Opening Aug 7, 5–7pm

55 Pioneer St. Cooperstown, NY 13326 «Contact Janet Erway, 607-547-8671, gallery@cooperstownart.com»

Tues–Sat 10–5, Sun 12–5 | www.smithyarts.org

SEPTEMBER

7 ART GARAGE, COOPERSTOWN, NY

AUCTION ACTION: THE ART OF DAVID BYRD Recreates the country auction through an installation of Byrd's sculpture, paintings, drawings, auction cards, including some actual items from his collection of primitive antiques.

Sept 8–Oct 8. Opening Sept 8, 5–7, Talk: Sept 13, 3:30pm

689 Beaver Meadow Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326

«Contact: Sydney Waller, leartgarage@gmail.com, 607-547-5327, text 315-941-9607»

Sat 10–1 or by appointment

8 THE FIELD GALLERY, PEEKSKILL, NY

ON and OFF THE WARD: DAVID BYRD PAINTS MONTROSE V.A. Paintings from David Byrd's 30-year experience as a night orderly at the V.A. Hospital in Montrose, including scenes from his daily work, commute to Peekskill.

Sept 9–Oct 8. Opening Sept 9, 11–2pm | Talk: Sept 27,

6–8pm, 4 Nelson Ave. Peekskill, NY 10566

«Contact: Alicia Morgan, 914-862-3287, amorgan@wlsmail.org» | Open daily | www.peekskill.org

9 DAVID BYRD HOME & STUDIO SIDNEY CENTER, NY

DAVID BYRD: TEN STOPS END OF THE LINE AUCTION AND CLOSING CELEBRATION Going once, going twice... Come celebrate the life and work of David Byrd! This is the GRAND FINALE of the David Byrd Ten Stops exhibition series. A live auction of selected items from the David Byrd Estate, live music, simple snacks and bonfire farewell.

Sept 30. Closing Party & Auction 1–8pm. Auction begins at 3:00pm. 2205 Pine Swamp Road Sidney

Center, NY 13839 (see stop #2)

NOVEMBER

10 GREG KUCERA GALLERY, SEATTLE, WA

DAVID BYRD—COMING ALIVE: DRAWINGS & PAINTINGS Notebook sketches and preparatory drawings from various periods of Byrd's life, relating to his finished paintings.

Nov 1–Dec 23. Opening Nov 2, 6–8pm. Talk: Nov 3,

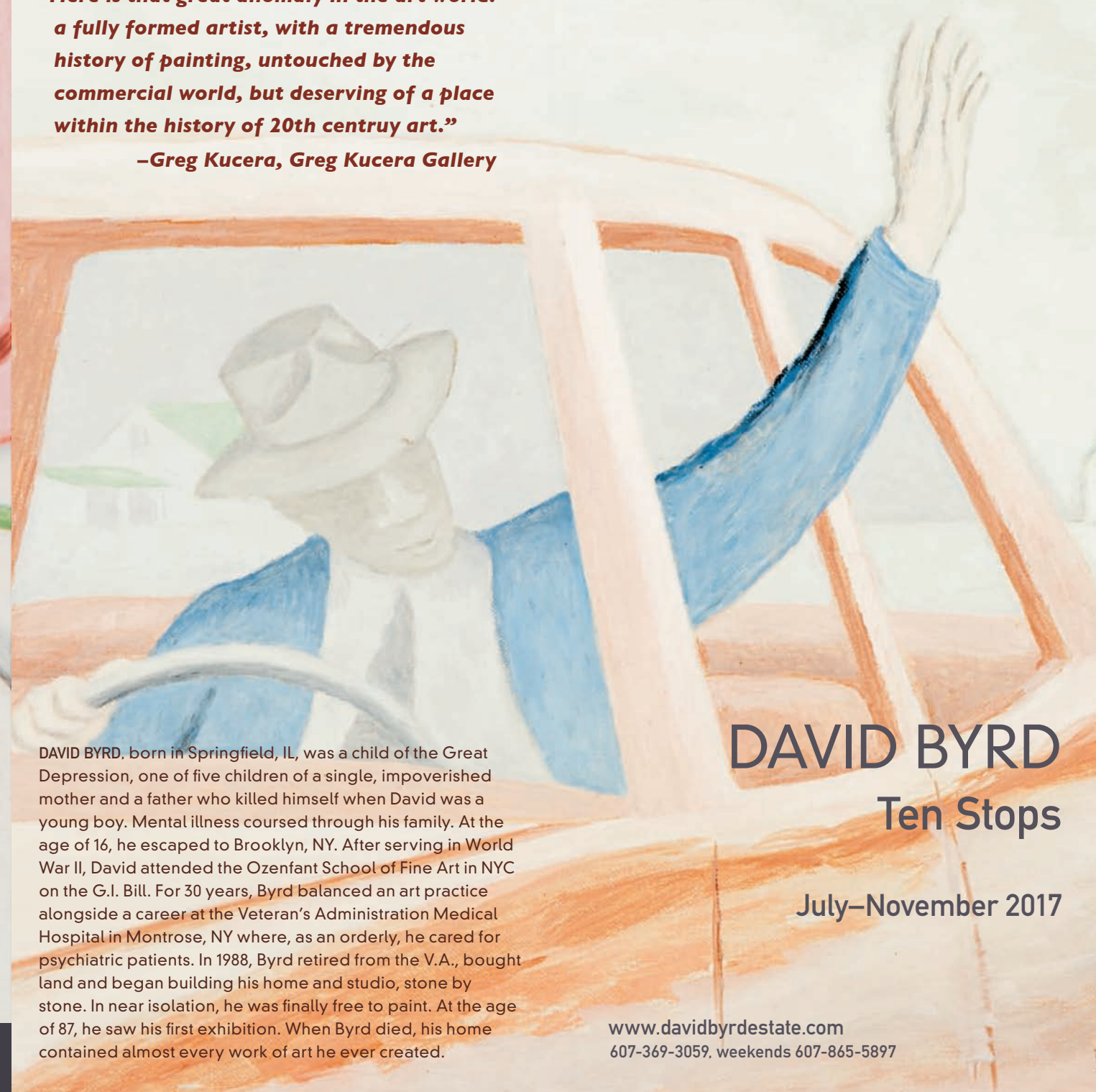
12pm. Curators Greg Kucera and Jody Isaacson in conversation about the artist, his life and his work.

212 Third Ave South, Seattle, WA 98104, 206-624-0770

Tues–Sat 10:30–5:30pm. www.gregkucera.com



"Here is that great anomaly in the art world: a fully formed artist, with a tremendous history of painting, untouched by the commercial world, but deserving of a place within the history of 20th century art."
—Greg Kucera, Greg Kucera Gallery



DAVID BYRD
Ten Stops

July–November 2017

DAVID BYRD, born in Springfield, IL, was a child of the Great Depression, one of five children of a single, impoverished mother and a father who killed himself when David was a young boy. Mental illness coursed through his family. At the age of 16, he escaped to Brooklyn, NY. After serving in World War II, David attended the Ozenfant School of Fine Art in NYC on the G.I. Bill. For 30 years, Byrd balanced an art practice alongside a career at the Veteran's Administration Medical Hospital in Montrose, NY where, as an orderly, he cared for psychiatric patients. In 1988, Byrd retired from the V.A., bought land and began building his home and studio, stone by stone. In near isolation, he was finally free to paint. At the age of 87, he saw his first exhibition. When Byrd died, his home contained almost every work of art he ever created.

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