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## FSW gallery hosts Rauschenberg conversation

**T**he Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at Florida SouthWestern State College hosted Donald Saff and Lawrence Voytek at an ArtSPEAK@FSW lecture on Saturday, April 30.

In conjunction with the spring exhibition, "Rauschenberg & Albers: Box vs. Square," both were on campus recording conversations for the official Robert Rauschenberg Foundation/Columbia University - Rauschenberg Oral History Project. Each discussed their extensive work and decades-long relationships with Rauschenberg.

Saff is an artist, art historian and educator who founded the Graphicstudio/Institute for Research in Art at the University of South Florida in Tampa in 1968, and collaborated with many of the most significant artists of the 20th century including Rauschenberg.

Voytek studied at the San Francisco Art Institute and received his degree in sculpture from RISD in 1982. After meeting



Donald Saff with Bob Rauschenberg

Robert Petersen at Edison College (now FSW), Voytek was introduced to and immediately hired by Bob Rauschenberg that same year to serve as sculpture fabricator and later director of production. Voytek was tasked with welding and

casting, but he was also in charge of research and development at the Captiva studio until the artist's death in 2008.

Learn more about future programming at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW by visiting [www.RauschenbergGallery.com](http://www.RauschenbergGallery.com). ■