

Rauschenberg And Albers Exhibit At Florida Southwestern State College



Robert Rauschenberg's art returns to Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) this spring with an exhibition that examines the student-teacher relationship and features pieces that Rauschenberg made following his permanent move to Captiva Island.

Rauschenberg & Albers: Box vs. Square opens February 26 to the public in the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW. An opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. will include performances by internationally-acclaimed electro-acoustic violist Martha Mooke and Rauschenberg's own band Sonic Combine.

"Our exhibit will be the first in-depth investigation anywhere of the student-teacher relationship between these two modern masters," said Jade Dellinger, gallery director.

Works related to Rauschenberg's *Cardboards* and *Cardbirds*, a collection of cardboard box sculptures he created after first moving to Captiva in 1970, will be the focus. Not only did these boxes symbolize the vessels carrying his life and art from



Josef Albers
courtesy Bob Rauschenberg Gallery



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New York City to Lee County, but they were also a nod to his former Black Mountain College teacher Josef Albers.

Albers, known for his *Homage to the Square* series, revolutionized the teaching of art with his research into color theory. He later wrote *Interaction of Color*, now used as the core textbook for FSW's Color Theory class and in most art schools. Two copies of Albers' portfolio/book will be on display and used for live demonstrations with FSW students. They will have unprecedented access to these items all semester.

Rauschenberg & Albers is sponsored in part by the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council of Arts and Culture and the State of Florida with additional support from Chico's International.

Events at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., closed on Sundays and holidays.

For more information, visit www.RauschenbergGallery.com or call 489-9313.✪