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Rauschenberg 40 exhibit runs now through Dec. 14 at FSW in Fort Myers.

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Florida SouthWestern State College is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery with a major solo exhibition of world renowned artist, longtime Lee County resident and gallery namesake, Bob Rauschenberg.

Four decades since the founding of the Gallery in 1979, this celebratory show "Rauschenberg 40" is drawn from several prominent local collections and includes a number of never previously exhibited original paintings from the Gluts, Urban Bourbon, Anagrams (A Pun) and Waterworks series.

Beginning chronologically with the portfolio edition of "XXXIV Drawings of Dante's Inferno" (1965) that was illustrated on his first extended visit to the Sunshine State's Gulf Coast, Rauschenberg often joked that he had "gone through Hell to move to Florida." Widely-acknowledged as one of the most important artists of the 20th Century, Rauschenberg is credited with pioneering the transition from European modernism to American pop art and has been the subject of recent

retrospectives at the Tate Modern in London, Museum of Modern Art in New York and the San Francisco MoMA. However, this is the first exhibition to exclusively survey works produced by the artist while living and working in Southwest Florida and to feature seldom or never-before-seen works that have remained in the community that he so proudly called home.

As Bob Rauschenberg often repeated and as this Rauschenberg 40: The Fortieth Anniversary of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW Exhibition makes evident: "Fort Myers is as small as your mind is. It can be just as large as the world is."

This exhibition opened Aug. 26 and runs through Dec. 14. Related lectures, performances and celebratory events will be announced throughout the duration of the show.

For additional information, call 239-489-9313 or visit www.RauschenbergGallery.com.