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## Rauschenberg Gallery Celebrates Iconic Installation Anniversary

In celebration of Bob Rauschenberg's enduring legacy and longtime commitment to both Florida SouthWestern State

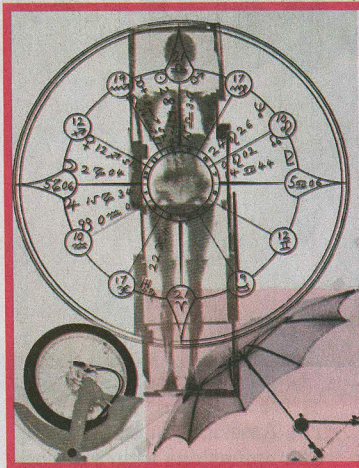
fine art edition ever produced on an offset/industrial billboard printing press by the Broadside Art organization (co-founded by Rauschenberg with graphic designer Milton Glaser and others), the artist provided a comprehensive visual account in this work of his personal and professional history just prior to making Captiva his permanent home.

Highlighting seminal events from his childhood in Port Arthur, Texas through his success in New York City, Bob Rauschenberg's Autobiography,

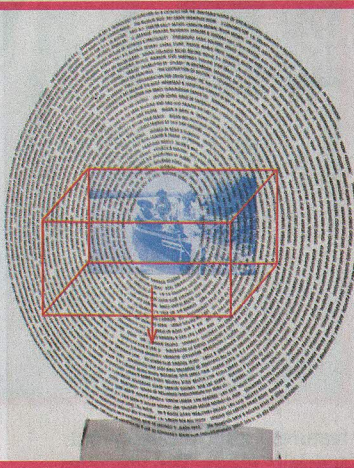
FGCU's Theatre Lab. Many scholars believe that 'The Tempest' is the last play Shakespeare wrote alone.

The production celebrates the bard's threadbare and well-worn love affair with the magical world of the stage.

FGCU theatre professor Barry Cavin directs this classic Shakespearean piece with a modern twist in honor of the 400th anniversary of the playwright's death. This production features 11 FGCU students playing over 20 characters. Performances are

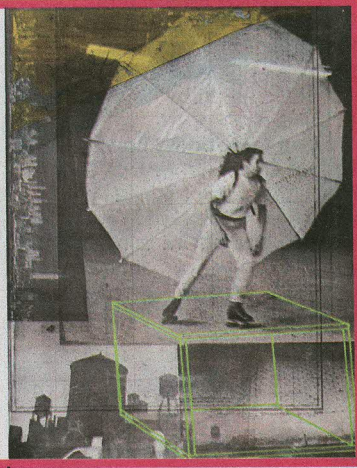


College (formerly Edison Community College) and broader Southwest Florida community, the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery at FSW is showcasing a year-long exhibition of the artist's iconic triptych, Autobiography (1968). Rauschenberg's monumental three-panel lithograph, Autobiography is installed in FSW's Humanities Hall (Building L) at the entry to the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery. The first



measuring more than 12-feet wide, features a chart of the artist's astrological sign, Libra; a full-body X-ray of his skeleton; a childhood snapshot of a family boating trip with his parents Dora and Ernest, and Manhattan skyline images taken from his Soho rooftop. The third panel alone has an overlay of a map of Rauschenberg's Texas Gulf Coast hometown and a dominant photograph of the youthful artist as choreographer and performer on roller skates in his 1963 production of the multi-media dance-work, 'Pelican.'

The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, located on the FSW campus at 8099 College Pkwy. SW in Fort Myers, is open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm and Saturday 11am-3 pm. Admission is free. For information, call 489-9313.



Bob Rauschenberg's Autobiography (1968) is on view outside the art gallery in Florida Southwestern State thru summer 2017.