

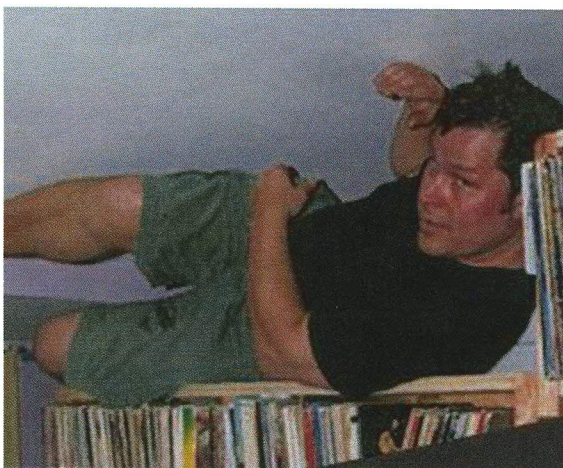
‘Dave Muller: Everything Sounds Good Right Now’ opens at Bob Rauschenberg Gallery February 20

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Florida SouthWestern State College is presenting a new immersive multi-media installation at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery from February 20 through May 2, 2015. Titled *Dave Muller: Everything Sounds Good Right Now*, the exhibition will consist of an enormous 225-foot-long wraparound site-specific hand-painted mural along with an artist-designed billboard project on U.S. Hwy. 41/Cleveland Avenue near Page-Field Airport.

Much like Yoko Ono’s Imagine Peace billboard last year, Muller’s billboard will serve as an original public artwork as well as a means for announcing the show. The mural will be composed dense green grasses, exotic flora, fungi, lush tropical vegetation and rock formations, that will serve as backdrop for framed drawings of LP ‘spines,’ album covers and an audio kiosk of compact discs containing almost 350,000 songs that represent the musical tastes of friends, family and the artist himself. Providing a soundtrack for the experience, the artist has sited six “listening stations” – organized chronologically by decade throughout the Gallery – to present a parallel timeline.

“Essentially, the history of ‘recorded popular music’ (beginning with Thomas Edison’s invention of the phonograph) becomes an audible representation of ‘culture’ in direct dialogue with the forest of plant-life (‘nature’) that transforms the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery and envelopes the room,” notes the Gallery in its press release announcing the exhibition.



Muller earned his B.A.S. at the University of California, Davis, and his M.F.A. from the California Institute of the Arts. His solo and two-person exhibitions include *iamthewalrus*, Blum and Poe, Los Angeles (2009); *I Like Your Music I Love Your Music*, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Castilla y León, Spain (2008); *As Below, So Above*, Institute of