

# CYNTHIA - REEVES

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### STEVEN SIEGEL EXHIBITION OF 35 PIECES

1315 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA

October 14 - November 25, 2017

Artist reception October 14, 5 - 7 pm

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Steven Siegel, *35 Pieces* (detail), mixed media, 35 panels each 24 x 24 inches

CYNTHIA-REEVES presents an exhibition of Steven Siegel's *35 Pieces*, a site-based installation of mixed media panels with an accompanying film of the same title. *35 Pieces* is informed by Siegel's contemplation on the nature and complexion of personal history--made more so by his inclusion of his wife, Alice, as the film's narrator. Located on the campus of MASS MoCA at 1315 MASS MoCA Way, the show opens with an artist's reception on Saturday, October 14 from 5 - 7 pm, and runs through November 25.

Siegel is an American artist best known for his large, site-specific public sculptures installed throughout the United States and Europe created from recycled materials such as newspapers, aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Each piece is conceived and built onsite, using indigenous materials and available labor so that it becomes integral to the surrounding landscape. While his art is not about the environment per se, Siegel's work does reference the environment and its perceived qualities and surroundings. For Siegel, his motivation is an endless fascination with interconnected bio-systems, both overt and invisible. "We are part of this amazing system, this universe that is so far beyond our comprehension. I never run out of inspiration; I feel like I'm plugged into something that's so big, I can just take as much as I want whenever I need it."

The latest works bring this universal lens down to the specific – installations that are meditations on his personal histories, and that of his family, but nonetheless rely on the detritus of day to day life as his inspiration. These materials have a presence, tactile quality, coloration, and relationship to the rhythms of his life. Their inclusion adds a personal archaeology, an emotional geology, to the work.

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Steven Siegel lives and works in the Hudson River Valley in New York state. His public art commissions and site-sculptures include: Blackfoot Pathways, Sculpture in the Wild in Lincoln, MT (2014), Neustadt A.D. Donau, Germany (2014), the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA (2009), Arte Sella, Italy (2009), and an installation in Meran, Italy, among other installations located worldwide. Siegel has exhibited extensively in such outdoor museums as Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ (2006); Wave Hill, Bronx, NY, (2004, 1998); Stone Quarry Hill Sculpture Park, Casenovia, NY, (1999); Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA (2008), and Motalvo Gallery, Saratoga, CA (2006), among others. After graduating from Hampshire College in 1976, Siegel received a Masters of Fine Arts from Pratt Institute in 1978. He is the recipient of numerous grants and awards including; the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundations grant in support of residency at Grounds for Sculpture (2006), the New York Foundation for the Arts, Ford Foundation, among others.

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Steven Siegel, *35 Pieces* (individual panels), mixed media, each 24 x 24 inches

CYNTHIA-REEVES is open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm and is located on the campus of MASS MoCA in the Berkshires. The sister gallery is located at 28 Main Street in Walpole, NH, which is also open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm. For more information, please call 413 398 5257 or visit the online gallery at [cynthia-reeves.com](http://cynthia-reeves.com).