

**ONE KIND OF BEHAVIOR**  
An outdoor installation by SHYU Ruey-Shiann  
May 1 to August 17, 2014



Beginning May 1, The Bronx Museum of the Arts will present Shyu Ruey-Shiann's kinetic installation *One Kind of Behavior* at its North Wing second-floor terrace. With dozens of same-sized steel buckets scattered on the floor, *One Kind of Behavior* will transform the spacious terrace into a vibrant, playful and intriguing landscape. It will be on view through August 17, 2014.

Upon entering the terrace, one's auditory perception is immediately stimulated by the sound of clashing metal. Random reverberation captures the space. Viewers are greeted by dozens of metal buckets, each undulating to its own unique rhythm. Shyu works with different material and media to explore themes related to our environment. The installation *One Kind of Behavior* is inspired by the quasi-mechanical movements of creatures like hermit crabs. The artist sees within the landscape of nature, languid movements of opening and closing of the hermit crab's shells, a stark contrast to contemporary society where things move at high speed. The fact that hermit crabs occupy shells discarded by other species is another source of interest to the artist, who sees in this special relationship a metaphor for our human condition. Contrasting man and animal behavior, *One Kind of Behavior* asks us to consider our environmental and the consequences of our actions on nature.

Shyu Ruey-Shiann was born in Taipei, Taiwan, in 1966, currently lives and works in New York and Taipei. Shyu is one of the pioneering artists in Taiwan's contemporary kinetic art movement. In the first ten years of his art education Shyu focused on academic western paintings and sculptures. In 1993, he began his studies at Aix-en-Provence Art College, in the south of France. His interest in man-made objects and mechanical movements in this period led the path to the exploration of non-traditional media and machine-oriented art. When he returned to Taiwan in 1997, endowed with hands-on knowledge of modern art and contemporary theory, kinetic art became the cornerstone of his creativity and the chosen language in expressing his visions on life, memory, and issues on social and political concerns.

Shyu has received many awards including the Taipei Award from Taipei Fine Arts Museum; the Creation Awards from Lee Chung Sheng Art Foundation; the YageoTech-Art Award from the Asian Cultural Council of New York; and the Public Art (Excellence) Award, Taiwan. Shyu's work has appeared in numerous museums and galleries worldwide, including National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung; Location One, New York; Stone Villa, Sydney; Kaohsiung Fine Arts Museum; Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei; Hong Kong Arts Center; Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Australia; Eslite Art Gallery, Taipei; Taipei Fine Arts Museum; Centre d'Art et de Plaisanteire, Montbéliard, France.

A documentary film "*Making Techno Art out of Rubbish—Shyu RueyShiann*" focuses on Shyu's art career, life and families, was made by director Huang Mingchuan and published by Taiwan Public Television in 2006.

More information on Shyu Ruey-Shiann can be found on his website, here:

<http://www.rueyshyu.com/>

#### About The Bronx Museum of the Arts

The Bronx Museum of the Arts is an internationally recognized cultural destination that presents innovative contemporary art exhibitions and education programs and is committed to promoting cross-cultural dialogues for diverse audiences. The Museum plays a vital role in the Bronx, making art accessible to the entire community through its universal free admission policy and connecting with local schools, artists, teens, and families through its robust education initiatives and public programs.

#### Events associated with the exhibition

##### **Opening Reception**

Sunday, May 4, 2 - 5pm

Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor North Wing Terrace

Free admission and bar (donations suggested)

1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10456

Museum Hours: Thurs 11am-8pm, Fri 11am-11pm, Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm

##### **1040 Lounge — Artist Talk with Shyu Ruey-Shiann**

Friday, July 18, 6:30 – 9:00pm

Location: North Wing Lobby

Free admission and bar (donations suggested)

Join us for a lively interview and Q&A with artist Shyu Ruey-shiann, whose exhibition *One Kind of Behavior* is currently on view through August 17 at the Bronx Museum. Presented by the Bronx Museum Community Advisory Council.

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