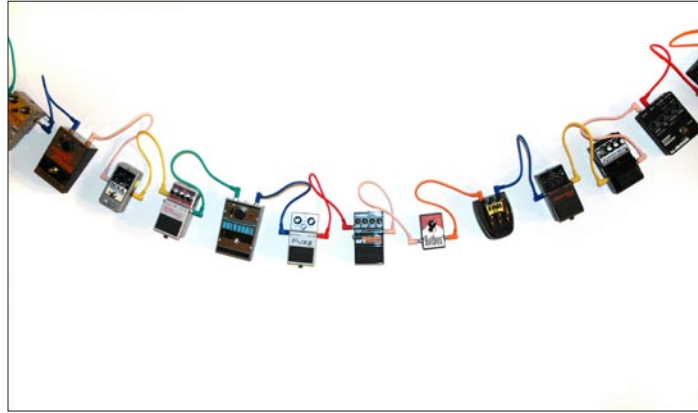


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ROBIN ROSE, ISOLATION, 2009, 50 EFFECTS PEDAL MANDALA, 102" DIAMETER

Robin Rose: Cypher, April 7 - May 17, 2009

Washington DC—The American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center presents *Robin Rose: Cypher*. The exhibition opens on April 7, with an Artist's Reception on April 23 from 6:00 - 9:00pm. The exhibition will remain on view through May 17, 2009.

Those who know Robin Rose's work might think he has lost his mind, or at least his way. Rose's concert of aggressively altered found object assemblages is so far from his signature abstraction that it appears to be the creation of a long suppressed alter ego. The exhibition at the American University Museum is bursting with cross references to suburban life, the stock market, modernism at its best and worst, and rock 'n' roll. A lot of it is just plain funny. A freshly minted art historian might decipher references to Marcel Duchamp or the Dada movement, but Rose's aberrant foray is no inside joke. The show does not play as a gadfly tongue-in-cheek exercise. There is not a trace of snarkiness. Looking at this exhibition, one is witnessing the materialization of the all-inclusive, gleefully nonlinear thinking of an artist. The show serves as an illustrated guide to how an artist thinks differently from the rest of us. The trick of this exhibition is to stretch the way we think enough to get a feeling for how Rose goes from the wild parameters of the American University Museum show to the superbly contained and disciplined execution of his well known encaustic on aluminum panel paintings at HEMPHILL.

Robin Rose's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and is included in the collections of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and The Phillips Collection, among other public and private collections.

Robin Rose: Cypher at the American University Museum is concurrent with *Robin Rose: Endeavor* at HEMPHILL, Washington DC.

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Museum Hours: Tuesday - Sunday, 11 AM to 4 PM and 1 hour before Katzen events

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