

**102 selected for *State of the Art* exhibition at Crystal Bridges
Museum of American Art
September 13, 2014 - January 19, 2015**

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[Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art](#) in Bentonville, Ark. recently announced the exhibition [State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now](#) featuring 102 artists from all over the country. Kansas City based artist, Miki Baird's work will be included in *State of the Art*, which debuts with an all day opening at Crystal Bridges on September 13. The show will be available to see through January 19, 2015.

Baird's August 2013 interview and studio visit with Crystal Bridges President Don Bacigalupi and Curator Chad Alligood was one of nearly 1,000 stops made by the curatorial team during a yearlong journey across the country. The result is a one-of-a-kind exhibition that draws from every region of the U.S., offering an unusually diverse and nuanced look at American art. The 102 artists selected range in age from 24 – 87, including 54 male and 48 female artists from across the country.



“The complexity of themes in the work mirrors the diversity and individuality of the makers. Each artist represents meaningful conversations happening in rural communities, small towns, and more densely populated urban centers all across the

country,” said Crystal Bridges assistant curator Chad Alligood. “The artists are responding to the same things we’re all responding to in our daily lives. We hope that this exhibition will inspire new ways to experience contemporary art and the evolving narratives that make up our cultural fabric.”

“The exhibition is a glimpse into the state of art in our nation at this moment,” said Crystal Bridges president Don Bacigalupi. “Presenting the exhibition at Crystal Bridges provides us an opportunity to see contemporary art in the broader historical context. By examining a wide range of works by artists from across the country, we can gain insight into our nation as a whole: our collective passions, challenges, and concerns.”

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