

**BILL BARRETT, SCULPTOR**



Bill Barrett, one of today's foremost sculptors, was born in Los Angeles, CA. He earned a BS and an MS in Design from the University of Michigan, and later an MFA from the same institution. Since the mid 1960s, Barrett has been exhibiting his unique metal

sculptures and abstract paintings in numerous solo and group exhibitions in such places as Switzerland, Germany, Bulgaria and Japan as well as in the United States.

Barrett's sculptures of fabricated aluminum, bronze, or steel address the interplay between positive and negative space with grace, elegance, and exquisite balance. His works call to mind the fluid effortlessness of calligraphic strokes and betray a positivism to which many viewers feel drawn. In spring 2011, Barrett's commemorative bronze sculpture *Lexeme IV* was installed in New York City's Finn Square. The work, which combines abstract and representational elements, has been celebrated for its graceful tribute to the tragic terrorist events of September 11, 2001.

Bill Barrett is represented in numerous private and public collections.

**ACTION ABSTRACTION  
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Displayed on Oklahoma State University's campus for a year, the exhibition *Action Abstraction: Bill Barrett* presents six monumental bronze sculptures. Bill Barrett sculptures are known for their lyrical graceful forms that exude an expansive sense of kinesis. Distinctly American in their directness and lightness, Barrett's works are balanced through their calligraphically gestural sensibility and an abstract feeling of fluid musicality. Organized by the OSU Museum of Art, the OSU Public Art Committee, and LewAllen Galleries, Santa Fe, New Mexico, this exhibition is the first of a series of exhibitions planned for the campus over the next few years.

**PLEASE JOIN US OCTOBER 18**

For an evening with Bill Barrett  
Artist talk at 4:00 p.m. in the Jorns Room,  
3rd Floor of the Atherton Hotel

Reception and exhibition of additional sculptures at 5:00 p.m.  
in The Atherton Piano Lounge.

Admission to the event is free with RSVP to Kelly Bradshaw:  
kebrads@okstate.edu or 405-744-2780. Students welcome.

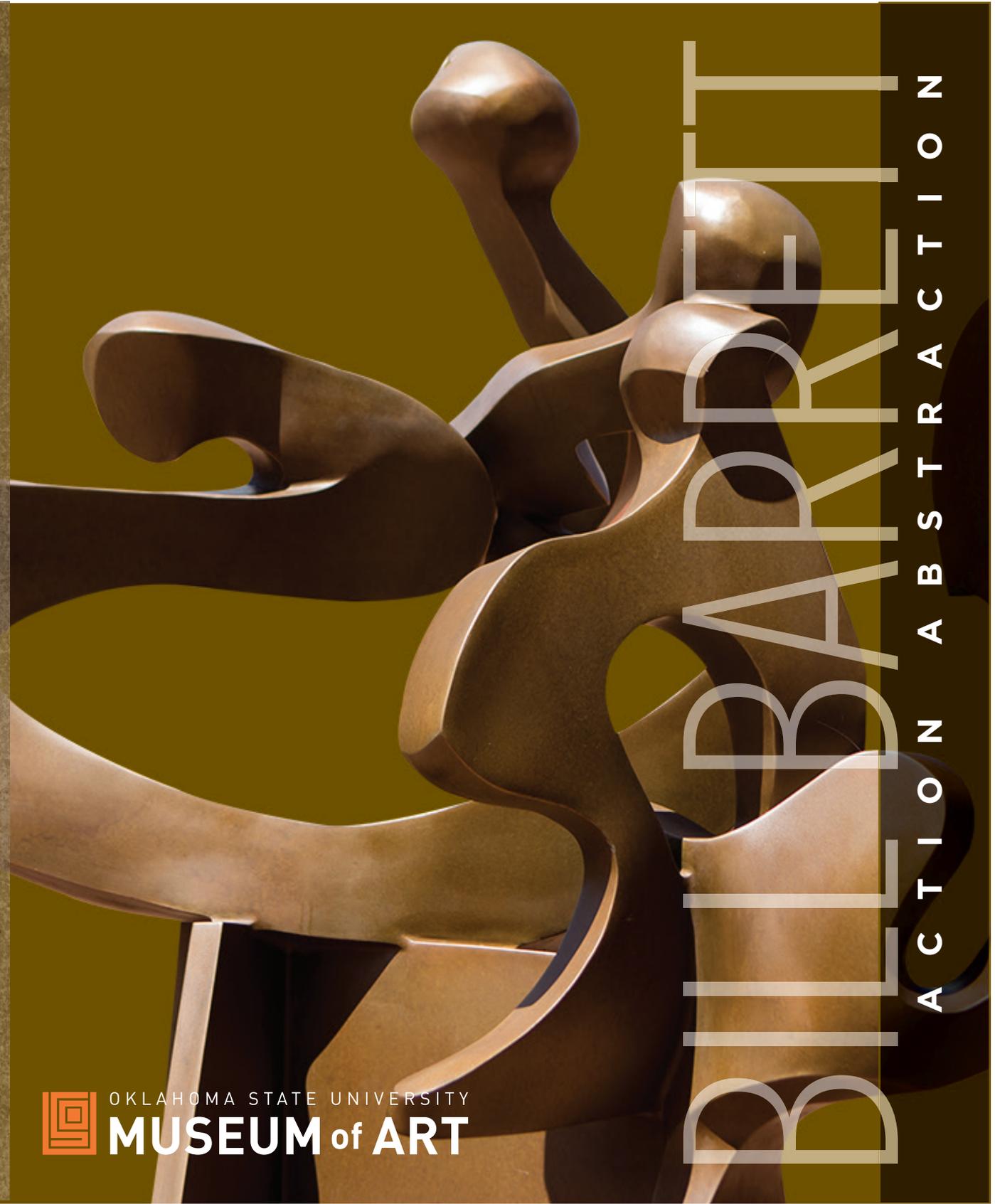


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1. *Lexicon*, 2007
2. *Sojourner*, 2013
3. *Aria (DNA 5)*, 2013
4. *Pinnacle XIX*, 2010
5. *Monarch*, 2017
6. *Bill's Comb*, 2003

