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## THE ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM PRESENTS THE SPECIAL EXHIBITION *RON MUECK AT THE ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM*

(Pittsburgh, PA)...November 19, 2007... *RON MUECK AT THE ANDY WARHOL MUSEUM.*

The Andy Warhol Museum presents a special exhibition of work by celebrated contemporary sculptor Ron Mueck, on view from December 13, 2007 through March 30, 2008.

The exhibition, *Ron Mueck at The Andy Warhol* will feature seven of the artist's realistic human sculptures including: *In Bed* (2005) a giant sculpture of a woman lying in bed; *A Girl* (2006), a vast sculpture of a newborn baby; *Wild Man* (2005), a nine-foot sculpture of a naked, bearded man; *Spooning Couple* (2005), a miniature sculpture of a couple lying together on a bed; *Man in a Boat* (2002) a naked man sitting in a life-size wooden rowing boat; Ron Mueck's self-portrait, *Mask II* (2001-2002); and *Mask III* (2005), a large portrait of a black woman.

"Mueck's work ranges between pop and high art. If the sculptures share anything—elderly, middle age, baby—it's the human condition," says Thomas Sokolowski, director of The Andy Warhol Museum.

Mueck was born in Melbourne, Australia, in 1958, to parents of German descent. He often made toys as a child and this hobby became his profession. He began his career in Australia as a puppet-maker, creating marionettes for children's television. In 1986 he moved to the USA and worked in the film industry before moving to London where he set up his own model-making business.

Mueck's fine art career began in 1996 when Paula Rego asked him to make a sculpture of Pinocchio as a model for a series of Disney-inspired paintings she was making for the exhibition *Spellbound: Art and Film* at the Hayward Gallery in London. The sculpture was exhibited alongside Rego's paintings and it caught the attention of Charles Saatchi who commissioned Mueck to make a group of works for his collection. One of these sculptures *Dead Dad* became the surprise star of the



Ron Mueck  
*Mask II*, 2001/2002 Mixed media  
30 3/8" x 46 1/2" x 33 1/2"  
Photo credit: Anthony d'Offay, London



Ron Mueck  
*In Bed*, 2005 Ron Mueck  
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## ***Ron Mueck***

now-legendary *Sensation!: Young British Artists from the Saatchi Collection* exhibition at the Royal Academy.

In 2000 the National Gallery in London invited Mueck to be their Associate Artist for two years. His subsequent exhibition toured to Sydney, Berlin and Haarlem in the Netherlands. His colossal *Boy* attracted awe and admiration at the Venice Biennale in 2001. Ron Mueck's exhibition at the Cartier Foundation in Paris in 2006 broke all records with an attendance of 110,000. Most recently he has had major exhibitions at the National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh (2006); the Brooklyn Museum in New York (2006); the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa (2007) and The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth (2007).

The Dream-like quality of many of his sculptures is enhanced by his mastery of his medium, combined with a profound knowledge of anatomy. He lives and works in London.

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Located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the place of Andy Warhol's birth, The Warhol is one of the most comprehensive single-artist museums in the world. The Andy Warhol Museum is one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. Additional information about The Warhol is available at [www.warhol.org](http://www.warhol.org).

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**Hours:** Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat and Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Fri, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Mon closed  
Special Holiday Hours – Christmas Eve and New Years Eve 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Admission:** Members – free  
Good Fridays 5-10 p.m., Half-price Museum admission  
Adults - \$12, \$15 effective Nov. 21; Sr. Citizens - \$9;  
Children/Students - \$8  
The Warhol Store/The Warhol Café – free