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**Arkansas Arts Center presents *The Miniature Worlds of Bruce Metcalf***  
**(LITTLE ROCK, AR)** –The Arkansas Arts Center presents the exhibition *The Miniature Worlds of Bruce Metcalf*, on view May 28 – August 22, 2010, in the Sam Strauss, Sr. Gallery.

This exhibition of Metcalf's work examines social, moral and political issues. Cast in silver or carved in wood, Metcalf's vulnerable protagonists act out issues on the stage of miniature worlds. Some of his pieces serve dual lives as wearable brooches, where the protagonists venture into the world and engage the unsuspecting viewer with their stories and distinctive visual language.

The exhibition features seventy pieces by Metcalf, dating from the 1970s to 2001, on loan from the collections of the artist, museums and private lenders across the country. Taking center stage are Metcalf's characters with their emotionally-distorted bodies that manifest inflicted pain from human nature's "dark side." Physically big-headed with atrophied limbs, all of Metcalf's figures are born from cartoon traditions. Cast in silver or

carved in wood, these characters with big brains are strangely credible as they ponder Metcalf's overarching theme - the human condition, nurturing the juncture of nature and culture and issues of dissent.

*The Miniature Worlds of Bruce Metcalf* is organized by: Palo Alto Art Center, Division of Arts and Sciences, City of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, California. This exhibition has been made possible through the support of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation; Rotasa Foundation, Windgate Charitable Foundation, the Arts Council Silicon Valley; and private contributions. Presenting Sponsors are Robyn and John Horn and the Windgate Foundation. Additional sponsors are Marion W. Fulk and Tenenbaum Recycling Group, LLC.

This exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, call 501-372-4000 or visit [www.arkarts.com](http://www.arkarts.com).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Contact:** 501-372-4000

**Location:** Arkansas Arts Center – 9<sup>th</sup> and Commerce, Little Rock, AR 72202

Free Admission.

**Gallery Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

Closed Monday & Major Holidays

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