

SETH CHWAST: MYTHIC WORKS

When Debra Chwast's son Seth was diagnosed with autism at the age of 21 months, his future seemed uncertain. Not willing to accept the limited options available to her son, Debra gave up her career as a therapist and devoted herself to helping Seth find a meaningful life.

At age 20, Seth took an art class at The Cleveland Museum of Art. Soon, his colorful, whimsical works began to attract the attention of the art world and the public alike; now, Seth's work is seen all over the globe. He has been featured on the *Today* show, was the subject of the documentary *A Different Kind of Life*, has appeared on NPR and PBS and has had solo exhibitions in Cleveland, New York City, Ukraine, the Galapagos Islands, Cayman Islands and Curaçao.

Cleveland audiences can experience the amazing color and scale of Seth's work when *Seth Chwast: Mythic Works*, opens March 17 at the Museum. Initially inspired by a roller coaster named "Griffon," *Mythic Works* is the result of three years spent creating hippocampus, dragons, chupacabra, mermaids and unicorns in paintings, drawings and sculptures. The exhibition comprises 50 works, including a 21-foot-long mural of seven individual panels featuring a fantastical scene of legendary creatures and landscapes.

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The exhibit will be on view in the Museum's Fawick Gallery. Don't miss the opportunity to view these works alongside *Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns and Mermaids*, open March 3 through July 1, 2012. For more information on both exhibits, visit www.cmnh.org. For more about Seth Chwast, go to www.sethchwast.com.