

# **ART OF THE DIVE PORTRAITS OF THE DEEP**

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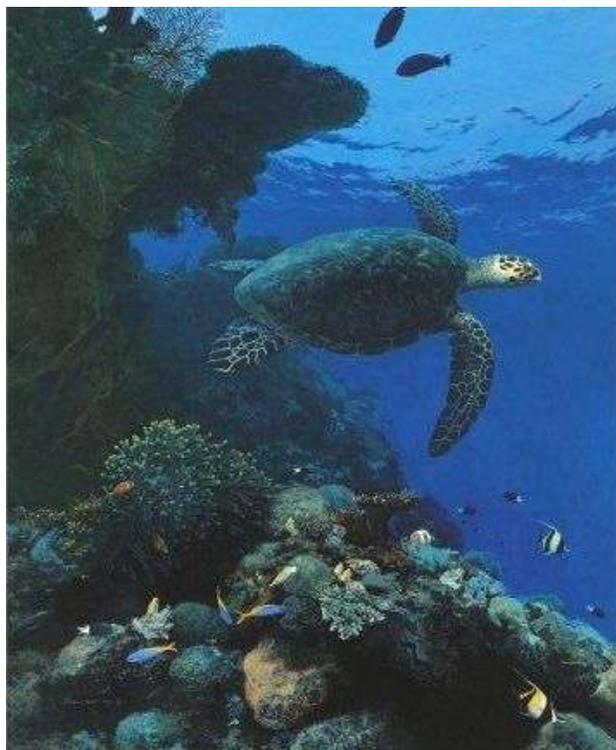
## **PREMIERE**

**IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum**

**October 1 - November 30, 2011**

**Dania Beach, FL**

**ART OF THE DIVE/PORTRAITS OF THE DEEP** is an exhibition that features work by leading artists worldwide who portray underwater life forms and habitat. Subjects range from sailfish, marlin, and other billed game fish; to striped bass, bluefish, tarpon, bonefish, snook, tuna, dolphin, sharks, and whales, as well as sea turtles, rays, and the countless array of other life ranging from corals to crustaceans, mammals, mollusks, and plants, that inhabit the salt-water world as well freshwater.



*Reef Sentinel*, Randall Scott  
2004, Acrylic, 36x30



*To The Wall*, Jean-Louis Courteau  
2008, Oil, 36x24

**ART OF THE DIVE/PORTRAITS OF THE DEEP** features original paintings and sculptures and photographs of outdoor murals by the world's leading sculptors and dive painters, beginning with New York painter, Stanley Meltzoff (1917-2006), who, as curator/author Dr. David J. Wagner explains in **AMERICAN WILDLIFE ART**, was given his art-of-the-dive start with a commission from National Geographic Society in the 1960's and who is now generally recognized as the progenitor of the genre. As such, Meltzoff has been the model if not the inspiration for a circle of painters who subsequently specialized in portraits of the deep. Included from among these in **ART OF THE DIVE** are: Al Barnes (of Fulton, TX); M.J. Brush (Mystic, CT; who painted



*Ray on the Ridge with Permit, Stanley Meltzoff  
2000, Oil, 24x48*

on the Northeast Underwater Research Technology and Education Center Alvin Submersible @ 1000 fathoms depth 500 nautical miles east of New England); Ian Coleman (Great Britain); Jean-Louis Courteau (Quebec, Canada), Guy Harvey (Cayman Islands, BWI); Don Ray (Vero Beach, FL); George Schelling (Laceyville, PA); Randall Scott (Palm City, FL); miniaturists Wes and Rachelle Siegrist (Townsend, TN); Mark Susinno (Harrisburg, PA); Fred Thomas (Shoreline, WA); Ronnie Williford (Georgetown, TX); and Wyland (of Laguna Beach, CA, and Oahu, Hawaii, known particularly for urban murals of whales). In the world of three dimensional art, exhibiting sculptors include: Charles Allmond (Wilmington, DE); Reneé Bemis (who grew up in Palm Beach, FL and now resides in Illinois); Eric Berg (Philadelphia, PA); John Kobald (Meeker, CO; professional fresh water fishing guide); Randy Puckett (of Salinas, CA; whose monument, *The Legacy*, welcomes guests to the Birch Aquarium of Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, CA); and the great Swedish-American sculptor, Kent Ullberg (now of Corpus Christi, whose monuments are installed along the waterfront of that city and locations world-wide).

### ITINERARY

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| <b>2011 PREMIERE:</b> Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, Dania Beach, FL | October 1 - November 30    |
| <b>2012 TOUR:</b> Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX      | January 14 - March 11      |
| The Wildlife Experience, Denver (Parker), CO                         | March 24 - July 15         |
| Pending: West Coast Venue  | August 1 - September 30    |
| Additional Venues Available  | October 15, 2012 and after |

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*Pennekamp, Don Ray*  
2007, Oil, 32x38



*Journey's End, Kent Ullberg*  
1992, Bronze, 41x30x33



*Meal Ticket*, Al Barnes  
2008, Oil, 30 x 40



*Blue Runner*, Guy Harvey  
2007, Acrylic, 39½ x 49½