

# PAUL KASMIN GALLERY

Will Ryman  
25 March – 21 April, 2013  
Flatiron Plaza, New York  
NYC Department of Transportation's Urban Art Program and  
The Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership



Paul Kasmin Gallery is pleased to announce **Will Ryman, *Bird*** on view at the **Flatiron Plaza** located at Broadway and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, **25 March – 21 April, 2013**, presented by the **New York City Department of Transportation's Urban Art Program and the Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership**.

*Bird* (2012), is a 12-foot high, 12-foot wide, and 14-foot long sculpture, made with fifty-five hundred actual and fabricated nails in the shape of a bird. The work weighs five tons, and rests upon a nest of ninety thousand nails. Through this sculpture, Ryman changes the meaning of the nail, which is traditionally used to connect materials and build structures. By dramatically altering its scale and using it in excessive quantities, Ryman blurs the relationship between abstraction and realism. As the viewer rotates around the sculpture, *Bird* transitions from the shape of a bird to a nonrepresentational sculpture.

*Bird* was previously exhibited in Ryman's inaugural exhibition at Paul Kasmin Gallery, *Will Ryman: Anyone and No One*, 16 February – 24 March 2012.

Ryman's second exhibition, ***America***, at **Paul Kasmin Gallery's 515 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street** location will be on view **28 February – 30 March, 2013**.

NYC Department of Transportation's Urban Art Program Launched in October 2008, DOT's Urban Art Program invigorates the City's streetscapes with engaging temporary art installations. The Program partners with community-based organizations and artists to present murals, sculptures, projections, and performances for up to 11 months on plazas, fences, barriers, bridges, and sidewalks. Projects are presented within three program tracks: pARTners, Barrier Beautification, and Arterventions. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/urbanart](http://www.nyc.gov/urbanart).

The Flatiron 23rd Street Partnership Business Improvement District, formed in 2006, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the area's reputation as one of New York's most vital and exciting neighborhoods. For more information, visit [www.discoverflatiron.org](http://www.discoverflatiron.org).

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Image: Will Ryman, *Bird*, 2012, actual and fabricated steel nails, 144 x 144 x 168 inches, edition of 3. Private Collection. Courtesy of the Artist and Paul Kasmin Gallery