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LOCAL ARTISTS ROBOT SCULPTURE COMES ALIVE AT GALLERY 135!

David N. DeMattia will be debuting his newest work, Robobird II, Saturday, March 15th 10 am to 4 pm at Gallery 135 in St.Croix Falls. Wine and cheese reception from 4-5 pm. Presentation, performance and Q &A from 5-6 pm.

Robobird II is a robot “animatronic” character which combines elements of David’s expertise in sculpture, theatre and engineering. Robobird II got his initial start as quick pencil sketches drawn on the back of a napkin and over the course of one year morphed into a 2’ tall, free form sculpture that creatively combines aluminum, copper mesh, motors, wires, ping pong ball eyes, a vise grip tail and of course, a sassy yet engaging personality.

David will have Robobird II perform a very entertaining 3.5 minute song and dance routine accompanied by his lovely and equally talented robot backup singers, Peep 1 and Peep 2. This animatronics show synchronizes a prerecorded soundtrack to the lifelike movements of the robot trio. It’ll make your head bob and your toes tap! The show choreography took about 6 hours per one minute of actual runtime to program.

DeMattia’s unique style has been heavily influenced by his childhood in Southern California where he was immersed in a culture of Movies, TV and Disneyland. His journey has taken him through hands on experience in art, theater and engineering. So far, he sees virtually no distinction between the arts & science and instead sees them as a compliment to each other. This new work, which took over a year to build, combines his skills as an artist, engineer and performer.

The Robobird II exhibit along with a cross section of David’s past sculpture & animatronics will be on display the entire day of March 15th starting at 10:00 am.

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Where

Gallery 135 in Franklin Square Mall, Downtown St.Croix Falls
125 S. Washington
St. Croix Falls, WI. 54024
(715) 483-3135

When

March 15th, 2008

10:00 to 4:00	Artwork on display to the public
4:00 to 5:00	Wine & Cheese Reception – Visit with David and the Gallery
5:00 to 6:00	Presentation, Performance & Q&A