## The Suncoast Art Tour



March 9th and 10th

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oming March 9th and 10th is an ambitious art show featuring more than 1,000 pieces of art by 17 local Sarasota artists. This unique, self-guided tour, allows the public into the artist's studios, where you can meet and speak with the artists, and see firsthand how their art is created.

Event headliners include international photographer and artist Giovanni Lunardi; legacy painter Joseph Melancon; international multi-media painter Andrea Dasha Reich; ceramic and metal sculptor Adam Todd; and artist printmaker Nancy Turner.

The Ringling College of Art + Design will host a gallery exhibit of 12 more artists in the Student Center exhibition area. The artists on display include painters Bob Brown, Elena de la Ville and Kris Parins; collage artist Sally Sloan; construction artist and painter Jo Prioetti; fiber artist Gloria Hall Cropper; jewelry designer Renee J. Davis; pliquea-jour artist Phil Karp; glass artist Liana Martin; assemblage artist Barbara F. Page; and fabric artist and designer Linda Tilson. Artists will conduct demonstrations on both days at the Gallery Exhibit.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and can be purchased on the Society's website www. FineArtsSarasota.com or at the Van Wezel Box Office, Manatee, Venice & Sarasota Art Centers, Dabbert Gallery, Davidson Drugstores, Galleria Silecchia, State of the Arts Gallery and Artists on the Court...

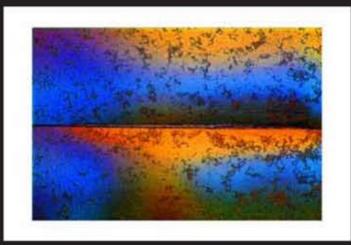
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## Spotlight: Giovanni Lunardi

Since 1946 the lens of Giovanni Lunardi has graced the cover of more than 4,500 magazines around the world. Giovanni has photographed many of the world's most beautiful women. captured striking landscapes and framed unique commercial shots. Born and raised in Parma, Italy, Giovanni Lunardi now calls Sarasota, Florida his home.



What many don't know is in 1979 Giovanni launched into the world of art, creating a line of 3 dimensional artwork. Giovanni Lunardi's 3D artwork fuses his striking images with fascinating objects, resulting in captivating pieces. From Europe to Miami to New York his work has graced many an art show and entertained art lovers.



Recently debuting his new lines, Explosion, Lips Fascination and Abstract, at Art Palm Beach 2012 visitors of the upcoming Suncoast Art Show will be the first to take in his fresh approach to art locally. Beyond engaging Giovanni Lunardi and viewing his photography and art, you can book a session or go home with any of the pieces on display, signed by The Master.







Giovanni with his artwork at the Art Palm Beach 2012 show



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