

Press Release

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Arthur Ross Gallery, University of Pennsylvania

## Acclaimed Brazilian Artist HENRIQUE OLIVEIRA at University of Pennsylvania's Arthur Ross Gallery

October 31, 2014 – January 15, 2015

The Arthur Ross Gallery at the University of Pennsylvania presents *Henrique Oliveira: Adenocarcinoma Poliresidual*, a site-specific installation. Curated by ARG Associate Director Dejáy B. Duckett, the exhibition opens to the public on October 31, 2014.

For almost a decade, Oliveira (b.1973, Ourinhos Brazil) has been known for his cavernous, monumental constructions, which have taken over galleries and other public spaces in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Paris, Brisbane, Houston and other cities around the world.

This site-specific collaboration with the Arthur Ross Gallery marks the first time Oliveira's work has been shown in Philadelphia. The sculpture is a three dimensional interpretation of a photograph, transforming the image into a large-scale mixed media object. The exhibition title is a play on the word "adenocarcinoma" a type of cancerous tumor, and "calcination" referring to the burning of the materials used in the sculpture. "Poli" refers to the variety of materials used—many of which were found in the trash. Oliveira states:

"Various types of materials were used as coating, creating a kind of "skin" - metal sheets, plastic, asphalt, fiberglass, foam, etc. Mostly from synthetic origin, these components aim to establish a correspondence between one of the most common disorders in the human body (cancer) and the environmental aggression made by humankind"

The exhibition *Adenocarcinoma Poliresidual* continues at the Arthur Ross Gallery through January 15, 2015.

Related Programming:

**Thursday, October 30, 2014, 4:00 PM Artist Talk: Henrique Oliveira**

Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 12:00 PM

**12@12**

A Tasty Art Nugget in 12 minutes Flat!

Join Dejáy Duckett for "The Art of Love and Death"

Light refreshments

**Monday, December 1, 2014, 6:00 PM**

In recognition of a Day With(out) Art / World AIDS Day

ARG presents a screening of *Bumming Cigarettes*, a short film by Philadelphia filmmaker tiona.m.

**Student docent tours are available Saturdays at 1:00 PM.**

The Gallery is located at **220 South 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia** (located in the Fisher Fine Arts Library Building), and is **free and open to the public**.

**HOURS:** Weekdays 10:00am – 5:00pm; Weekends 12:00pm – 5:00pm. Closed Mondays.

Visit us on Facebook and Twitter. To reserve a group tour please contact us at

[arg@pobox.upenn.edu](mailto:arg@pobox.upenn.edu) or 215-898-3617.

Additional information is available at **ArthurRossGallery.org**  
or **215-898-2083**.



Henrique Oliveira – work in progress