

DAVID BATES

FAMILY GUIDE



MEET DAVID BATES.

He lives and works in **Dallas, Texas**. He creates **sculptures** and **paintings** that take the form of a portrait, still-life or landscape.



PORTRAIT



David Bates, *Self-Portrait with Sculpture I*, 2010. Mixed media on paper, 41 x 26 inches, Private Collection. © 2013 Fondazione Lucio Fontana, Milan/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York

A portrait is a work of art that captures the likeness of a person. Can you find an example of a **portrait** in the exhibition?

If you have a camera with you take a **portrait** of the person you came with. Try different points of view. Get close, then further away, have the person make silly faces or tell them to pose with a prop.

Look for examples of portraits in the Nasher collection (in the Garden and Gallery I) to see how other artists create **portraits**.

WHO MIGHT THESE PORTRAITS REPRESENT?



(Left) George Segal, *Rush Hour*, 1983 (cast 1985-86) Bronze, 73 x 74 x 67 in., (Center) Pablo Picasso, *Head of a Woman (Tête de femme)*, 1958 Gravel and concrete, 120 1/8 x 43 1/4 x 55 7/8 in., (Right) Willem de Kooning, *Seated Woman*, 1969 (cast 1980) Bronze, 113 x 147 x 94 in.

STILL-LIFE



A still-life is a collection of objects that have been arranged by the artist. Can you find an example of a **still-life** in the exhibition? What objects do you recognize?

Try this at home: Place interesting items in a group and make a sketch.

David Bates, *Still Life – Winter*, 2010-11
Oil on panel, 80 x 48 inches, Private Collection

CAN YOU FIND THE WORKS OF ART THAT CONTAIN THESE ITEMS?



sunflower



leaf



magnolia



iris



limes



daffodil

LANDSCAPE



Landscapes often document nature or the world outside.

David Bates enjoys traveling to the Gulf Coast and often shows this region in his paintings.

What is the **landscape** like in your neighborhood?
Are there tall trees, rolling hills, a creek or large buildings?

What places inspire you?