

# Michael Alfano, Sculptor

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The Pomona Cultural Center's Winter 2012 Art Exhibition, "Faces and Figures: Paintings by Andy Golub and Sculpture by Michael Alfano," features the work of two lifelong friends, and runs from Feb. 5 to March 18, 2012. For the opening reception, Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m., the Center's Director, Tjokorda Gde Arsa Artha, has arranged a live performance by Lisa Karrer and David Simmons, "Schismism: Natural Law," an acclaimed multimedia celebration of evolution and the life of Charles Darwin. The evening will also provide the opportunity to talk with Golub and Alfano about their work.

The painter and the sculptor met in college, where they spent long nights discussing art and philosophy, playing chess, and listening to Bob Dylan. Since those days, Golub has redefined the canvas, painting everything from automobiles to highway walls, and most famously, people. He is renowned for his live bodypainting in Times Square and other premier spots in the city, drawing thousands of onlookers and Twitter followers. "My medium is unique," said Golub. "When I paint on a model, we have an interaction that impacts the resulting work." Photos from the bodypainting sessions are among the highlights of the Pomona show.

Alfano has also stretched traditional treatments of the figure in his artwork. His sculptures extend the literal, adapting classic forms to convey philosophical concepts about humanity. In addition to creating surreal sculpture, Alfano is an accomplished realist, with portraits, monuments, and public art dotting the East Coast. The Pomona show will premiere "Cubed," Alfano's latest large sculpture, comprised of nine different skin-toned pieces that form a ten-times life-size face, or can be moved around to form abstract designs. On the title card for "Cubed" is a quotation adapted from the Sufi poet Hafiz: "Who keeps seducing the formless into form is always laughing..." Other provocative sayings accompany many of the sculptures, providing sublime insights and endless interpretation.

For more information about the show, including hours and directions, call 845-362-8062 or visit [pomonavillage.com](http://pomonavillage.com).