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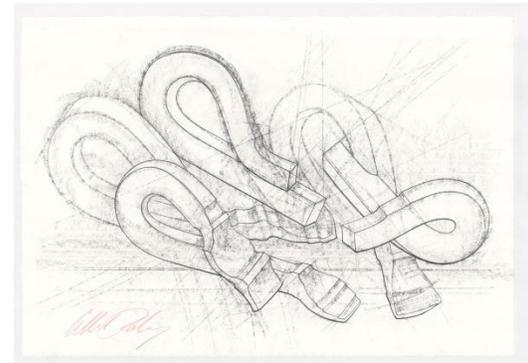
***Forged Sculpture of the Steneby Collection,
Featuring the work of Albert Paley
at the American Swedish Historical Museum
Opening March 11th, 2012 at 4pm
On view March 11th thru June 24th, 2012***



The American Swedish Historical Museum is pleased to present our spring exhibition, ***Forged Sculptures of the Steneby Collection***. Opening on Sunday, March 11th this exhibit features metal work by Swedish-American sculptor, Albert Paley. A native of Philadelphia and a graduate of Temple University's Tyler School of Art, Paley is a long-standing international leader in the metal/sculptor arena where he is recognized for developing blacksmithing into the context of public art and site-specific commissions. One of his large steel

creations, *Synergy* (1987), is located right here in Philadelphia at 18th and Spring Garden Streets.

This exciting exhibition opportunity is the result of collaboration between the Steneby School of Art and Design in Dals Långed, Sweden, the Röhsska Museum of Fashion, Design and Decorative Arts in Gothenburg, Sweden and the American Swedish Historical Museum. In the fall of 2011, Steneby invited Paley to be an artist-in-residence, working alongside students experimenting with the endless possibilities of forging metal. For two intense weeks of working, experimenting, teaching and toiling, Paley brought his blacksmithing tradition to a whole new level. The result is 12 stunning sculptures, each one different in size, shape, form, and texture, and yet they are united by their material and by the vision and talent of their manipulator.



Please join us as we unveil these remarkable works, along with a presentation by the artist himself. The opening on March 11th begins at 4pm and will include refreshments. Free with museum admission. Visit our website americanswedish.org or call (215) 389-1776 for more information.

The American Swedish Historical Museum is located in scenic FDR Park at 1900 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia near the Sports Complex. Plenty of free parking is available. For those taking public transportation, the Broad Street Subway's AT&T/Pattison Avenue stop is within walking distance or SEPTA's Route 17 (Naval Base) can bring you right to the Museum.

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