

Sun May 19, 2013, 1 pm

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Yogi Berra Museum

On the campus of Montclair State University
8 Yogi Berra Drive - Little Falls, NJ 07424

Background information:

<http://www.birrerart.com>

<http://www.yogiberramuseum.org>

A one-of-a-kind, life-sized, solid-wood, hand-carved and painted statue of Jackie Robinson will be on public display at the Yogi Berra Museum, Sunday, May 19, 2013, on the campus of Montclair State University in Little Falls, NJ.

Sculptor Brian Birrer will be on hand and will speak at 1pm about the Robinson statue, his art technique and his various experiences showing these unique, hand crafted statues in some of the most famous sports venues in the country.

The statue, weighing over 250 lbs and standing 6' above the base is lifelike in all details. It took over 900 hours of painstaking labor for sculptor Brian Birrer to transform over 50 pieces of Walnut, Pine and Basswood into a figure so realistic that many stand only inches from it without realizing that the clothing, shoes, hat, etc. is made entirely of wood!

The sculptor of the statue, Brian Birrer, is an accountant & computer programmer by trade and education and is a completely self-taught artist who works in acrylics on canvas in addition to his wooden sculptures. He has been carving life-sized statues for over 20 years. Some of his past works include statues of Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio. He has displayed his works at such venues as Yankee Stadium, Citizens Bank Park, Nationals Park, Turner Field, Hofstra University, Nabisco Galleries and the Gaylord National Hotel & Resort in Washington, DC.



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