

Box Gallery to exhibit "Blank Slate" show

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All of the figures depicted in Domenic Esposito's "Blank Slate" series are hooded, with faces either totally or partially hidden from view. COURTESY PHOTO

Domenic Esposito will be showing his new series of artwork titled "Blank Slate," along with select pieces of his signature work addressing the opioid crisis at the Box Gallery in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Esposito's new series titled "Blank Slate" represents the artist's reflections upon current times and the era of fear, depression and loneliness experienced in the "new normal." The work explores the isolation of those living with mental illness and those suffering from substance abuse whose challenges have been exacerbated and laid bare.

All the figures depicted in "Blank Slate" are hooded — their faces are either totally or partially

hidden from view. Many pieces contrast bronze patinas with painted backgrounds illuminating the hooded figures' hidden, inner world, alluding to the wearer's identity. Through the combination of two and three-dimensional media, the artworks push the hooded subject into our visceral space creating conflict between the figure's desire to be hidden and the viewer's own incompatible impulses to ignore, expose and understand.

The "Blank Slate" exhibition will open with a reception on March 6 and continue through March 29. Box Gallery is at 811 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach.