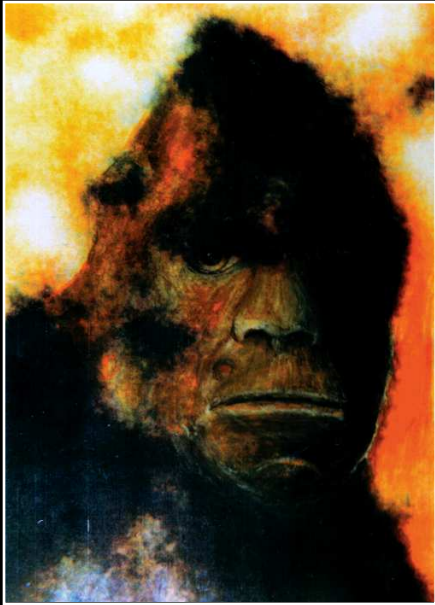


Tube Factory Artspace, Indianapolis, Indiana

After six exhibits at public museums on the West Coast, Murphy's bigfoot/sasquatch exhibit will now be featured at Tube Factory Artspace, Indianapolis, Indiana (part of the the Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art). We are delighted that the exhibit will be available for bigfoot enthusiasts in mid/East USA, especially the great folks in Ohio, which ranks 5th in the number of reported bigfoot incidents in the USA. This year is particularly appropriate being the 50th Anniversary of the Patterson/Gimlin film. The following is the official announcement of the event.



Since 1721, newspapers in the United States have shared reports of sightings and interactions with beings we call Bigfoot. In Indiana, these sightings have been reported from as close to Indianapolis as the Morgan Monroe State Forest and continue to occur today. The Hairy Man, a historical cryptozoology exhibit curated by author and Sasquatch expert Christopher Murphy, will open Feb. 3, 2017 from 6-10 p.m., at Tube Factory Artspace, (1125 Cruft St). The exhibit will run through April 15 and admission is free.

The Hairy Man, features artifacts, stories and evidence of Bigfoot's existence with a focus on the creature as a part of cultural conversations through the centuries. This includes an emphasis on the indigenous people of North America. Murphy, who is regarded as one of the top researchers in Bigfoot history, originally assembled this collection that contains a 400 pound 9 feet tall iron human skeleton, a model of a Bigfoot skull, footprint casts and more; much was originally exhibited at the Museum of Vancouver, British Columbia in 2004/5. The exhibit has since traveled all over the west coast.

The Hairy Man explores the facets of what Murphy describes as a cultural phenomenon on the fringes of science. Some people believe Sasquatch to be mythical, while others see this as an elusive hominid relative of humans and other higher primates. Either way, people have a lengthy history of creating and sharing Sasquatch lore. The exhibit addresses ancient legends from North America and Asia (where it is known as Yeti or the abominable snowman) as well as recent evidence and sightings.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Discovery Channel expert and Bigfoot author, Dr. Jeffery Meldrum of Idaho State University will give a talk, answer questions and sign books Feb. 25, 4 p.m. at Tube Factory. Dr. Meldrum contributed recently gathered field evidence including special foot and hand casts to the Hairy Man exhibit. Meldrum authored *Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science*, the first book to be written by an academic and provides an objective look at the field. Admission is \$5. Tickets to the Meldrum talk can be purchased via Eventbrite at <https://meldrum.eventbrite.com>.

Big Car is excited to be part of bringing this exploration and related conversations to Indianapolis. Tube Factory is about people and place, said Big Car CEO Jim Walker. And the human activity of exploring and examining the mysteries of life are a vital part of our culture" in the past and today.

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Indianapolis, Indiana, Sasquatch Exhibit Photos



