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Dave Cole

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American Flag (Lead), 2012.

A Singer sewing machine is connected to a computer searching the Internet for

instructions on how to work the machine itself. A full-size tractor is transformed into a musical instrument playing a heavy and metallic version of *The Star-Spangled Banner*. An American flag is made of lead sheet and hand-sewn with steel cables. There is no end to Cole's inventiveness, nor to the metaphoric charge of his work. This exhibition is like a Steinbeck novel come to life, showing all the hardship of memory and history alongside their beauty and potential.



Dave Cole, *The Music Box*, 2012, Caterpillar CS-553 Vibratory Roller-Compactor with cherry wood, spring steel and United States National Anthem (arranged for steamroller), 11 x 19 x 8 feet