

Jeff Hall

Born in 1956, Jeff was raised in the country outside of Detroit, where his stepfather taught him woodworking. He further learned precision craftsman skills in the industrial shops of the motor city. As a self-taught airbrush artist, Jeff worked his way through art college in Baltimore, painting his visions on the curved metal of show cars and motorcycles. While in college, he was recognized for his craftsmanship and was awarded a scholarship to become a craft major.

Metal, wood, and clay were a familiar way for him to express his sculptural ideas. Jeff put a good collection of sculptural furniture together and showed extensively. "When I would do sculptural furniture, I would build a model out of clay first. I started to enjoy the freedom of working in clay and took on commissions sculpting architectural ornament. These skills would serve him well as he worked for eleven years beside Frederick Hart, one of today's premier figure sculptors, until Hart's passing in 1999. Hart was best known for the "Three soldiers" at the Vietnam memorial and the seven-figure "Creation" sculpture on the National Cathedral. Mr. Hart once wrote of Jeff's sculpture: "Whose quality of work rivals any in history." They often talked about the decline of classical figure sculpture, the deterioration of beauty in art, and the unseen craftsmanship. These conversations influenced the development of Jeff's architectural brick figure series. As Hart's assistant, Jeff helped to complete many larger than life-size figurative monuments and Mr. Hart's reverse Lucite pieces. After Hart's passing, Jeff continued to realize Mr. Hart's work until 2007, working for the Hart estate.

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Education and Experience

Jeff received his BFA, Cum Lauda, in 1984 from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, Maryland. He received the James L. Young memorial prize, award for excellence, and a merit scholarship for outstanding achievement. Hall has received numerous museum sculpture awards. His ceramic sculpture has been shown internationally and his architectural sculpture adorns government buildings, churches and estates in and around the Washington D.C. area, as well as on the East Coast. These installations also include two commissions for the US Capitol Building, the Marine Corp Administration Building, the Turkish Embassy, and the Washington National Cathedral in Washington D.C.

Artist Statement

"I enjoy using the figure to examine greater things than ourselves. My interest in time is evident in most all of my own work. It is a deep and inexhaustible wealth of ideas relating to the earth, the universe and the cultures of man. I focus on monumental and god-like figures that are not bound by the laws of physics, eliminate gravity and anything is possible.

A strong pose represents humanity at its best. While the human body itself is beautiful, the mind affects body language, and the beauty and inner strengths can be realized. The figure is more than just a body in motion, it is also a mind at work. I generally don't concern myself with scale relationships within a sculptural piece. In that respect, the image becomes a little surreal.

Combining bronze and lucite takes a great deal of experience with mold making, shrink rates of materials and precision joining of organic shapes. I really enjoy these engineering challenges; this knowledge allows me the confidence to know that if I can dream it, then I can make it. Having experience with a wide variety of materials allows me to create with purpose."

Exhibits

Topeo South, North Main St., New Hope, PA
The Cooley Gallery, S. King St. Leesburg, VA
Sarah Jessica Fine Arts, Provincetown, Newport, Cape Cod
DVVS, West 19th St, New York, NY
Lazar's Art Gallery, Woodlawn Ave, NW. Canton, OH
One, South 3rd St, Geneva, IL
SOTA: Spirt of the Artist, Pine St, Philadelphia, PA
Lavender Hollow, N East St, Frederick, MD
Galerie DuVal, Duval St, Key West, FL
Gallery West, 12th St, Bellingham, WA
Hanson Galleries, Uptown Park Blvd, Houston, TX
Outrageous Gallery, East Main St, Scottsdale, AZ
Panache Distinctive Art, Ogunquite, ME
Douglas Albert Gallery, McAllister Alley, State College, PA
Ki'i Gallery at The Shops at Wailea, Wailea Ala Nui, Wailea, HI
Elinoff Gallery, Colorado Ave, Telluride, CO
Turning Point Gallery, West State St, Media, PA
Athena, West Main St, Grass Valley, CA
Spring Green Cottage, Gentry, Spring, TX
The Mole Hole Gallery, Bell Tower Shops, S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, FL
Don Muller Gallery, Main St, Northampton, MA