

Artist Statement

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We walk through our day, passing beautiful things without notice. Beauty is in all things; with the right light and arrangement, that beauty can be brought into focus. A sense of wonderment and awe can be formed, turning the otherwise overlooked into a mesmerizing experience.

I make recognizable objects from recognizable materials. Each object is a simplified suggestion of tangible forms of reality. The objects are archetypal and imply a tactile human involvement. Vessels, furniture, and architectural components are constructed with a rudimentary design and an elevated sense of material. There is a tension in my work between the accessible and the inaccessible. This tension allows the simple objects I make to carry greater importance, and perhaps, to reference something beyond their beauty and existence in space. The work transfigures so as to elevate or idealize the objects and their references. The objects become portals and daydreams.