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PROGRESS REPORT

Inside Front Cover

# This pdf is NOT FOR COLOR

- The red dots mark photos or drawings that are missing or need attention. Right now there are 19 missing drawings.
- 2 spreads should be eliminated
- Any additional spreads need to be deleted in multiples of 2.

## TIME ESTIMATE as of Sept 20th

- 250 hours (6 weeks) of photoshop work.
- 100 hours (2 weeks) find missing photos or replacements.
  Time is really unknown.
- 40 hrs+... (1 week) Check and adjust layout... Prepare for printing...
- 2-3 weeks... Find and communicate with printer....
- Resize if needed....

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- October 1st
- 29 of 63 spreads are mostly resolved. Approx 45%

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Artist · Sculptor

Collected works in Clay, Bronze, and Plaster
With words by the Author

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# Introduction

# by the Author

... There is a commonality of thread that binds each of the creative art forms together... it does not matter if you are describing a violin sonata, an oil painting on canvas, a ceramic vase, an iconic architectural construction, or any of the myriad of other means of imaginative design...the abstract thoughts are always the same... we speak of proportion, rhythm, color, form, empty spaces, perspective, energy, etc...

... It is only when we talk of a specific method of creation in the fine arts do the greater differences become apparent... it is true that most types of art processes start with an imaginative construct or inspiration that is enhanced with notes, photographs, sketches, but when the seminal process is secured the devil becomes the details... and few of these processes are more detailed than Sculpture...

... Strictly speaking Sculpture is the making of any two or three dimensional works of representational or abstract forms, especially by the carving of wood or stone, or the casting of resin, metal, or plaster... each sculptor has developed protocols on how they perform their task... my work is predominantly figurative, whose final product is intended to be cast in traditional bronze...

... Once I have a good idea in mind that has achieved close to final form I make a small clay model or maquette... this model is usually realized at about one foot in height...now that I can see my maquette in three dimensional form I walk around it to determine if there are alterations that will enhance the vision of the piece from any angle... including how high or low it will sit above your line of sight... in most cases I make a go or no go decision on the project at this point... some images are only viable from one point of view... if this point of view is susceptible to being constructed as a bas relief I will sculpt the forms and attach them to a flat background of the same material...

... In either case if the result is satisfactory I then proceed to the next step...that is to determine the sizes and products that I will be considering... there are two aspects to sizing...the first deals with the size that will be constructed for the maquette and the second is the size that may be considered for the final range of products... typically my maquettes are constructed of plasticine (an oil based clay), and the finished products will be either plaster casts, bronze metal alloy casts, or both... most of my models range between 16 inches and four feet tall...these scales allow for finished bronze metal alloy products in the range of desktop to heroic scale (about ten feet tall)...

... And now I set aside the finery of my consideration of the arts and become an engineer... plasticine is a wonderful material for shaping at the finest level of detail... it can be altered over and over again without any loss of quality... the problem has to do with its strength... it is so malleable that it can barely hold itself up... to this end there first needs to be constructed either an interior or exterior skeleton or both, an armature...

... These frames include steel wires, mesh, pipes and shaped pieces of metal, old Erector sets, nails, anything that will work... each sculptor has their own method of providing these elements of structural necessity... once this process is in place the piece has a mind of its own and can only proceed along a fixed track to its completion...

... And now the true work of the Sculptor begins... days of agonizing over the finest of detail...thirty small sets of hands left over... each one 3/4 of an inch long but not quite up to standard... we are punished by our own sense of perfection... and then the very last piece of exposed metal is covered and the piece emerges... although the work is only a distant mirror of its final form there is a strong impression given of its potential...

... The piece is then set on a wooden base, secured with metal attachments, and covered with fine linen... and in this state of being it may remain forever... the vast majority of most sculptors' work never advance beyond this stage... unless there is a wealthy patron or a prior contract... this is the great tristesse of being a sculptor... only rarely do you ever see the finished product... the piece is not cast in the bronze alloy which gives it the fire of life, nor is it covered with the patina that depicts its subtleties and gives it its uniqueness...

... This is unlike every other artist process... and, of course, the reason is economics... for the several hundred dollars necessary to create a maquette, a painter would have completed a finished canvas, a printmaker would complete a folio of etchings, a librettist, a finished score... but in order to see the finished patinated bronze tens of thousands of dollars must be invested... if in a typical lifetime a sculptor turns out one hundred and fifty finished clay models it would require millions of dollars to see these works finished...

... It is also axiomatic that with the passage of time we feel more acutely to obtain a solution to this problem of incompleteness... in the past the only remedies were to either seek sponsorship or to apply a metallic veneer to a plaster maquette... the former was few and far between and the latter was a poor substitute for a finished work...

... I was in a similar situation several years ago when it was brought to my attention that technology may provide a resolution... I am a techno novice so the process that was elucidated was in the most part unrecognizable... through the use of advanced imaging it is possible to scan the three dimensional surface of a model and to create a digital replication of great accuracy... this image can then be manipulated, colored, metalized, and proportioned, creating a lasting photographic image or video stream which is indistinguishable in any regard... the clay becomes bronze... after a dozen or so of these images were produced I felt as if I had discovered the holy grail of the sculptor's impasse... my own work came to life before my eyes... pieces about which I had mixed feelings were presented in new and stunning form... I could adjust mood with patina changes, I could visit the bronze from every possible angle and scale...

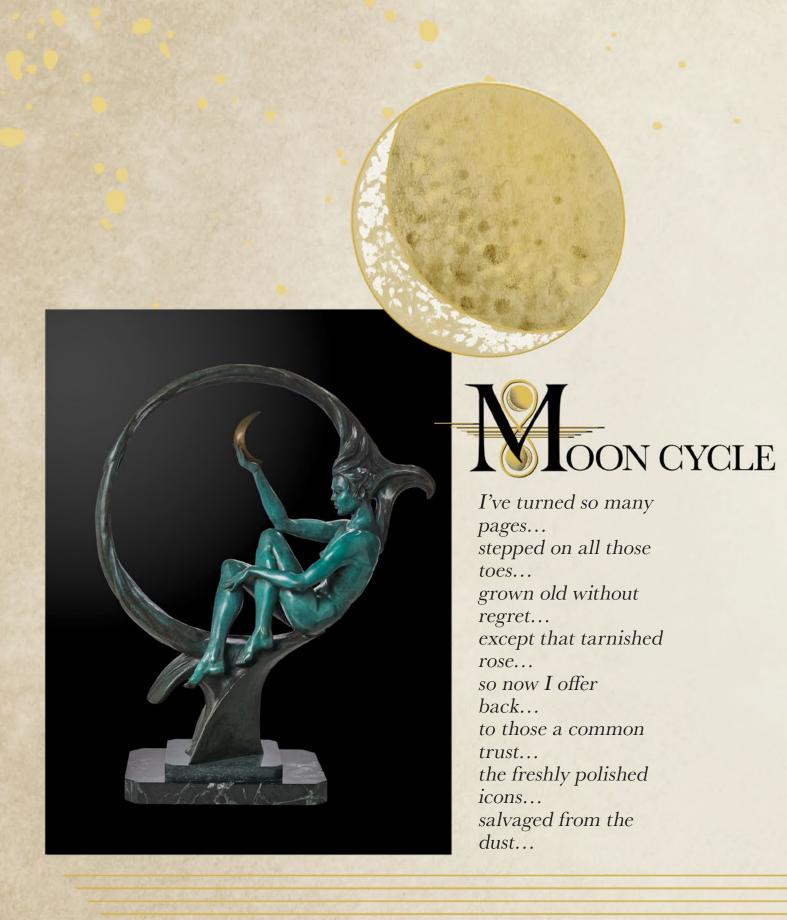
... Beyond solving the problem of future visualization of a clay maquette I was also acutely aware that I was delving into the realm of a new hybrid art form... this hybrid form is the reason and purpose of this book... in order to insure that my artistic vision was brought to its final and perfect form I directed a good portion of my time with a friend to providing accurate descriptions of how I wanted each piece to be displayed for the viewer's appreciation...

... I worked until the very end of my life and now pass the baton to you, who have shown an interest in my work... surrounded by friends, family, and the love of my life, I can truly say that I was fortunate to have blessed in so many ways... thus...

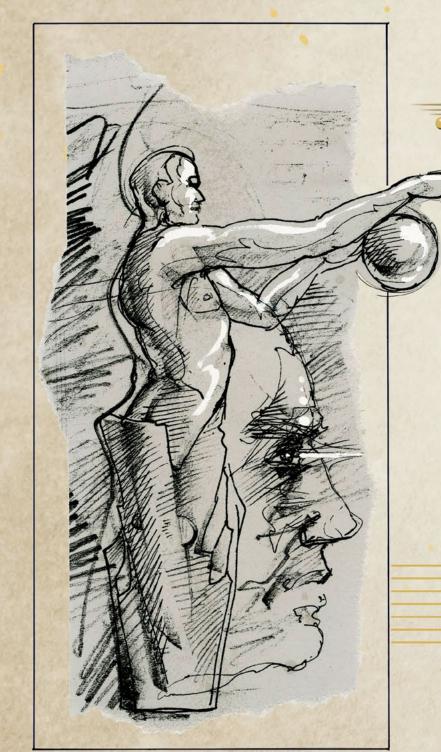
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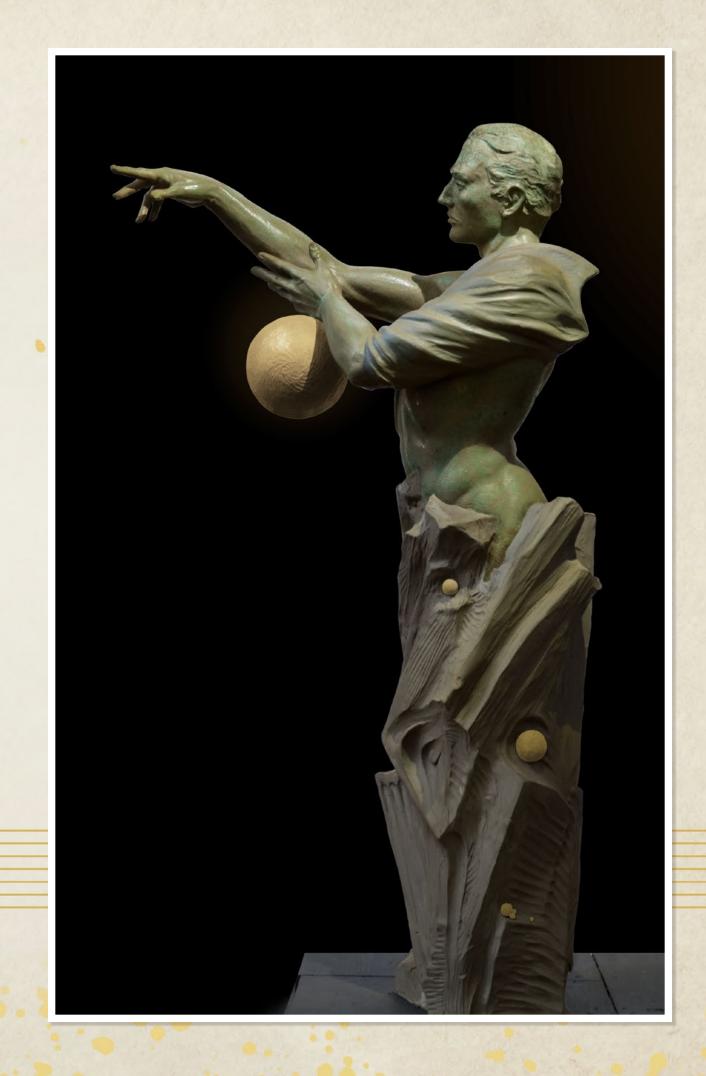


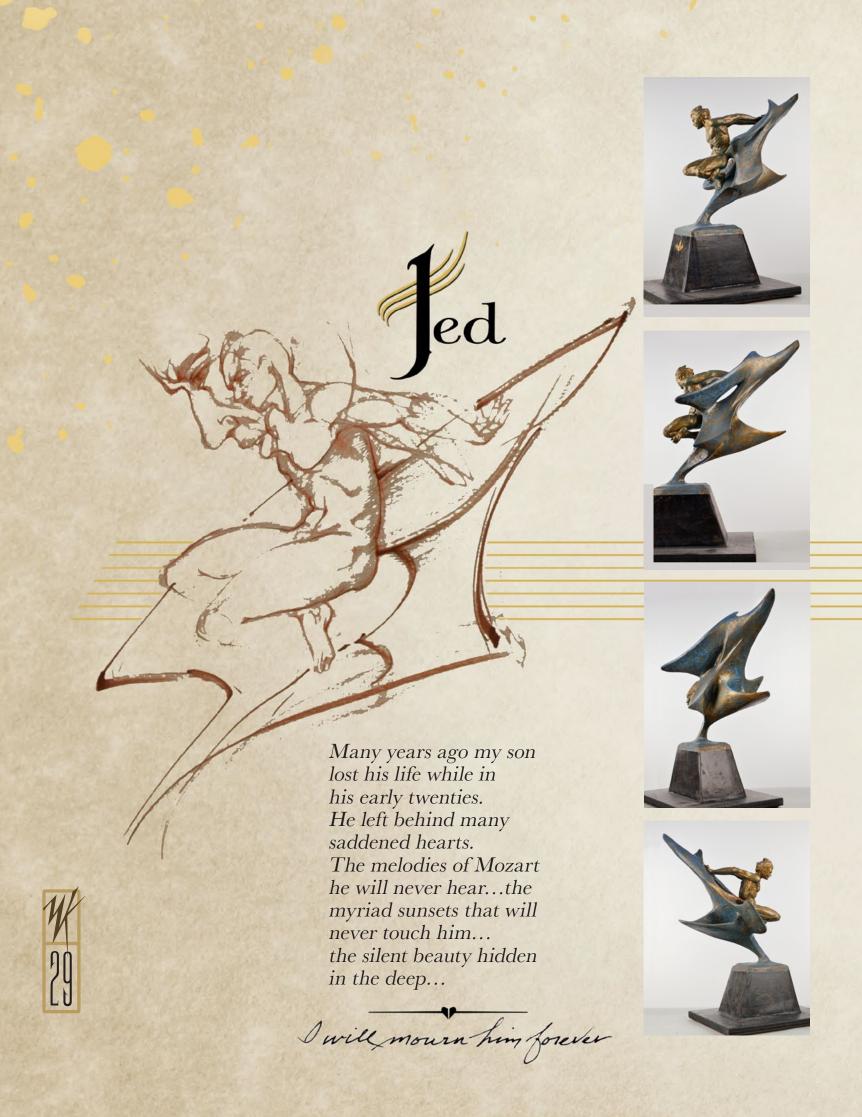


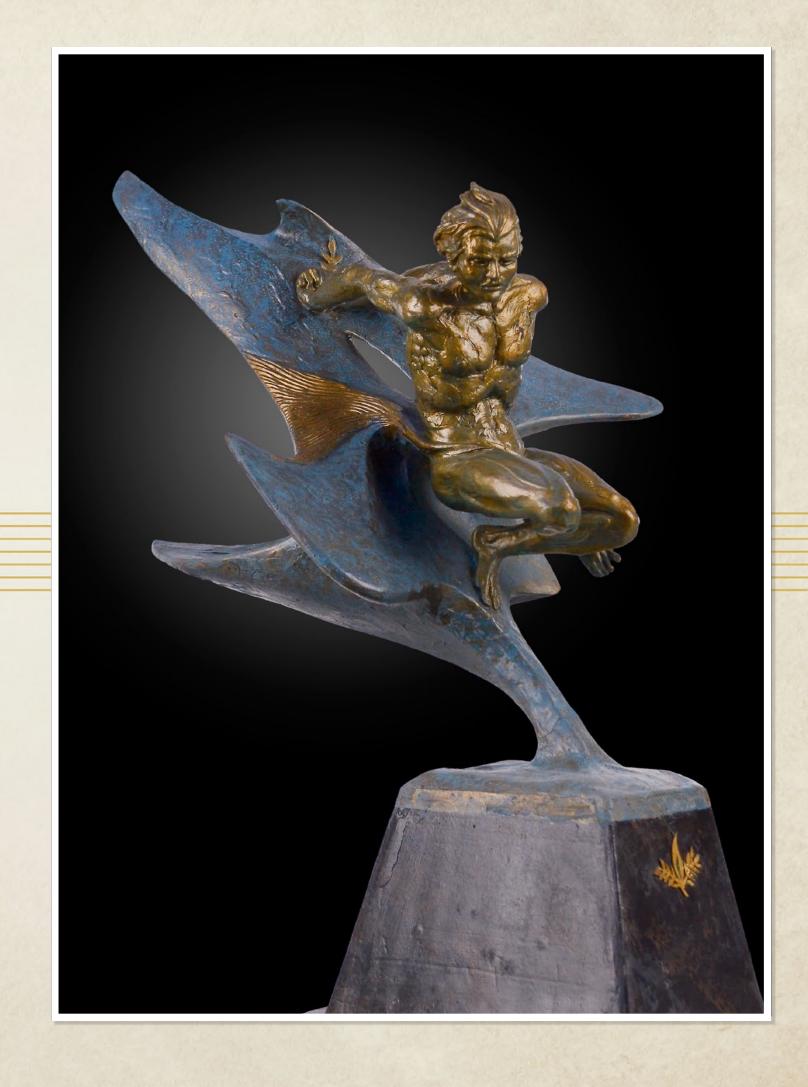




Out beyond our mortal notions and limitations lies a host of unimaginable possibilities.
For eons humans have speculated about the origin of life on earth.
What mysteries lie "in the dust" of time.
Suspended in this realm dwells an insatiable curiosity.







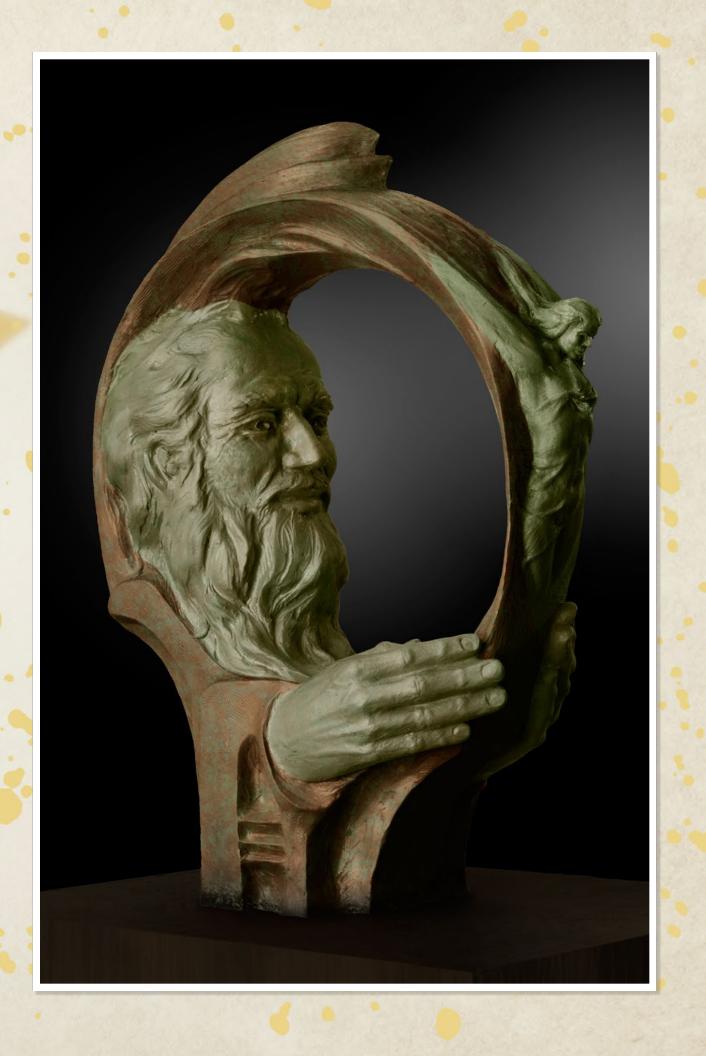
# A LCHEMIST

We see in the speculative philosophy of the alchemist, an attempt to transform idea into mass... Could the sorcerer but place his hands together and allow the gifts to appear...



Janived at an opening in the forest and stood Spell bound just Outside Myself





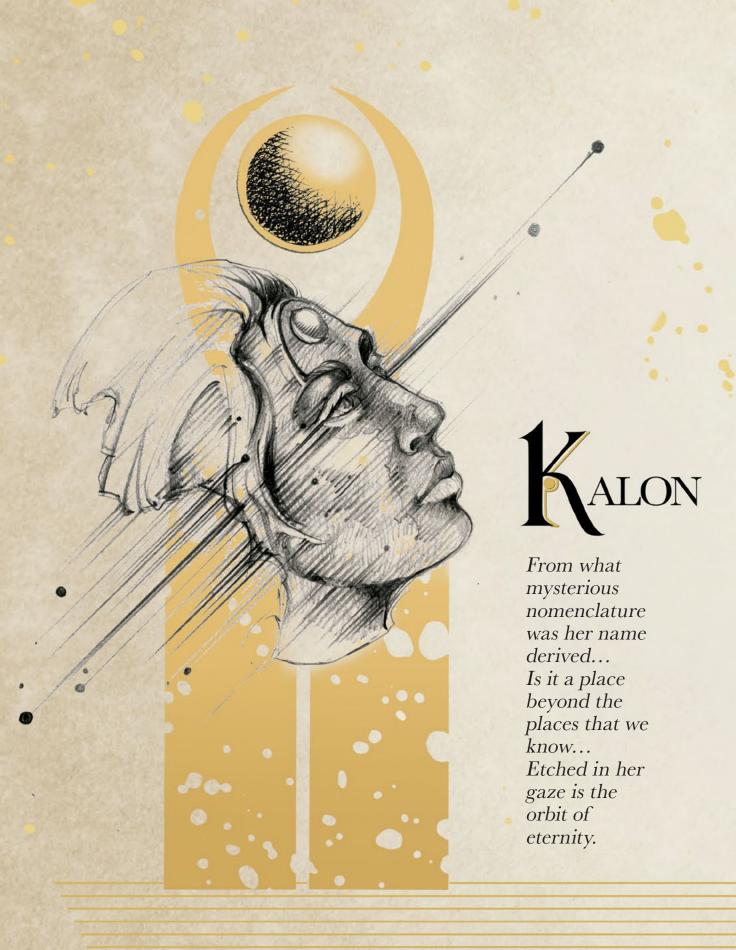


Who is this strange man slicing through the mist of the mind?
Are the enveloping shards a threat or a self-imposed protection?
This being of "more questions than answers" guards the fragile portals of the subconscious.
Sometimes the blades seem ready to fall... other times cutting through the fog.











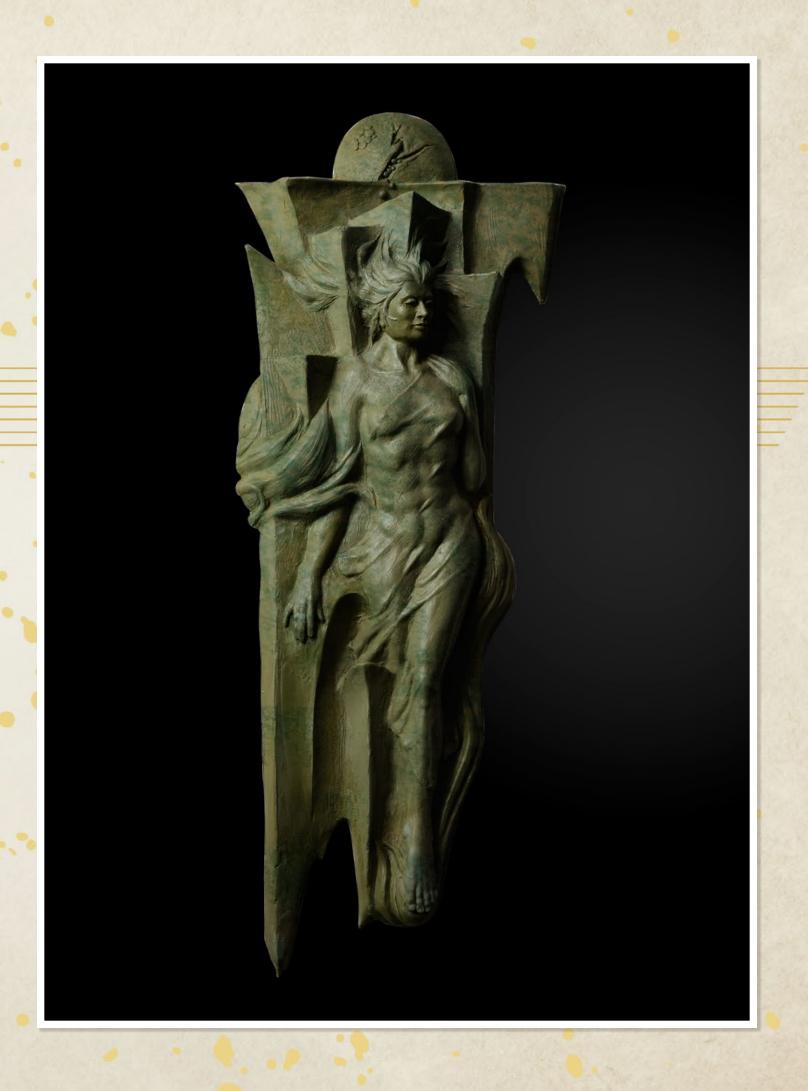


# SHARONE

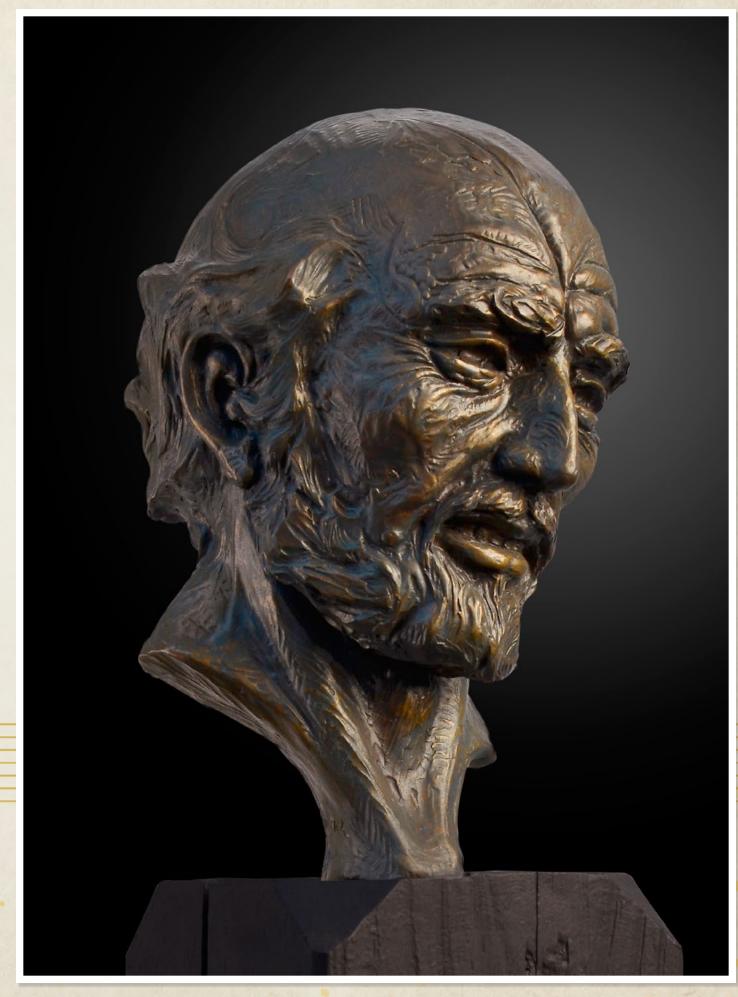
Casting aside the conventional symbols of organized religion... there seems to be a need to invent icons of our own.
Without anchor-images our psyche drifts in the aether of uncertainty... and thus invents a totem of its own.













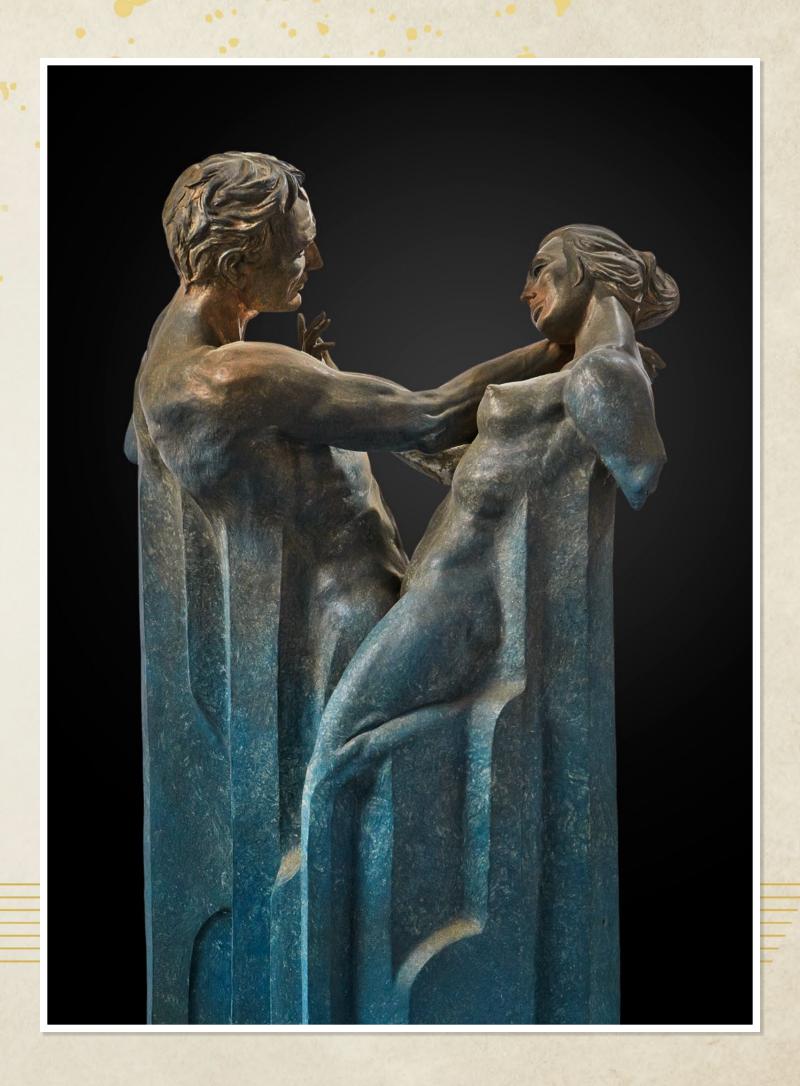






The silent utterance of a thought... returned in a glance... from the depths of the sea or a chasm in the earth... the couple fused... the expanse bridged... a quiet echo of each other's longing.







The depiction of love...
which mimics the organic embraces
found in nature is never trite...
form into form... life into life...
with unrehearsed fluidity...
How gracious the intertwined
embrace of these amorphous shapes.





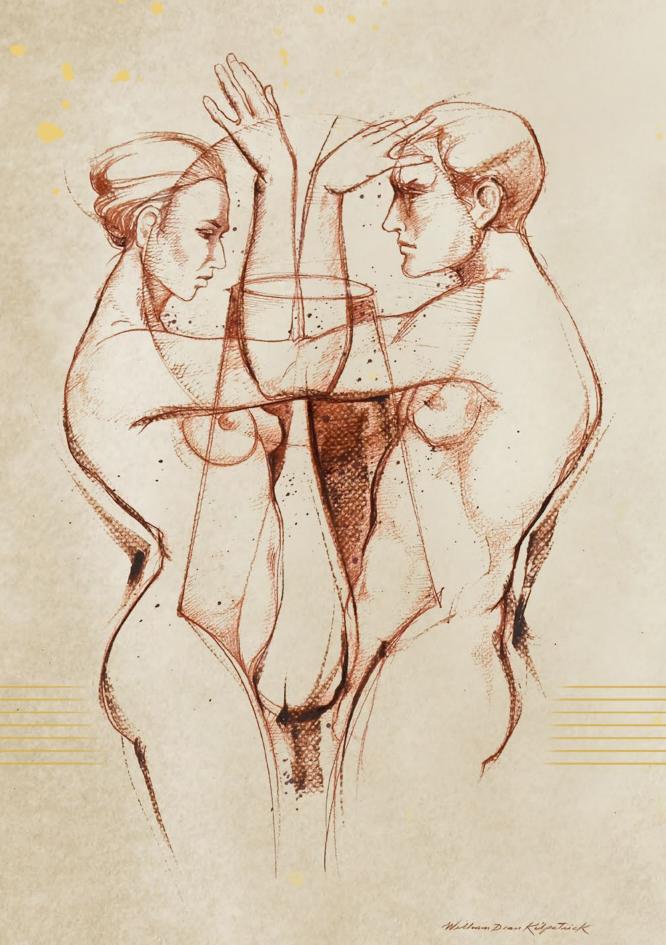




Am I forced on this moonlit night to pile my thoughts into a dark corner... there hidden in the safety of oblivion... are these obtuse observations worth protecting... at times I want to strike a match to my collective offerings and light up the world... if only my own.









# XTASIS

Where does the spirit go in those moments of sensual bliss?
Arching through time and space... companioned alas by birth and death.







Much has been written about the extinction of species. Man, the instigator, of that demise is also on the list.

list.
With our pervasive perversions we have all but annihilated most of nature's creatures.

Are we perhaps the last?





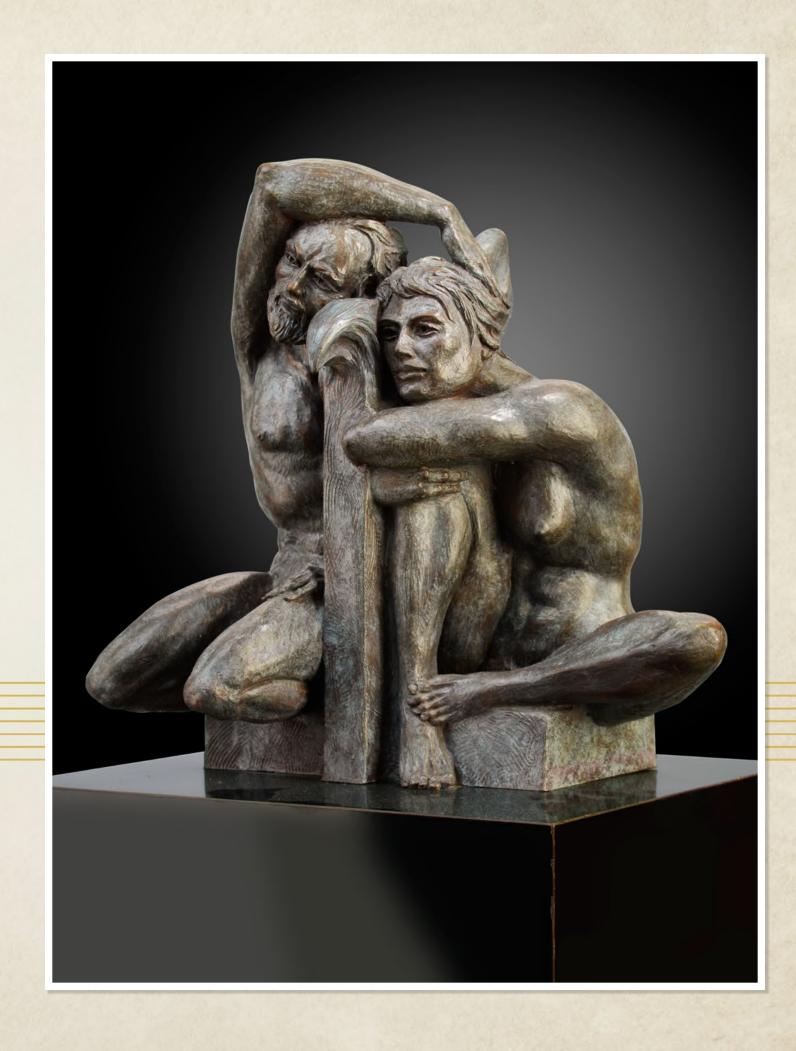








Is it the wind or an unspoken breath we listen to in the dark?
Separated by the invisible barrier of night... we reach across but cannot touch... the only hope a dream of flight







# RISTIA

Haunted by images from some ancient past... unable to fathom their significance he twists and torques in anguish. Draped across his psyche lies a distant memory. Entwined in the passions of life, he is torn from the earth... yet still enraptured by the elusive...









Life is like a Poem that doesn't thyme and that's what I like afout it

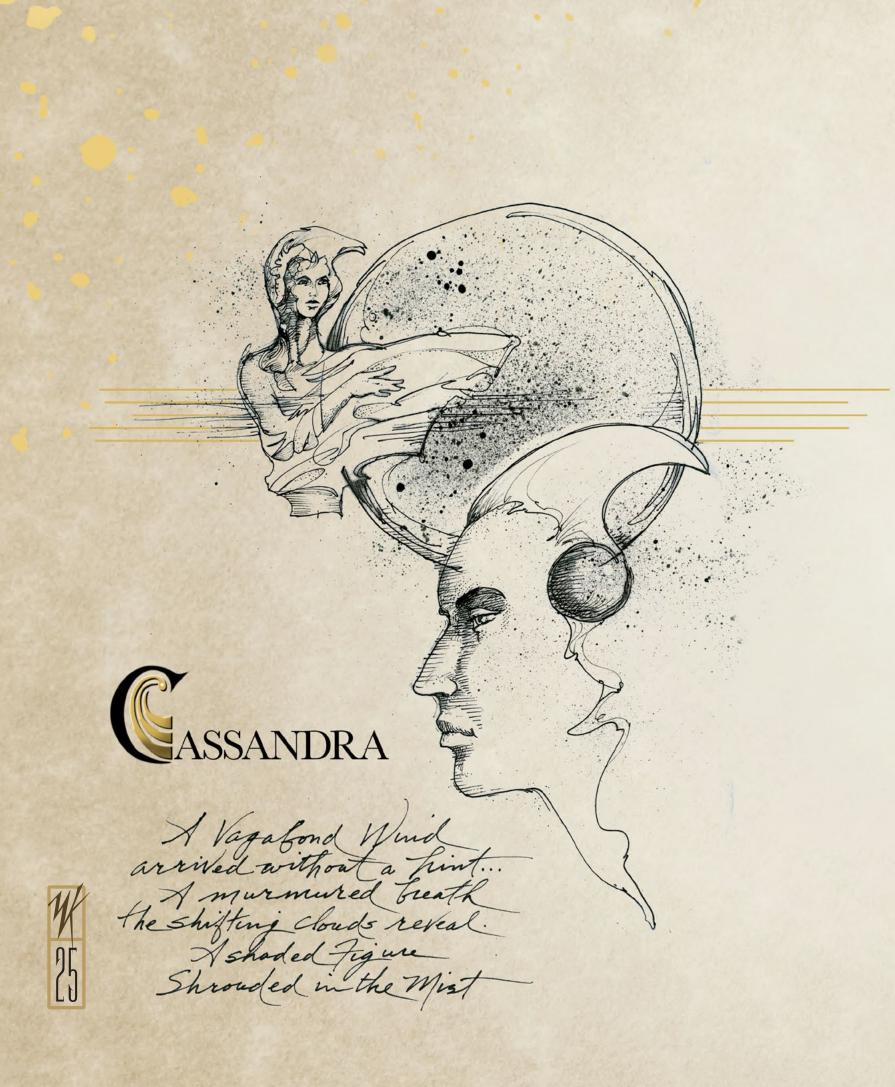








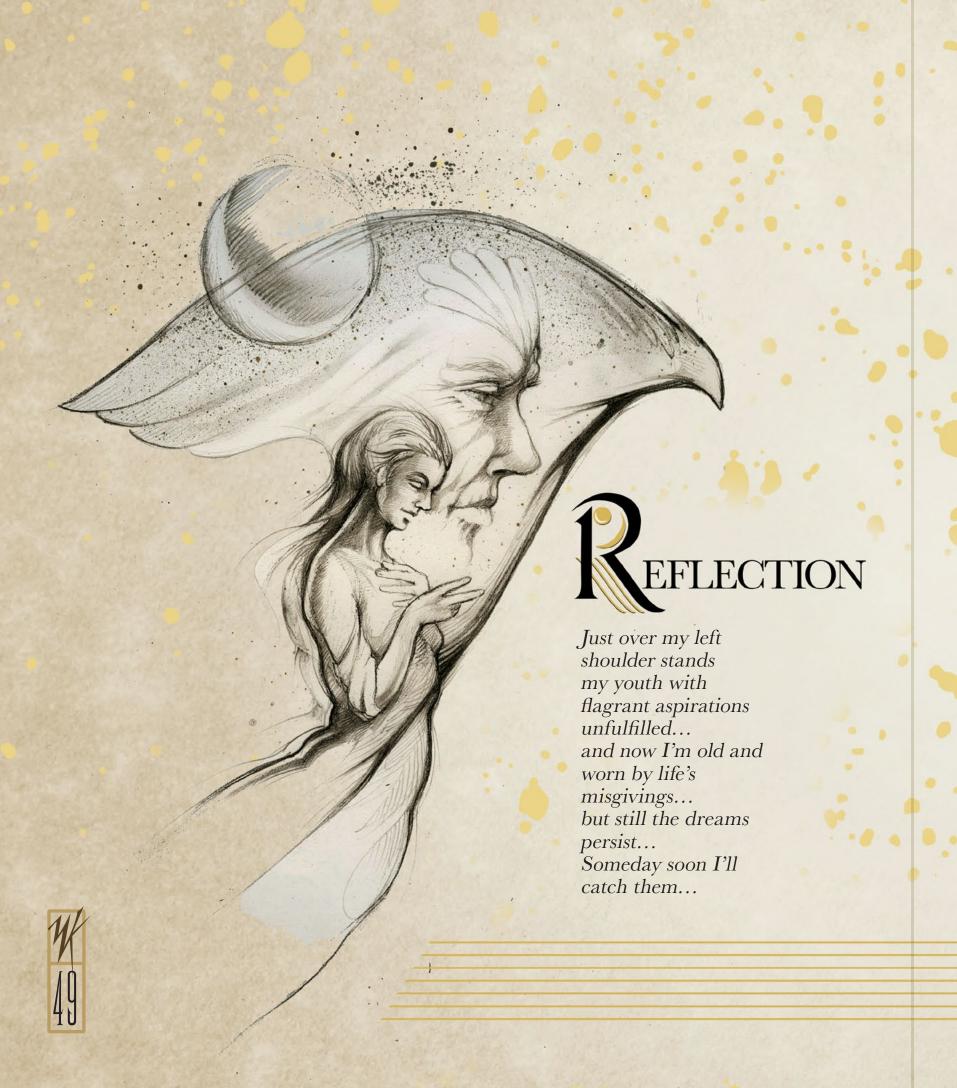








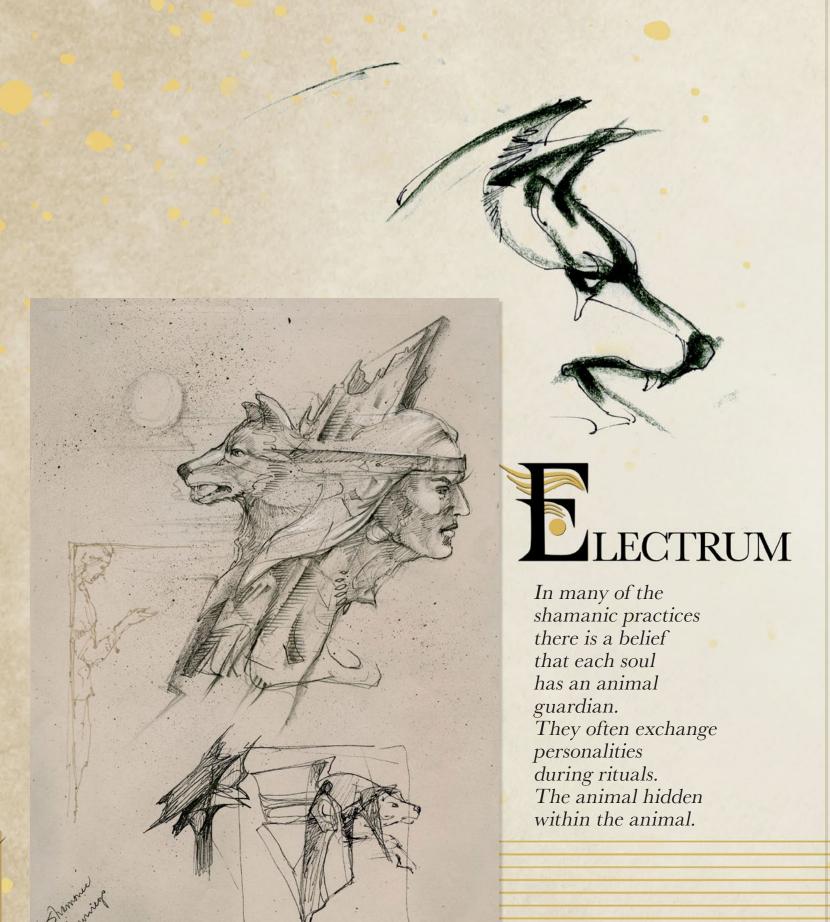






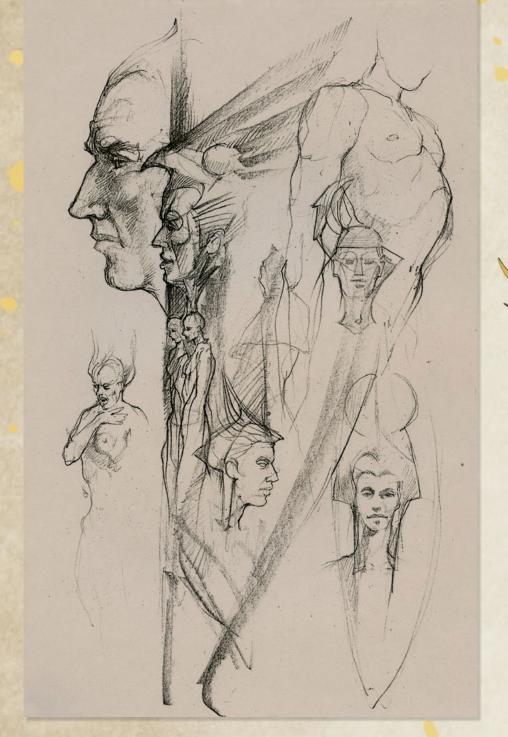












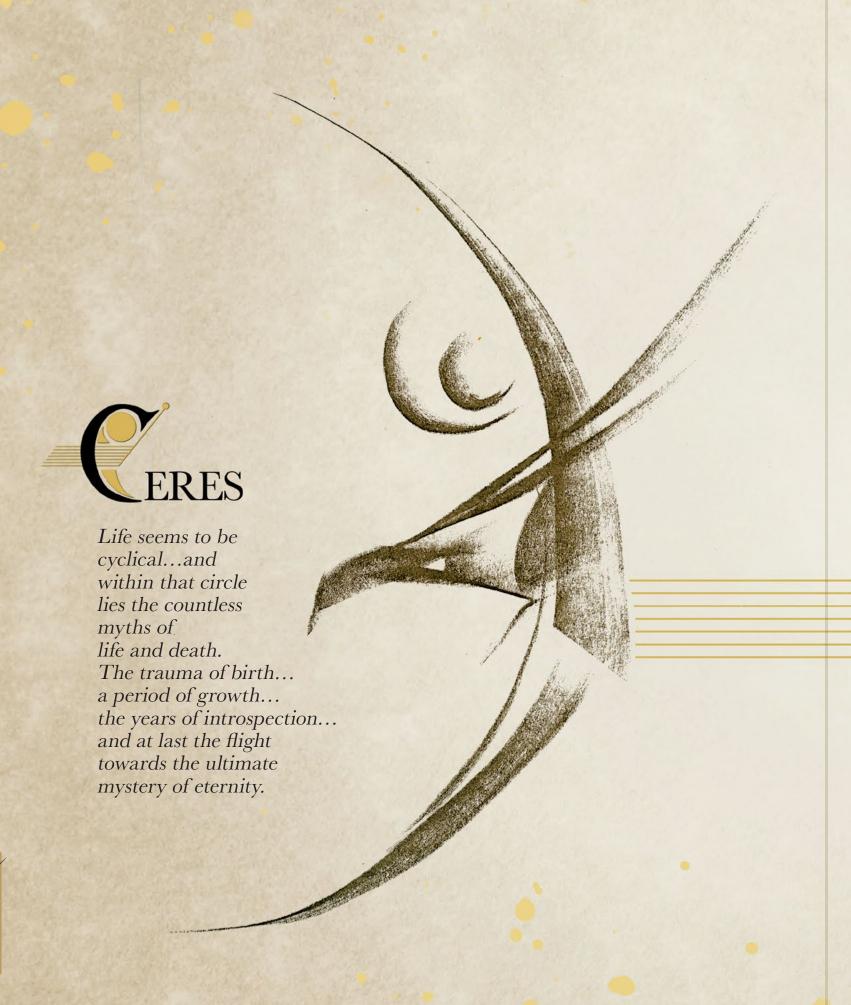


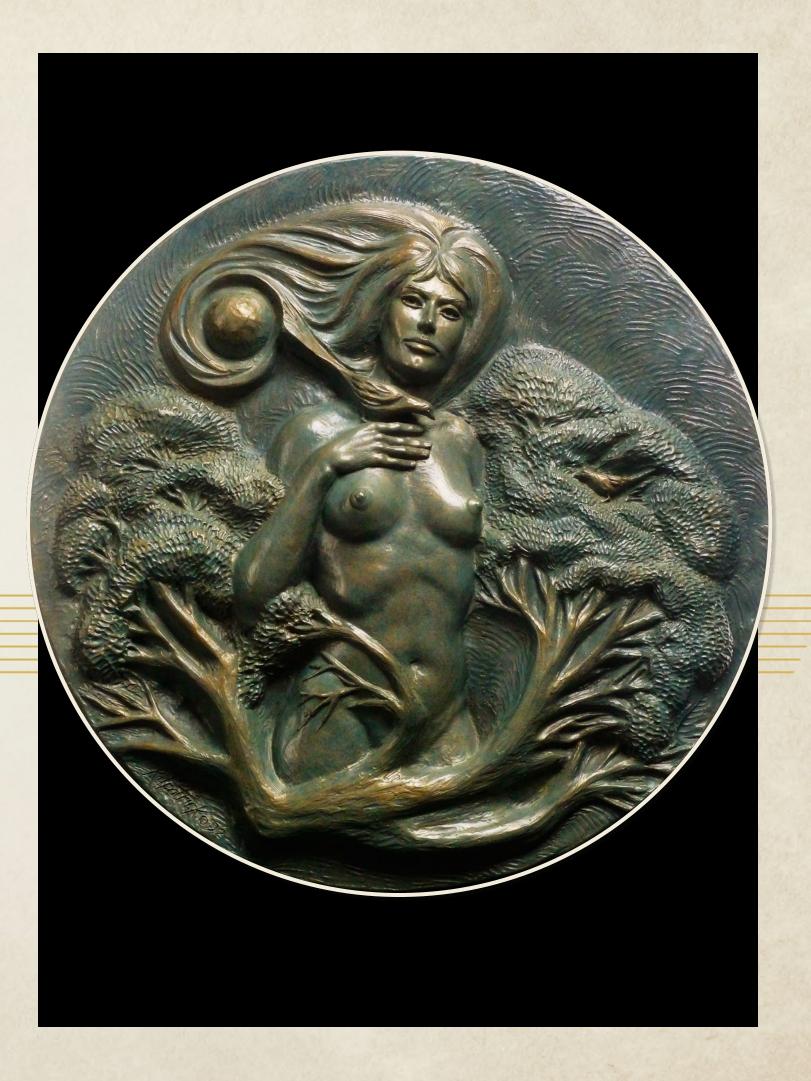
A chunk of wood with thickened bark...
A fallen bird, a chastened lark...
What lies within this hallowed tree... more often vague than hard to see... until it grows within my hands... this chunk of wood from ancient lands.

The beauty of not knowing the outcome invigorates the process



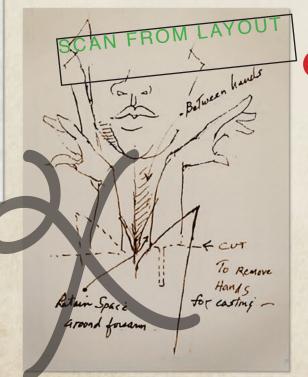








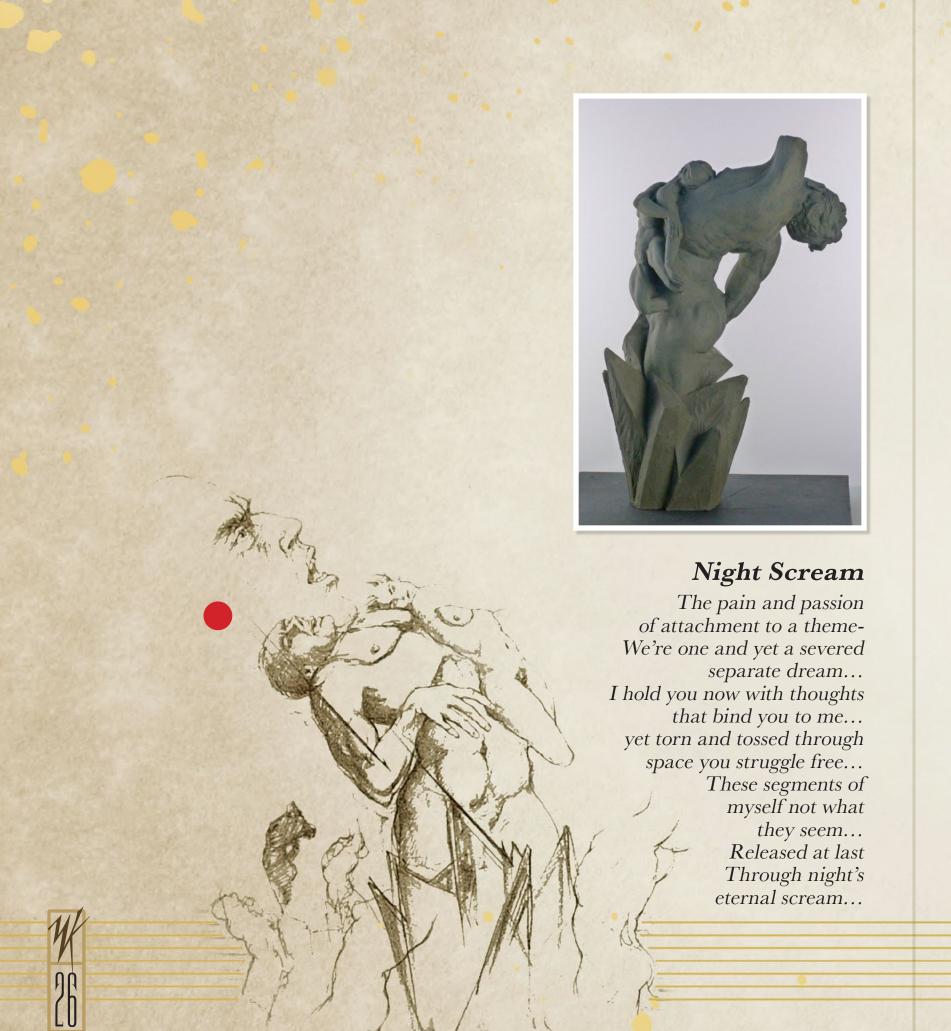
Often the most difficult aspect of exposing my sculpture is attempting to explain it. My work hints at many things but is not necessarily any of them. Is this haunted quality an attempt to give substance to a distant remembrance... or is this the residual effect from some unresolved experience...

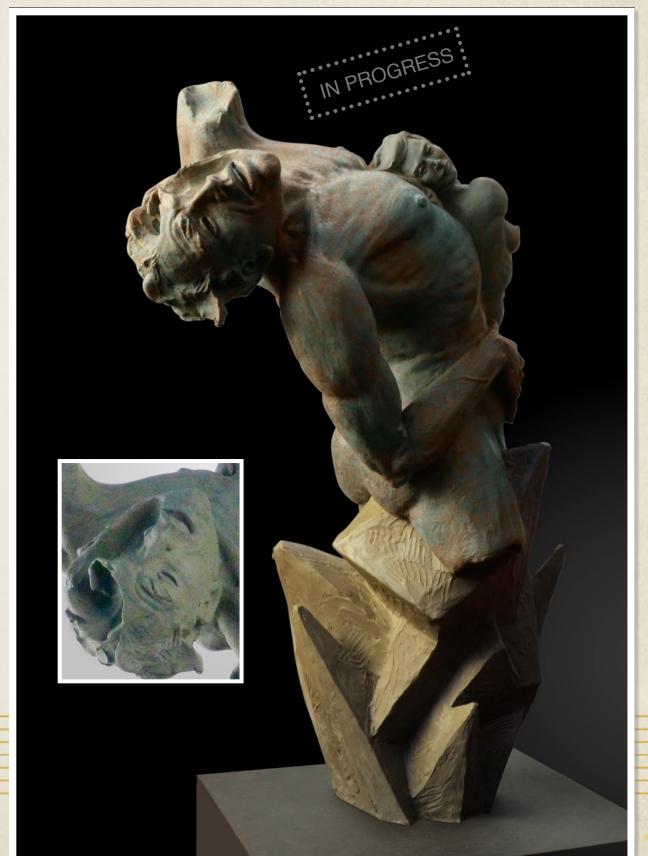








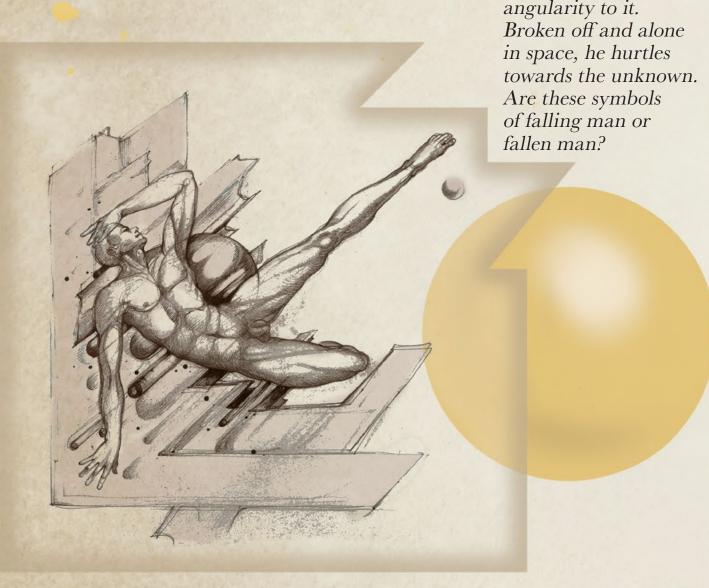






# Fallen Man

The formation of this chunk of celestial rock has an rock has an uncharacteristic angularity to it.
Broken off and alone in space, he hurtles towards the unknown.
Are these symbols of falling man or fallen man?

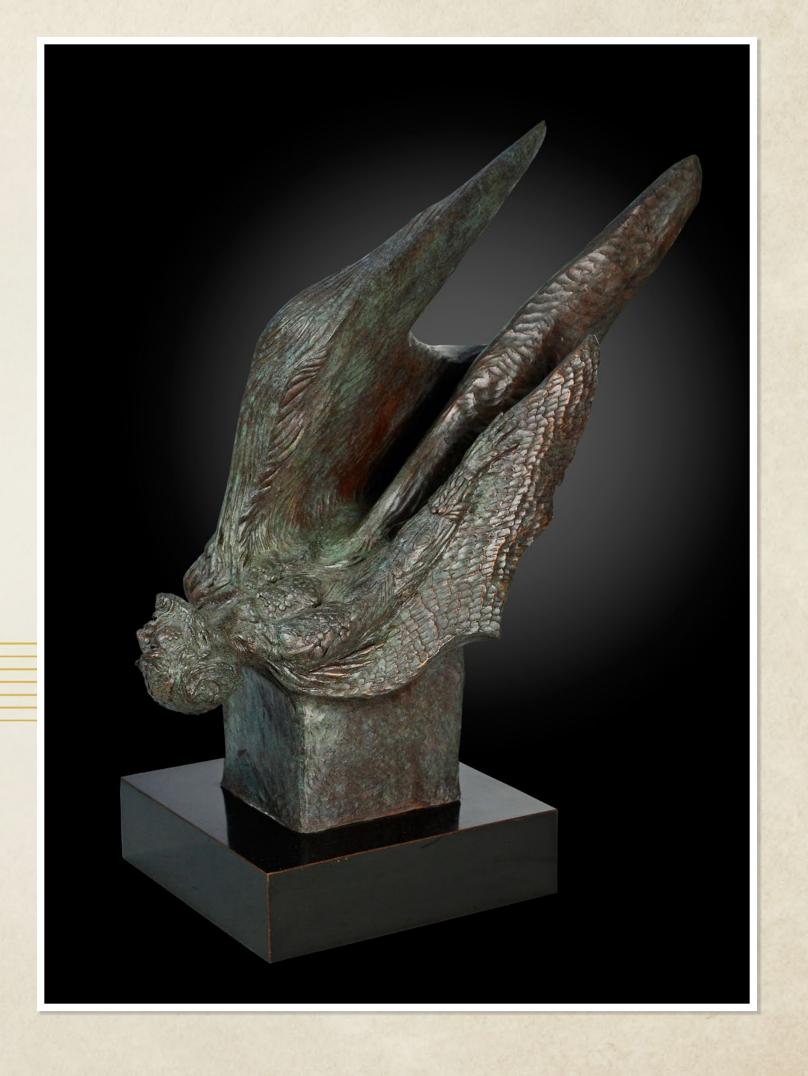




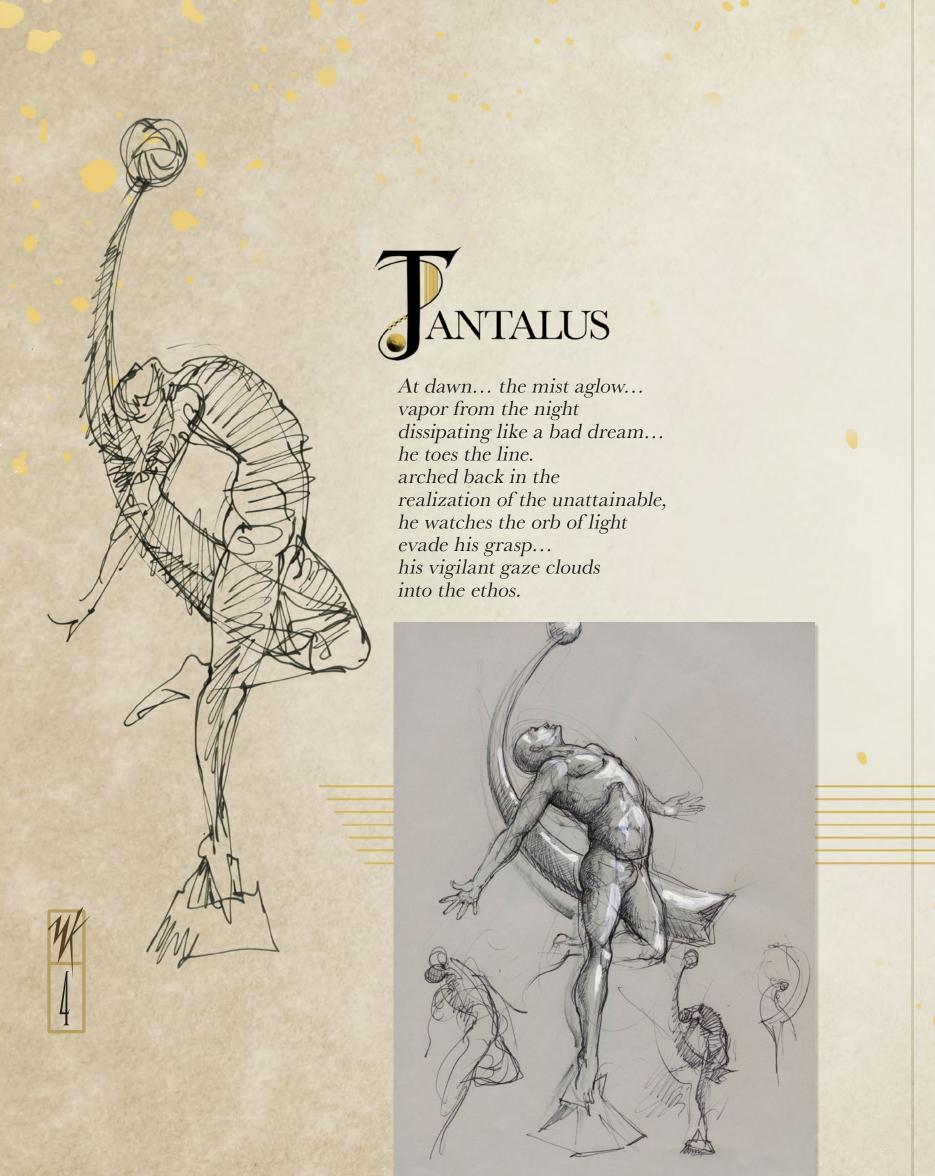


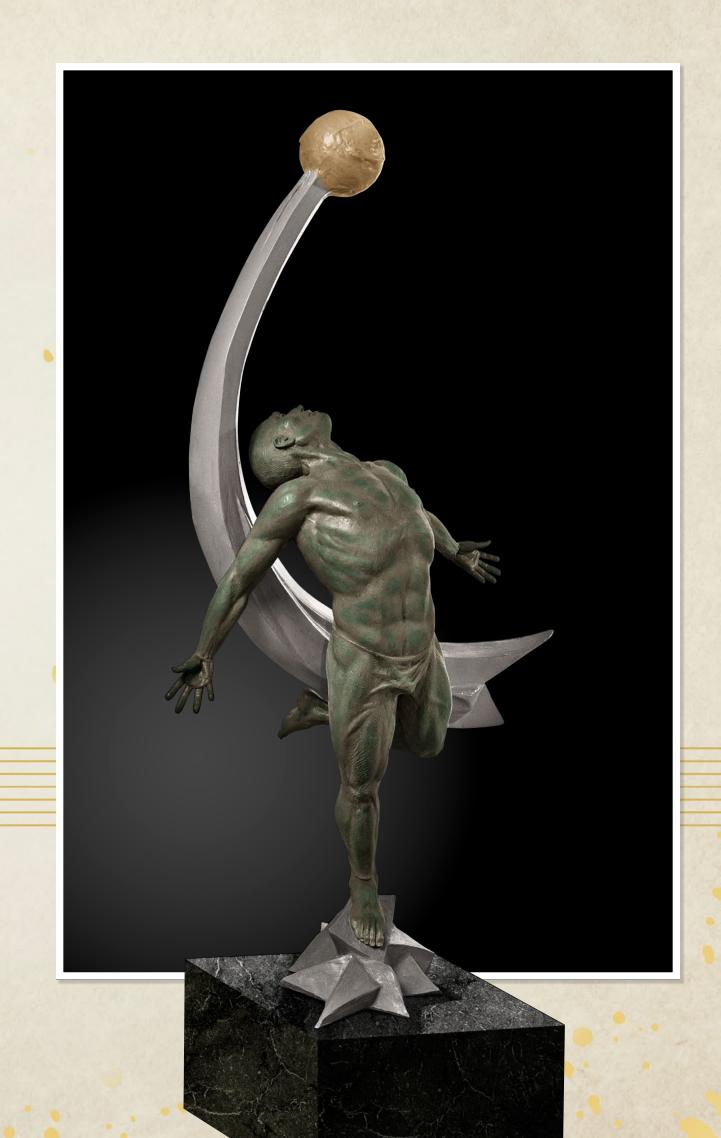
Icarus

the classical might of scarus
is subject to many interpretations—
Who has not been dashed
by unattainable aspirations?
Inflamed, yet clining to the dream
he falls to Earth.



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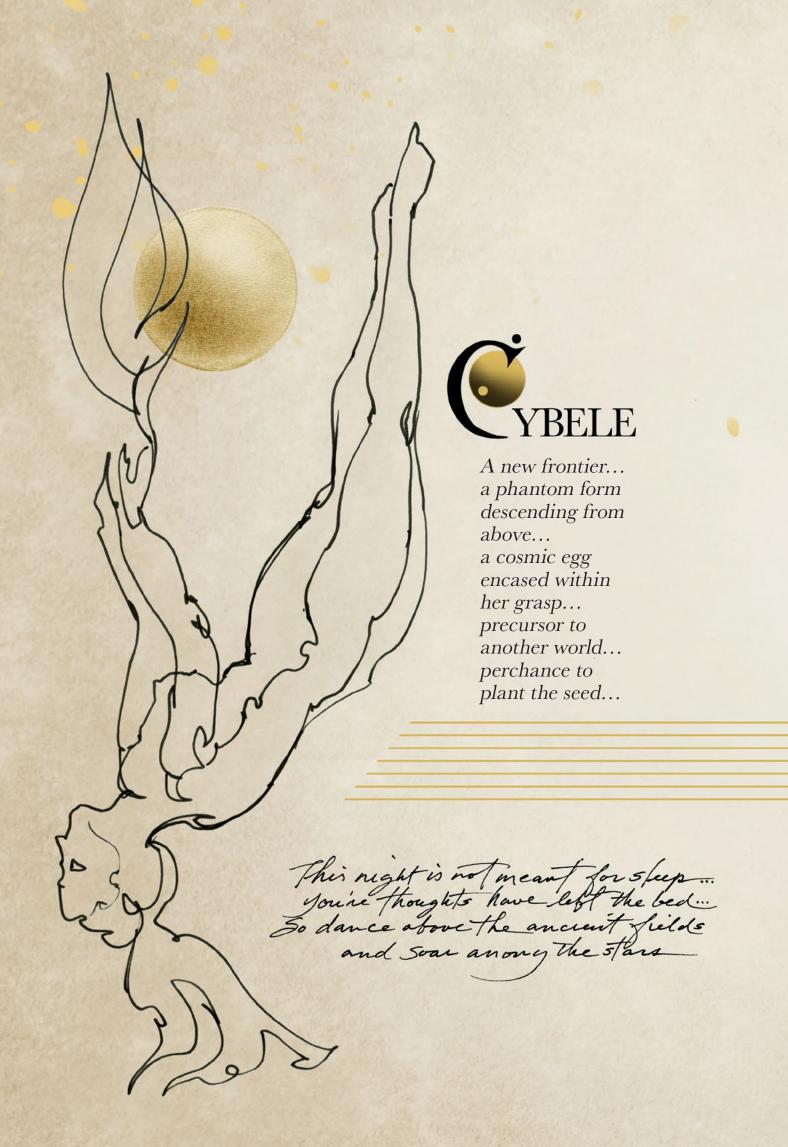


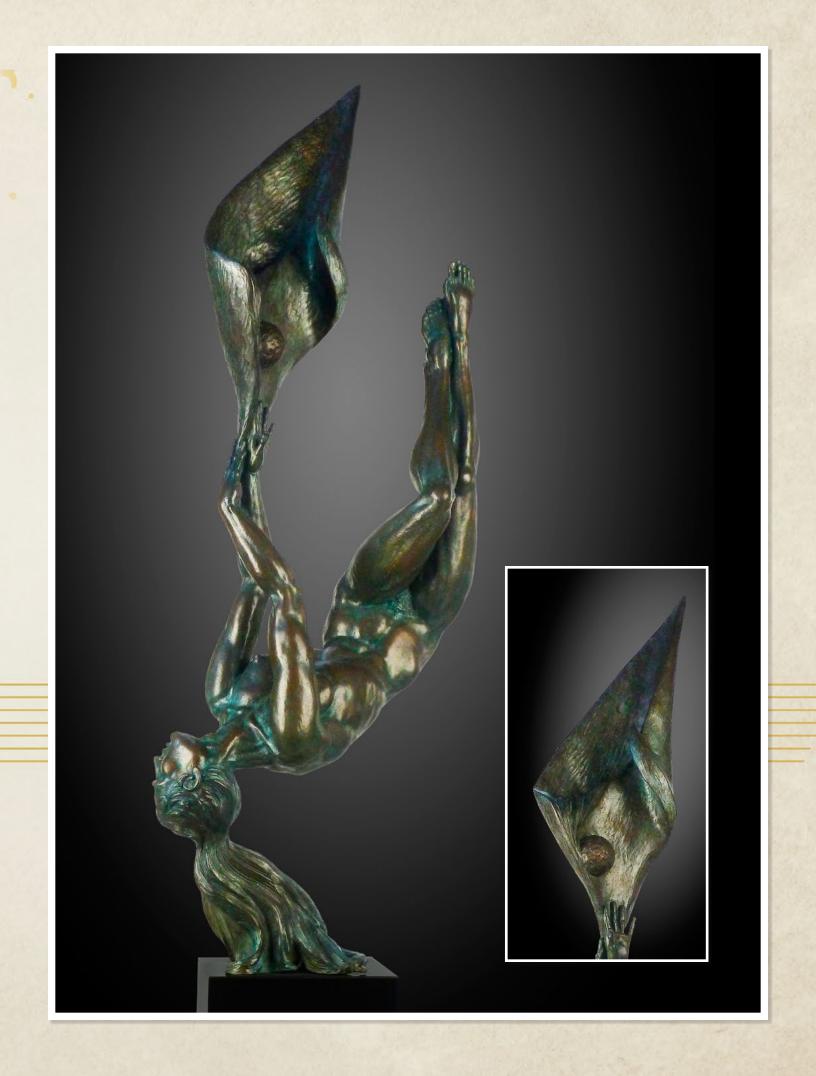


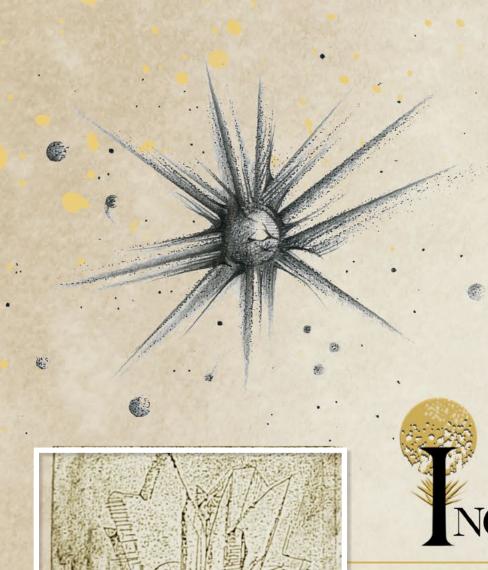
Is it vanity which cajoles us into creating something out of nothing. We need only to search for a space for it to exist... and so we push aside all notions of limitations and forge ahead. Perhaps something can be made out of nothing but a spark.













If the big bang theory
Signaled the coming into
Existence of multiple
Universes...where in this
Cosmic dust did life begin...
The evolution of species
Seems to require
An initial spark...
Perhaps somewhere deep
In space the ancestral
Notion forms.

Some of my work, atthough figurative seems to have a biomorphic origin



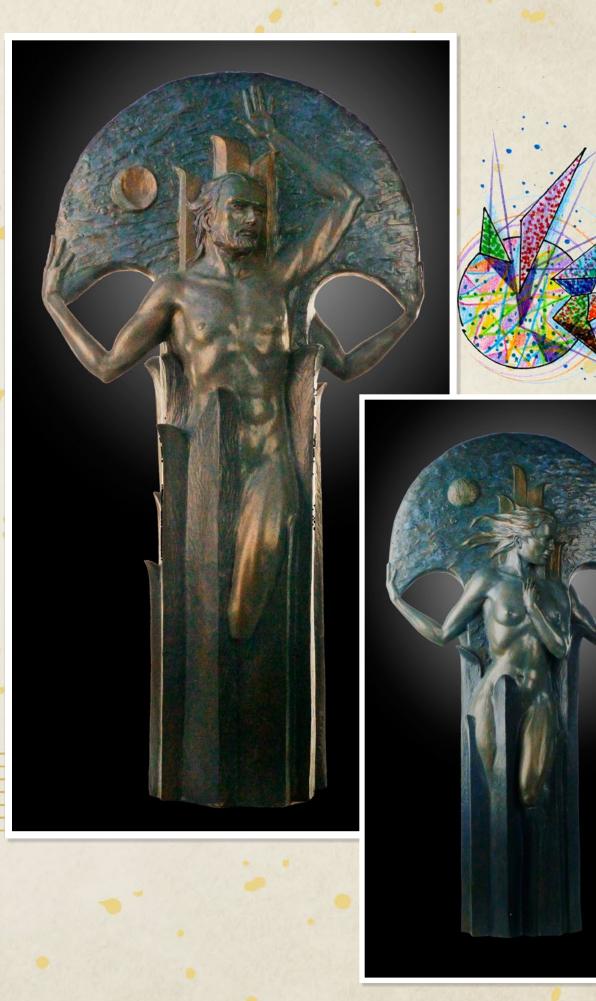




### MONDIAL

Human origin has always been full of controversy and speculation... from the large masses of interstellar dust comes the infusion of male and female forms. From dust into life into dust. The endless cycle...





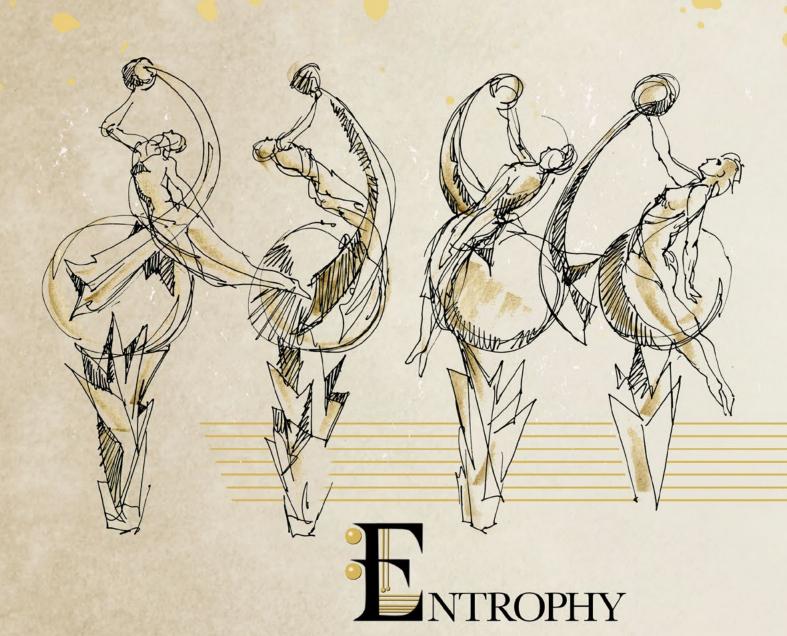


Is she obscured by him? on he by her?
Not completely.









My thoughts tend to orbit...
yet following them around
they rarely return to
the exact spot from which
they departed...
and that adventure keeps
the spirit alive...
so here I am tiptoeing
through this envisioned
macrocosm of order
within disorder.



# DIANA'S COMET

Captured or enraptured...
what lies beyond the hypnotic
possibilities of the universe?
Deep into the indigo skies
the offering in her hand...
she gazes far beyond the now
into the placid face of eternity...
even as the heavens yield
their lavish gifts...





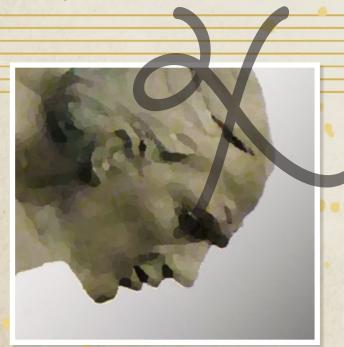
What hidden Pearls he between the many worlds?







How ferocious this inner turbulence... now matched only by the outer vortex.
Are we victims of these cosmic currents...
Who can say... what links us to the music of the spheres... that magical dome under which we travel... is it our ability to conjure...



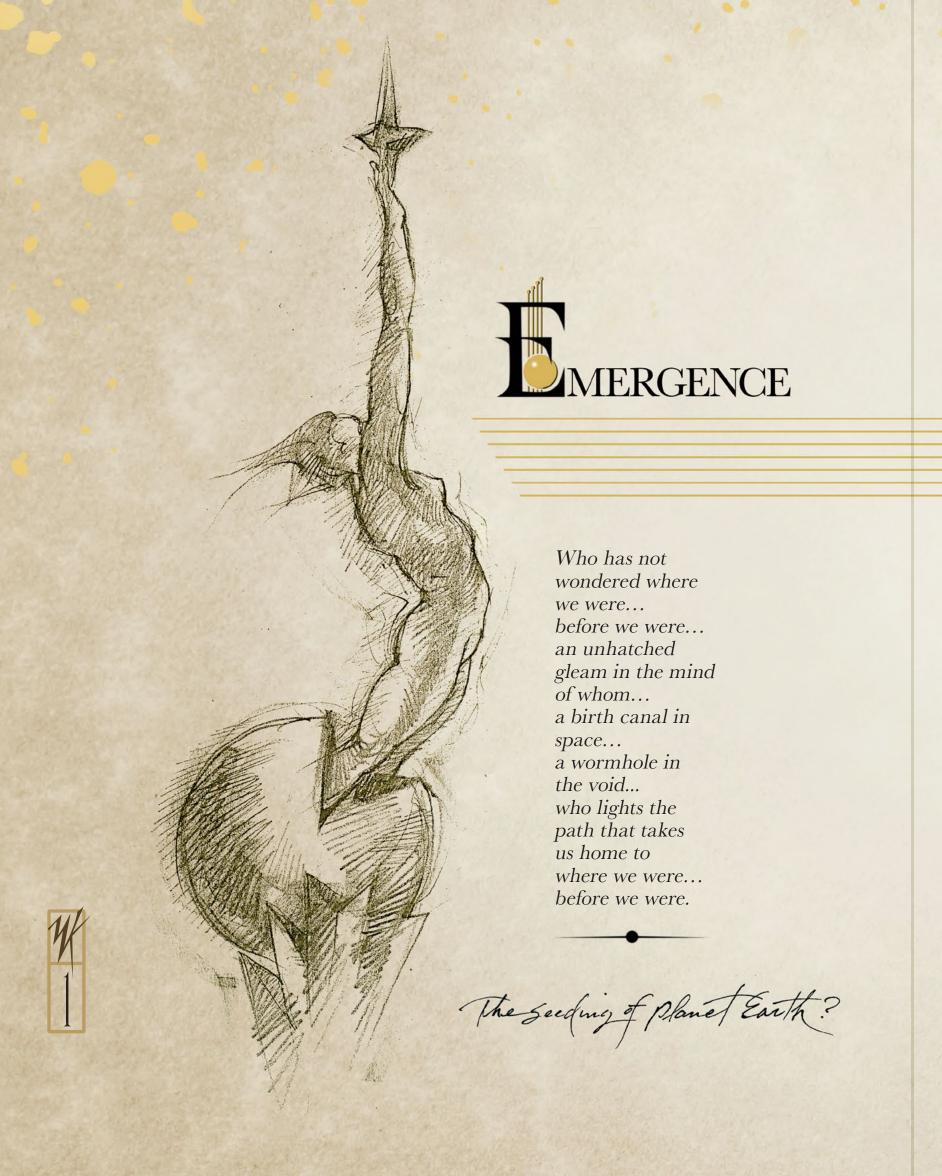




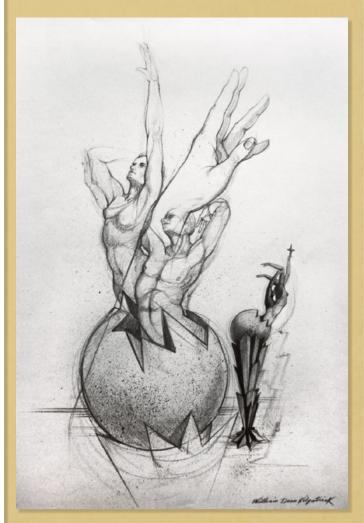




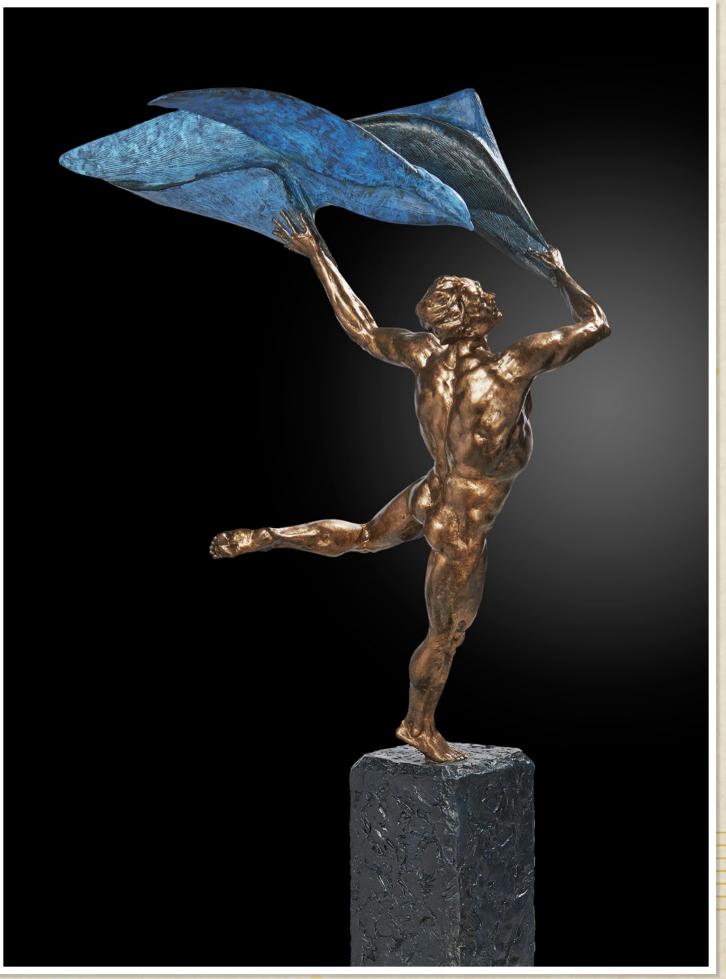












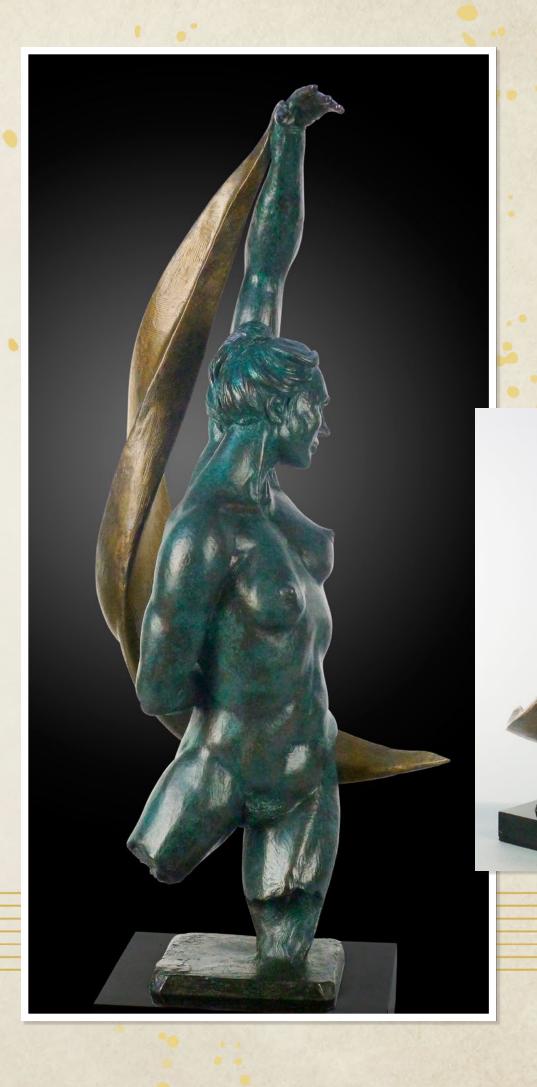
### EBULAE

We cannot contain our trepidations...
the sweep of the universe is
too vast... the cosmos in a constant
state of birthing... new planets...
new stars... new suns...
so guard the stars within your
reach and step into the breach.



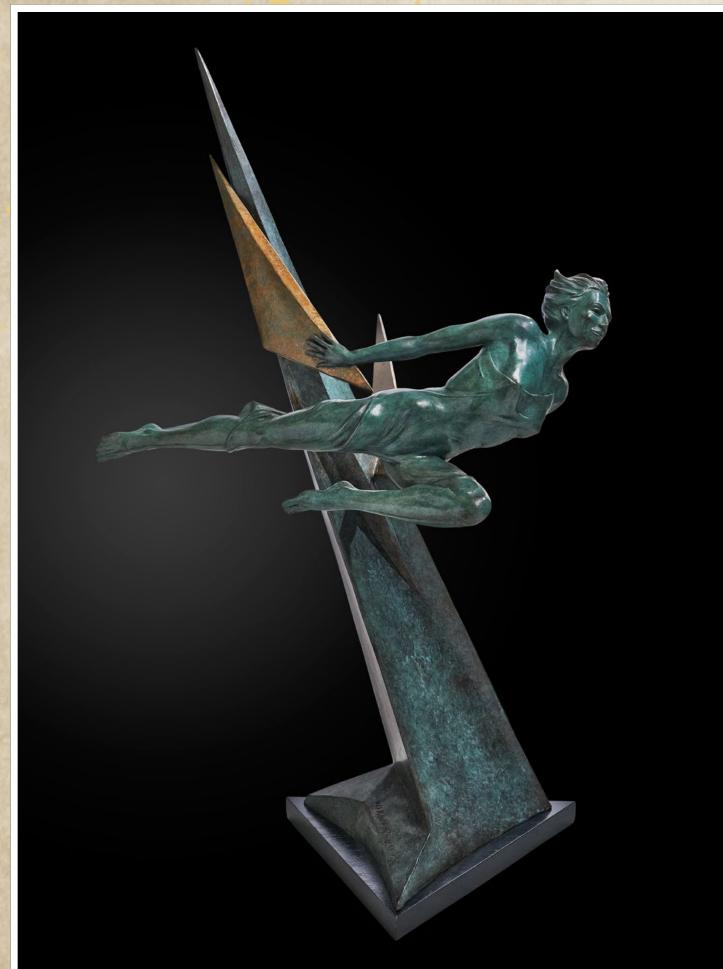


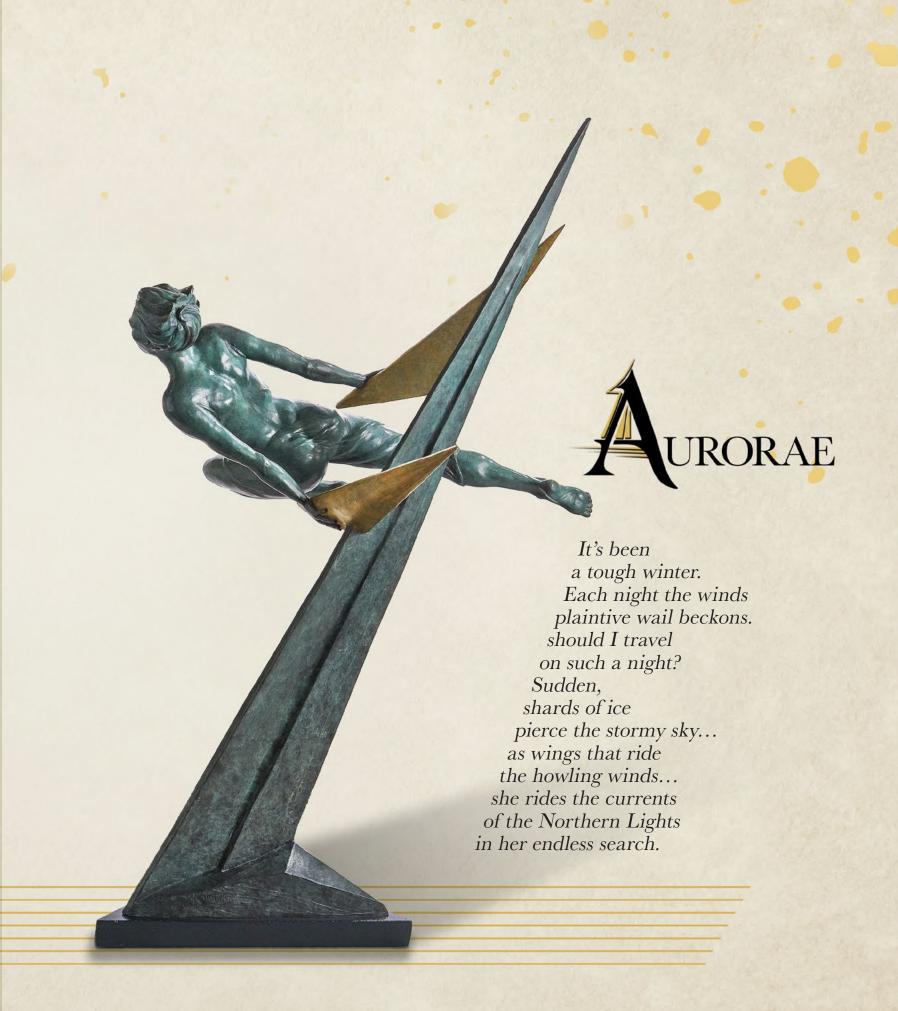




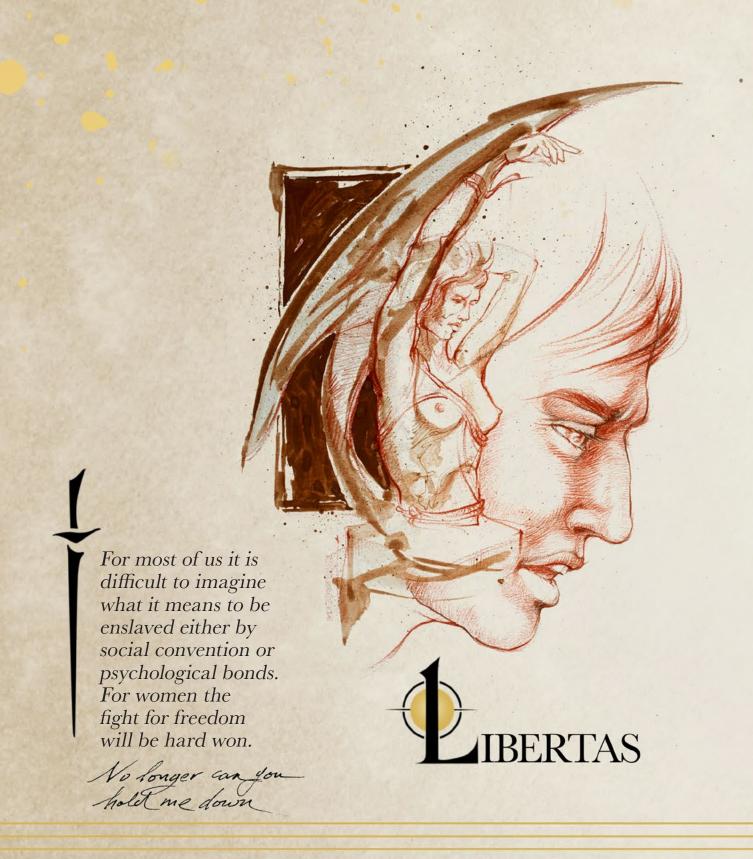


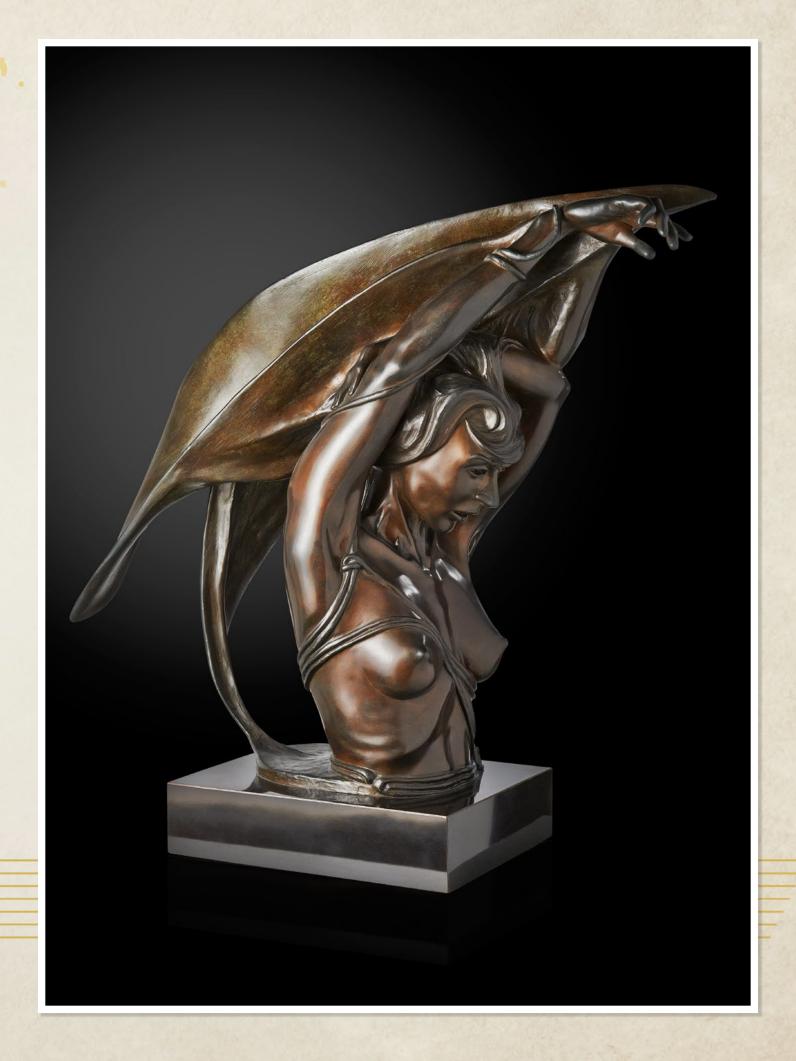
The sheer joy of wading into the pool of uncertainty

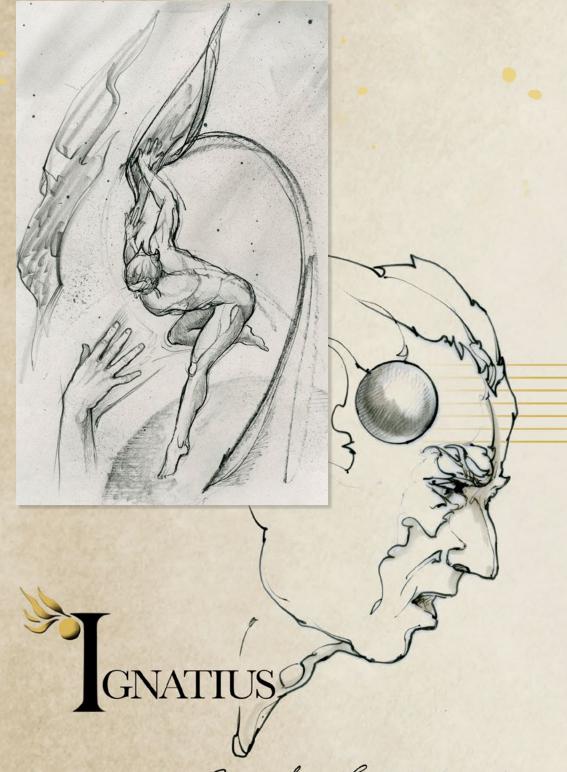




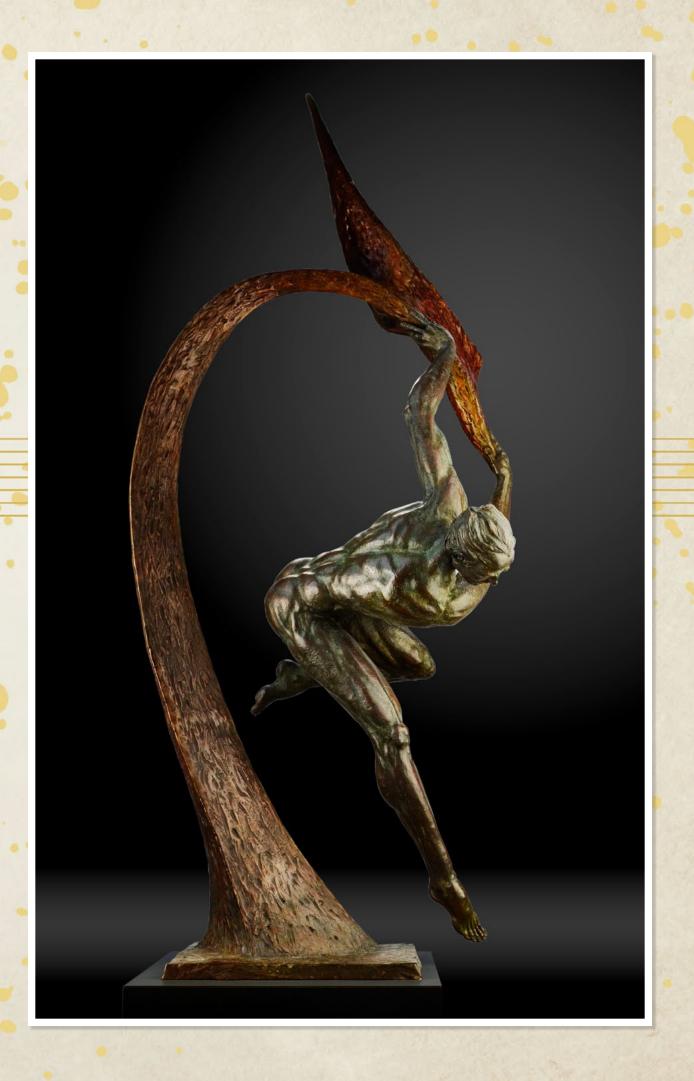








Somewhere buried deep in Our Subconsions we carry the legacy of our origins... Mostly invented, rarely defined. This is an image of the mythical "Ine God" finging the Spark of life to earth.



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## ALETEA

In Greek mythology
there is a story about an
ivory statue of a maiden
who is brought to life
by Aphrodite.
This was in answer to
the plea of the sculptor
Pygmalion, who had
fallen in love with his
own creation.



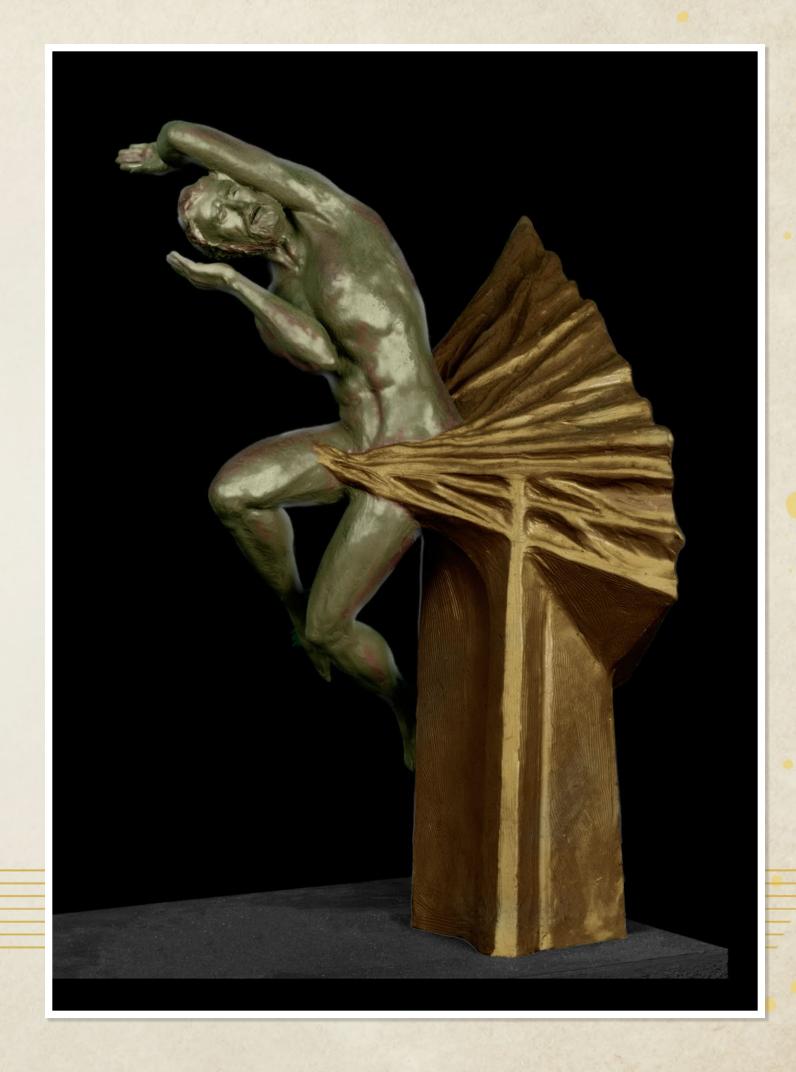






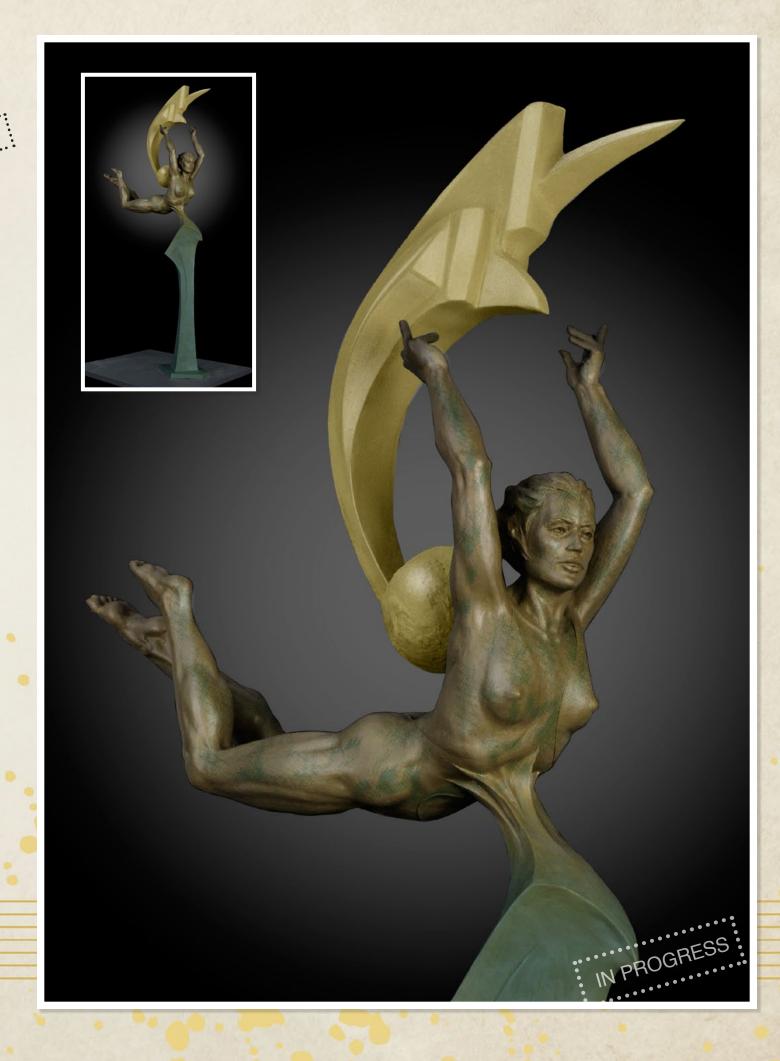
















What makes us see what we see... feel what we feel...
why do we create the images we create?
Unanswered questions haunt our subliminal minds...
we float down a path towards an answer...
but it silently slips away.
Is this the levitation of the spirit... in search of an unknowable deity...
The face of the Goddess.



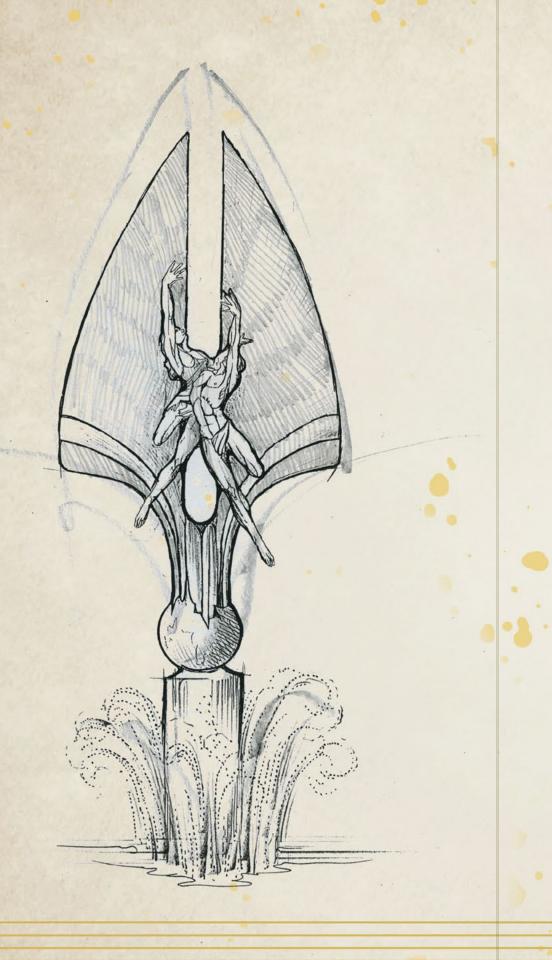


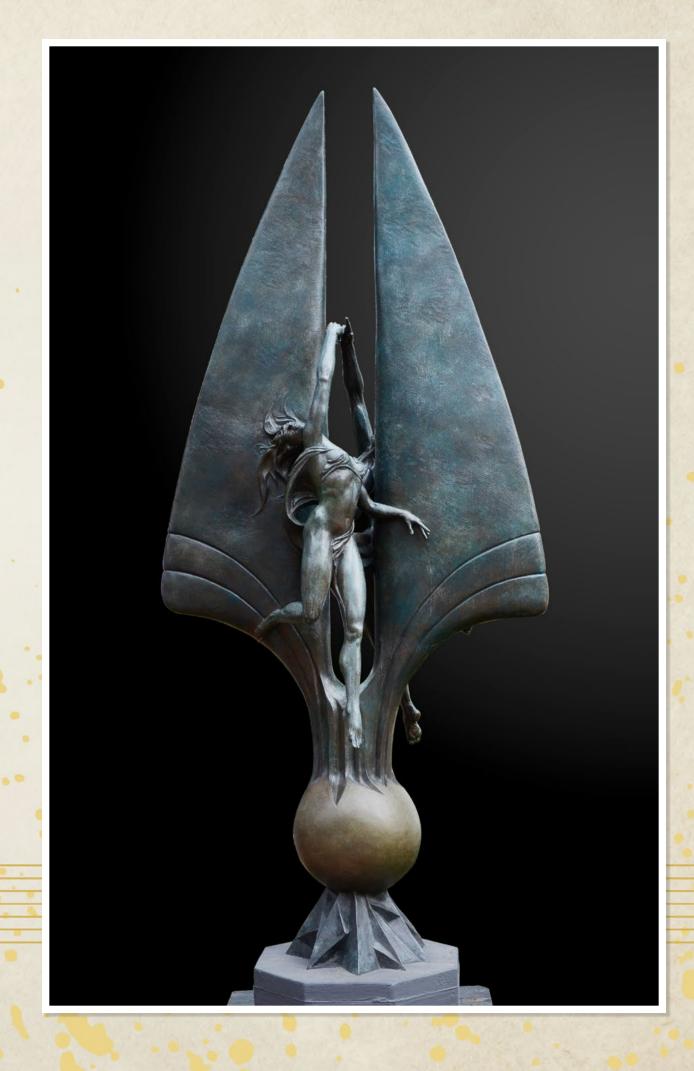


#### GALACTIC FUSION

In the great spatial divide there cannot be "one without the other."
Negative and positive energy pulsates throughout.
The fusion required to propagate exists not only on earth, but also on the billions of nameless planets.









# MORPHEUS RILOGY



The basis of this allegorical work is subject to many interpretations.
The first bas-relief is titled "The Internment" suggesting a captive environment.
The second is called "The Separation" in which the protagonists have reversed roles.
The third...
"The Offering" depicts a sacrifice to an unknown deity.

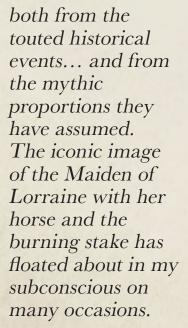


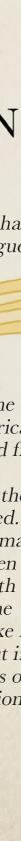






The life of Joan of Arc has always intrigued me...

















Although merely a metaphor for new beginnings... man in his desire to create order out of chaos looks towards the heavens...
In the universe it appears that something is always formed from something else... liberated yet dwarfed in the vastness of space, he spirits the comet into the unknown...







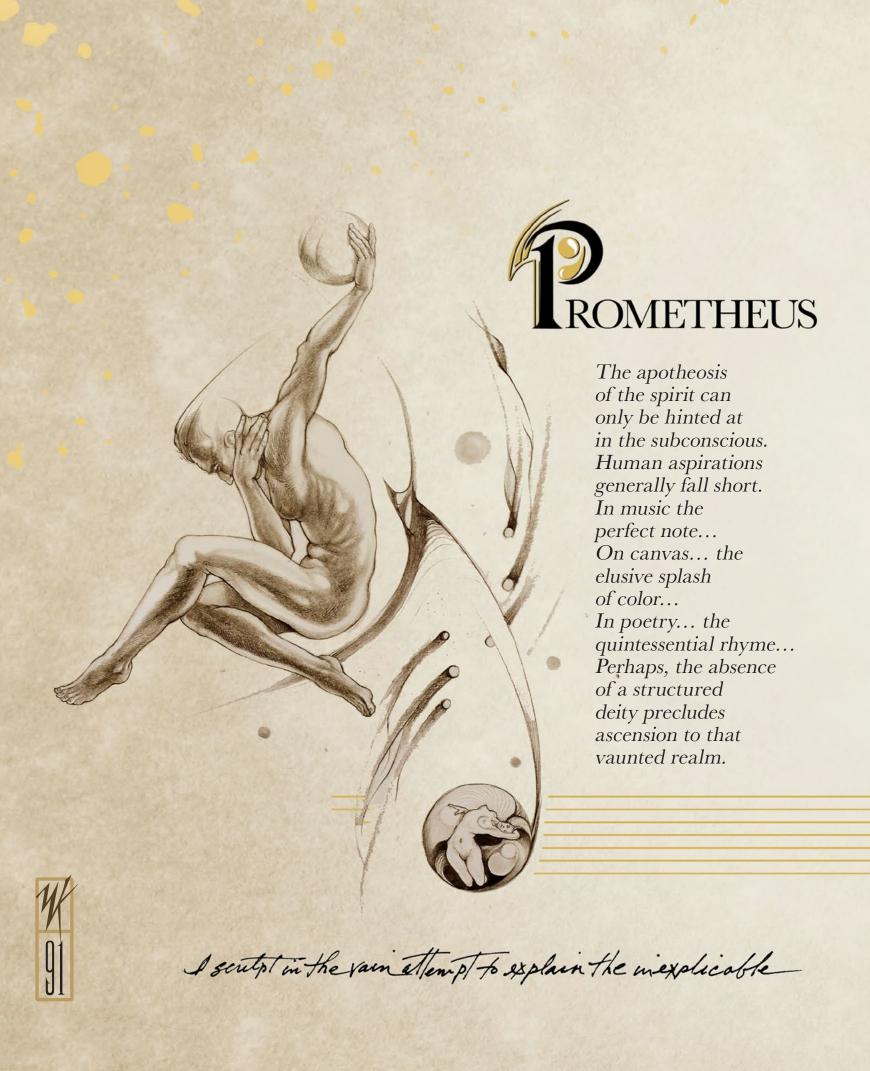
And here she is
once again suspended
on the brink...
the parallelism/duality
that resides within...
now torn apart by a
polar dynamic...
one spinning towards
the known...
the other towards the
unknown...















#### William Dean Kilpatrick 1947-2014

William Dean Kilpatrick (Bill) was a classical figurative sculptor from Caldwell, New Jersey, USA. He studied at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, the School of Visual Arts, and the Art Students' League. He served in the US Army in the 82nd Airborne after high school.

Bill was involved in various art associations, and is represented in many personal collections. For many years he maintained a studio in the Highlands, a community just south of New York City in New Jersey, with scenic views of NYC, Long Island, the Atlantic Ocean. He lived there with his wife Nancy Gray, who communicated to New York City, working as an administrator in a law firm.

From 1980-1990 he worked with famed public sculptor Donald De Lue (1897-1988), who lived just a few towns over. De Lue is famous for the D-Day Monument at Omaha Beach, "Justice" and other bas reliefs on the Philadelphia Continental Post Office, "Rocket Thrower" for the New York World's Fair 1964-65, and the George Washington statue in Indianapolis, Indiana. Their relationship became a life long friendship, with Kilpatrick overseeing the De Lue legacy. Unfortunately a large portion of De Lue's work was stolen after his death and it's where abouts remains a mystery even now.

During the 1960s Bill worked as an artist in the advertising business in New York City. This experience informed the layout of this book, which he organized before his death. The prose and layout of the book have not changed. The mechanics of production has of course evolved, while keeping with the spirit of Bill's intent.

Wm Kilpatrick commissions Include:
New Jersey Transit- Essex Street Station, Jersey City.

"Cycle of Life" - City of Orlando, FL
12 foot football player for the Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Florida
Award trophy for the Kimball Center, Lakewood, NJ

"Worth the Risk" for Malcom Forbes

"Celebration" Monmouth Museum, West Long Branch, NJ

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