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Hot Off the Crucible

No matter the time or the season, there are always great blessings to be found in the stabilizing and soothing constants of life such as family, friends, music, and of course, beautiful art. Mark Hopkins recognizes the need for these calming elements. And it is in that spirit that he continues to provide breathtaking art that embodies what is most splendid and enduring about mankind and the world we live in bringing peace to the heart and spirit.



Vigilance (small)

In recent months, both Mark and Eli have created new sculptures sure to become enduring classics. Of these, two magnificent eagle sculptures are now ready for release. Eli has created a smaller version of his *Above the Clouds*

(standing 12 inches tall) and Mark has completed a smaller rendition of his highly sought after *Vigilance* (standing 18 inches tall). Originally part of a corporate awards commission for Xerox, these stunning works are now available to our collectors. Both of these works are being met with enthusiastic appreciation for their size and price.

Mark has also recently completed a humbling new religious piece entitled *Doubt Not*. In this moving portrait, the Savior shows tender compassion to his doubting disciple, Thomas, who reaches to touch the wound in the hand of the Master.

Mark continues to develop his innovative line of original, one of a kind sculptures which he introduced last year. No mold is made of these exclusive pieces, making each one uniquely captivating. Mark allows his imagination to run free as he creates these charming and distinctive works of art. Among this new line will be mountable sculptures that get the work off the pedestal and onto the wall. For more information please call us. Or to view original works, visit the "Originals" section of our website. Don't wait to find yours.



Doubt Not



Chickadee in Aspen

In The Works

One of the exciting developments on the horizon at Mark Hopkins Sculpture is Eli's newest piece, a thrilling stop-action work in which he captures a cheetah in motion. Several have already been reserved by admirers who have been captivated by its dramatic design, even before the official release. The picture below shows the piece in clay as it nears completion. By the end of April it will be available in bronze.



Also coming soon is a perfect gift item for the budding artist: *The Official Mark Hopkins Sculpting Kit*. Wax, clay, tools, armatures and other essential materials, along with instructions for creating a personal work of art of your own design are included in a stylish gift box. A perfect hobby starter for you or a loved one. Look for updates about this exciting product in the near future. To keep posted about these and all other works by Mark and Eli you can receive email updates. Please contact us for more information.

Highlights

Congratulations to Mark who was recently inducted into the *Fresh-Water Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum* in Hayward Wisconsin. Mark was elected as a "Legendary Artist". Those chosen for this honor are artists whose creations introduce, encourage or inspire the enjoyment of fresh water fishing on a local, regional or national level. Mark's current fishing sculptures can all be seen in the hunting and fishing section of his website gallery at www.MarkHopkinsSculpture.com. These works have brought joy into the hearts of avid fishermen everywhere. Whether displayed at home or at the office, each piece can instantly transport enthusiasts to their favorite fishing spot, evoking happy memories or perhaps inspiring a new adventure.



Highlights (Continued)

A fun little note: Mark's newest grandson was born last month to his youngest daughter *Summer*, who was the child featured in the popular sculpture by the same name. There are now eight grandsons and seven granddaughters in Mark's growing clan.



Be The First To Know!

If you would like to receive updates about upcoming events, new releases, special offers and more from Mark Hopkins Sculpture before anyone else, please send us your email address. You can email us at mhsart@earthlink.net and put "email updates" in the subject line. We do not share information for any reason and would be happy to update you regularly. For a sample of the updates you'll receive, you can visit Mark's new blog at www.MarkHopkinsSculpture.blogspot.com

From Our Collectors

Our collectors continue to send wonderful words of appreciation for the work we do. We are always grateful to know that our work is making life better for them. Here are some recent collector comments:

A collector from Washington finds hope in Mark's work. She said, "We bought our Mark Hopkins sculpture after a wild fire which destroyed our home and content in 1991. We look upon the sculpture we purchased as a new beginning, and hope for the future. We have endured,

From Our Collectors (Continued)

and we know our sculpture will continue to inspire us to reach for new heights. Thank you for your message and hope unveiled within the sculptures.”

A collector from Maine wrote, “...My husband and I have long admired your sculpture in all their sizes and subjects. You truly do succeed in your desire to bring joy with your art works. My son has also bought your sculptures. He has been collecting them for several years. I bought him a sculpture entitled *Faster, Faster* for Christmas this year and three more for his birthday. Thank you once again for bringing such beauty and pleasure into our lives.”



Faster, Faster

From a collector in Florida, we received this poignant note: “I received my first Mark Hopkins years ago from my middle child, also named Mark. It is the *Stalking Cougar*. I wrote you about it and you answered my letter, which I treasure... I promised (my son) I would leave it to him when I died. Mark died two years ago of pancreatic cancer. His gift is even more important to me as a result. Your works of art are very inspiring because you are inspired. That feeling is sealed in every piece you do. Thank you for the wonderful symbols you create.”

We sincerely appreciate the kind words and tender remarks regarding the work we do. It is our hope that you will continue to send us your inspiring thoughts.

Artist's Corner

In contemplating challenges we all face from time to time, Mark recently reflected on how to best distinguish those things that are of the most value in our lives. He mused,

“It's really not difficult to measure those things that we need in order to exist in life against those things that we merely want. Much of what we think we want is fleeting – it will very soon be gone and forgotten. On the other hand, there are those things that have deeper meaning and a more lasting influence – things that lift and inspire us.”

“We know the basics of what we need to stay alive and functioning – food, clothing, shelter, etc. We might need to contemplate a little more to come up with a list of all the things on the other side of the coin – possessions that are pretty much just “stuff.” With a little more consideration, we can compile a list of things that might fall between the two – things which rise above the mundane – that lift our spirits, inspire our hearts, and deepen our human experience. Our faith, our families, our country, our sense of truth and beauty: these are of lasting and immeasurable value.”

“For me, sculpting and the process of creation are vital expressions that are also enduring and beyond price. In fine art, inspiring music, and great literature, among other sources of happiness, we discover joy that isn't merely bigger than life – it's as big as life should be. It is the divine in us that pushes us to forever seek the best that life has to offer and then strive to make it even better.”

Spring and Summer Appearances

Mark and Eli will make personal appearances at several exhibits throughout the country this spring and summer. They always enjoy visiting with long time collectors and meeting new ones. So, save the date and come see us at one of the following shows:

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| May 16 | 83 Spring Street Gallery,
Eureka Springs, Arkansas |
| May 22-25 | Denver Downtown Arts Festival,
Denver, Colorado |
| June 19-21 | RiverSpan Sculpture Show,
Cincinnati, Ohio |
| August 7-9 | Loveland Sculpture Invitational,
Loveland, Colorado |

Mark Hopkins Sculpture Secondary Market Report - Spring 2009

Piece	Introduced	Sold Out	Elapsed Time in Months	Edition Limit	Total Sold	Issue Price	Estimated Current Production Price	After Market High
Aviator (small)	1/92	12/93	14	250	250	775.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
Broken Treaty (small)	10/93	5/95	19	450	450	1,100.00	2,000.00	4,600.00
Cartwheeling	9/92	1/00	172	950	950	335.00	800.00	1,200.00
Catch of the Day (small)	1/94	6/95	18	550	550	1,150.00	2,200.00	4,800.00
Crack the Whip (large)	10/00	6/03	32	450	450	1795.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Crack the Whip (small)	6/98	4/03	58	950	950	495.00	995.00	995.00
Cry of the Wolves (large)	2/92	3/93	13	950	950	850.00	1,500.00	4,200.00
Downriver Run (small)	7/93	9/95	26	450	450	950.00	2,100.00	5,200.00
Eagle's Catch	10/97	9/98	11	450	450	1,275.00	2,200.00	1,800.00
Earth Mother	1/94	12/97	35	750	750	1,250.00	2,200.00	3,800.00
Firestarter	7/96	9/98	26	450	450	1,100.00	2,300.00	4,200.00
First Buffalo (small)	5/91	7/92	14	250	250	1,498.00	2,900.00	3,800.00
Fishing Grizzly	7/92	3/93	9	450	450	875.00	2,200.00	3,100.00
Garden Birds (large)	1/92	5/95	Retired	250	51	930.00	1,800.00	4,500.00
Gathering Wisdom	7/94	12/97	41	450	450	995.00	2,300.00	4,200.00
Iron Road	6/91	10/96	65	450	450	975.00	1,800.00	2,800.00
Legend Keeper	4/95	1/98	33	450	450	925.00	2,200.00	4,800.00
Mother's Nature	4/94	3/95	12	2nd Annual	410	685.00	1,700.00	3,300.00
Mountain Overlook	7/93	8/94	13	550	550	975.00	2,000.00	3,200.00
Mud Buddies (lifesize)	10/00	12/01	14	50	50	8,500.00	11,000.00	12,000.00
Phantoms of the Forest	4/93	3/94	12	1st Annual	494	685.00	2,000.00	2,800.00
Release, The (small)	1/95	12/97	23	450	450	1,095.00	2,300.00	3,800.00
Resurrection	5/89	7/91	Retired	19	6	5,555.00	9,000.00	18,000.00
Soaring	7/93	1/95	19	450	450	975.00	2,100.00	4,200.00
Sons and Brothers (small)	1/93	1/97	48	250	250	1,250.00	2,300.00	4,800.00
Stalking Cougar	7/92	2/93	8	450	450	750.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Survival (small)	4/95	3/96	12	3rd Annual	608	795.00	2,100.00	2,600.00
Take, The	7/98	10/99	15	450	450	1,195.00	2,300.00	4,200.00
Untamed Grace	10/96	5/97	7	250	250	1,275.00	2,200.00	3,600.00
Watering Hole (special edition)	10/05	6/07	20	50	50	4,100.00	5,200.00	5,200.00

The titles listed reflect only a small portion of Mark Hopkins' sold out or retired sculptures. A sculpture is "sold out" when the entire edition of that piece has been purchased from Mark Hopkins Sculpture. A "retired" sculpture is one that is taken out of active production and is no longer available from Mark Hopkins Sculpture. The listed "after market high" reflects the highest price paid for a piece or the value given to it from a legitimate art appraiser or auctioneer. These values have been reported by authorized Mark Hopkins' dealers or collectors and can be verified by documentation. The "estimated current production price" is the projected price if the sculpture was currently available and in active production. Due to an increase in production costs and materials, especially raw bronze, Mark Hopkins' sculptures have recently increased in value and are expected to continue to do so. However, please note that these prices do not reflect what the buying market is necessarily willing to pay. If a title is not listed that you would like an estimated value for, please contact us.



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Through the daily work of our hands, we will share the eternal nobility of our hearts and minds.

From the diversity of our individual talents and strengths, we will forge a great unity of purpose and achieve unlimited success and prosperity.

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