

about the artist . . .



Vance Theoret

*V*ance Theoret is a man of few words, as are many who work with stone. But when he does get talking, it takes little time to feel his passion for the stone he works with! He communicates with the stone in a manner hard to put into words, but nonetheless very tangible.

Theoret is of Mohawk and Métis descent. He applies a 'direct carve' approach, connecting with every piece of stone, and allowing its ancient memory to reveal itself to him. This rough image is then refined into a clean, solid sculpture, with precise, yet minimal, detail. "I let the stone tell me what it wants to be. The results are far more exciting than if I forced my ideas on my material."

Vance's work portrays the physical presence of the stone, and also evokes a wide range of emotions - from humor to a sense of tenderness shared between mother and child - and seems to touch you on a very primal level. His sculptures have a whimsical energy, while showcasing the real star of the show-- the stone itself!

Working in alabaster, soapstone, slate, chlorite and kisii stone for 25 years, Theoret carves a large selection of different wild animals as the subject matter - but the bear has always and continues to be his favorite. "Bears are like big kids that never really grow up. So I can get away with portraying a lot of human qualities in them. I like to explore the more playful, curious aspects of bears."

Vance Theoret's work ranges from small pieces for gifts to larger sculptures for private and corporate collections. His sculptures can be found as far away as Germany, Switzerland, France, Holland, Taiwan and Japan.

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