

BOAZ VAADIA



ARTIST'S STATEMENT

My work is based on the concept that man functions according to the same laws as all other creatures of nature. Therefore, the urban environment is not an artificial creation but a natural habitat that man has created for himself.

The materials I use in my sculptures: slate, shingle, bluestone and boulders, are from the immediate area surrounding my studio in New York City. The slate roof shingles and bluestones are sedimentary rocks, which were formed by layers of sediment compressing over millions of years. Slate and bluestone are used throughout the city for roofing and building and also used in sidewalks, backyards, and for landscaping. Brought to the area by glacier movement during the ice age, the boulders in my latest work came from building sites in Brooklyn.

My sculptures are executed by hand carving each individual layer and stacking it up until the piece is completed. Although at this point the piece will stand up by itself, I bolt it together with threaded rods and glue for permanence and safety.

The connection of man to earth and nature is vital to my art. By using the natural forces of rocks, my work awakens ancient "earth senses" that were slowly abandoned by man during his evolution to civilization. One way I make the connection of man to earth is by using the natural layers of sedimentary rock. By carving the stone, I release its inherent energies. This stone sculpture now carries a direct message to the soul of the viewer. Man came from the earth and in death returns to it. I see stone as the bone structure of the earth.

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ABBREVIATED RESUME

BORN November 13, 1951, Israel

EDUCATION

1976-77 Brooklyn Museum Art School, Brooklyn, NY

1975-76 Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY

1967-71 Avni Institute of Fine Arts, Tel-Aviv, Israel

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Grounds for Sculpture, Princeton, NJ
2014 Connaught Brown, London, England
Jim Kempner Fine Art Sculpture Garden, New York, NY
2013 Jim Kempner Fine Art Sculpture Garden, New York, NY
2012 Baker Sponder Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
Gail Severn Gallery, Ketchum, ID
2011 Connaught Brown, London, England
Jim Kempner Fine Art Sculpture Garden, New York, NY
2010 Eckert Fine Art, Kent, CT
2008 Connaught Brown London, England
2006 Eckert Fine Art Naples, FL
2005 CaldwellSnyder Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2005 Courcoux & Courcoux Gallery England
2004 Miriam Shiell Fine Art, Toronto, Canada
2003 Kraft Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
2002 Elaine Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
2000 Elaine Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
2002 Elaine Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
1997 Imago Galleries, Palm Desert, CA
1997 Jaffe Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
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1994 O.K. Harris Works of Art, New York, NY
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1986 O.K. Harris Works of Art, New York NY
1997 Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
1993 Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
1993 Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL
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1988 Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL
1990 Hokin Kaufman Gallery, Chicago, IL
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1989 Sculpture Court Installation, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY
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OUTDOOR INSTALLATION/PUBLIC ART

- 2014 *Family with Dog* and *Ah'av*, Sculpture Walk, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
2013 *Ba'al with Cat* and *Yizhaq with Cat*, Downtown Abstractions, Art in Public Places – Stamford Downtown, Stamford, CT
2013 *Ba'al and Ammi'el*, Waterfront Promenade, Yonkers, NY
2011-13 *Family with Dog*, Gilalay & Ginnetoy, and *Yo'ah with Dog*, Aviator Park in Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA
2011-13 *Ammi'el & Amaryahu*, Village Green, Summit, NJ
2011-14 *REBECCA*, *SARA*, and *MEIR*, Pratt Institute Sculpture Park, Brooklyn, NY
2010-12 *Asa & Yehoshafat*, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN
2010-12 *Daniyyel with Dog* and *Asa with Dog*, Rockland Center for the Arts, West Nyack, NY
2010 *The Family*, Boca Raton Resort, Boca Raton, FL
2009 *Asa & Yehoshafat*, Independence Park, Tel Aviv, Israel
2008-10 *Ba'al & Yizhaq*, The El Paseo Invitational Sculpture Exhibition, Palm Desert, CA

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Museum, Japan
Hakone Open Air Museum, Japan
Norton Gallery of Art, West Palm Beach, FL

Tel-Aviv Museum, Israel
Jewish Museum, New York, NY
The Israel Museum, Israel
Open Museum at Tefen, Israel
Cliff Lede Vineyards, Napa Valley, CA
Paine Webber Inc., Puerto Rico
Mazda Great Lakes, MI
Elton John, Atlanta, GA
Best Products Inc., VA
Cargill Inc., MN
La Salle Partners, Rosslyn, VA
The Related Companies, Carnegie Park Building, NY
Lufthansa Airlines, NY
Susan & Dixon Butler, Washington, D.C.
Richard Brown Baker, NY
Ashley & Harriet Hoffman, NY
Grace Hokin, Palm Beach, FL
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, WI
Cargill Macmillan, Palm Springs, CA
Herb Goldsmith, FL
Leanne Hull, Canada
Dr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Kahn, NY
The Manney Collection, NY
Martin Z. Margulies, FL
Eric P. Meyer, Switzerland
Edward J. Minskoff, NY
Dr. & Mrs. Sackler, CT
Barry Sacks, Bel Air, CA (Chorus Line, Inc.)
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Tuttleman, PA
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Zimmerman, TN

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2014 12th Annual Russian Heritage Month Honoree, Russian American Foundation, New York, NY
2012 Aviv Award, The America-Israel Cultural Foundation, New York, NY
1992 Utsukushi-ga-hara Open Air Museum Award, Japan
1988 National Endowment for the Arts Grant
1986 Ariana Foundation For the Arts, NY, grant
1985 Committee for the Visual Arts, Artists Space, New York, NY, grant
1977 America the Beautiful Fund, Palisades Interstate Park, NY; grant and residency
1977-76 Beeckman Scholarship, Brooklyn Museum Art School, Brooklyn, NY
1976-75 America Israel Cultural Foundation Grant

MEDIA COVERAGE

2014 FOX 5 News, "The art of sculptor, Boaz Vaadia"
2014 WSRQ Sarasota Talk Radio, "The Mezz with Brian Hersh"
2013 One Way Ticket Show with Steven Shalowitz, "Boaz Vaadia – Sculptor"
2013 Observer Media Group, "Season of Sculpture Season VII: Shared Ground"
2010 NBC Today Show, David at ArtPrize, Grand Rapids, MI
2010 White Collar TV Series, USA Network, Troy 2nd and Zur featured, Boaz written into script
1995 CNN Headline News, Zur with Dog sculpture at the White House broadcast nationally
1995 NY Channel 1, interview and studio visit, Israel Sunday, TV interview
1993 West Palm Beach Television News Coverage, Avram with Dog and 10 Lambs
1980 Out of Rock, 30-minute documentary film by J.Keydel and A. Bernstein of Boaz Vaadia and work