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Jarrett Hawkins: Edgewise

On View: November 17th, 2017 – January 6th, 2018

Opening Reception: Friday, November 17th, 6-8 pm

CINCINNATI, OH - Marta Hewett Gallery is pleased to present a solo exhibition of new sculptures by Jarrett Hawkins. These large-scale sculptures are created in the artist's signature materials of cast bronze and carved stone. The exhibition will be on view from November 17th, 2017 through January 6th, 2018. The gallery will host an opening reception on Friday, November 17th from 6-8 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Jarrett Hawkins' new sculptures examine processes of change in nature. The weathering processes of erosion and deposition and the forms and patterns these processes create are of particular interest to the artist. The sculptures reference geologic formations of dramatic landscapes of Antelope Canyon in Arizona or Brice Canyon in Utah. Hawkins' forms allude to erosion by wind and water. The physical opposition of stone (geologic) and plant (biologic) forms are specific inspirations for this work.

The visual mechanics of how we perceive figure-ground and how it informs our understanding of our surroundings is a fundamental aspect in the artist's practice. Embodied as precious object, the work is a personal exploration of visual and spatial perception. Hawkins' vocabulary of forms offers multiple associations. Many of the pieces are architectonic or totemic; referencing our ability to make incredible physical structures. Though emphatically non-representational, many viewers find figurative references in his work. These varied associations coupled with the high level of craftsmanship and a meditative presence, encourage careful contemplation.

Biography: Jarrett K Hawkins (b. 1949) began his sculpting career in the 1970s after attending Miami University. He later pursued other interests, including becoming a master cabinet maker, and working in historic renovation. Hawkins returned to sculpture in the late 1980s and during his 40-year career has been commissioned for numerous public works. Recent commissions include: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, The International Lineman Museum, Franklin University, and Kent State University. In 2008 Hawkins was awarded a residency at the I-Park Foundation in East Haddam, CT. Jarrett and his partner, sculptor Celine Hawkins, own and operate *Hawkins & Hawkins Custom*, a full production studio where together they have produced high quality art and design for over 23 yrs.

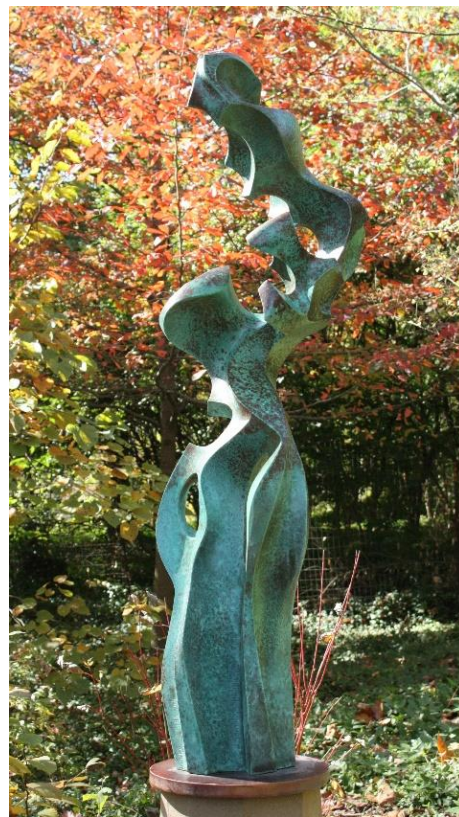
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Hawkins' sculptures have been exhibited in New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Indiana, and throughout Ohio. In addition his works have been purchased for numerous public, private and corporate collections including: Bridge Media Worldwide, Cincinnati, OH; City of Cincinnati, OH; City of Deer Park, OH; City of Hamilton, OH; Fidelity Investments, Covington, KY; Hamilton High School, Hamilton, OH; I-Park, East Haddam, CT; Kent State University, Kent, OH; Mason High School, Mason, OH; Miami University, Oxford, OH; Middletown Fine Arts Center, Middletown, OH and the World Food Prize Foundation, Des Moines, IA. This is the artist's first solo show at Marta Hewett Gallery.

About: Marta Hewett Gallery has offered works by regional, national and international contemporary artists for 27 years. The gallery is located at 1310 Pendleton Street in Over-the-Rhine, downtown Cincinnati. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 am - 5 pm and Saturday, 11 am - 3 pm. Admission and Parking are free. For more information please call the gallery at 513.281.2780 or visit: martahebett.com



Images: Gongshi, 57" x 18" x 12", cast bronze. Private Collection, Courtesy of the artists and Marta Hewett Gallery.

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