

Michael Binkley

Sculptor in Stone

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Biography

Born in 1960, Michael Binkley is primarily a self taught sculptor. His artistic talent was evident at an early age and through perseverance and dedication, he is now one of Canada's leading stone sculptors. Binkley maintains his studio gallery and sculpture garden, Binkley Sculpture Studios, in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada with his wife Michelle.

Binkley's initial inspiration to turn to stone sculpture occurred in 1980 while he was in Florence, Italy. He encountered Michelangelo's four unfinished "Captives" at the Accademia, which struck a chord deep inside him. He discovered he was able to see the finished sculptures hidden in the marble and from that moment, a transformation began which has shaped the soul of an Artist.

Since his experience with the "Captives," Binkley's desire to create has been continuous and prolific. His passion is for the human form, and this can be seen in a wide range of gorgeous sculptures ranging from stylized to representational. He also creates images of Wildlife and pure Abstract forms. Inspiration for his sculptures comes from his life experiences and observations and it is a rare moment when his sensors are turned off. The sensory joy one experiences from feeling a polished stone is something no other material can provide. There is an ancient, primal link between Man and stone, and few viewers can resist the urge to run their hand over Binkley's sculptures. Sculpture occupies space in our world and allows for a deeper connection through the sense of touch.

Binkley strives to create sculpture which will seduce the viewer's eye, stir the soul, and entice the viewer to touch. He carves as much of the details of a particular subject as he can, without sacrificing the flowing, graceful lines which typify his style. He is a widely collected artist with a diverse and versatile sculpting talent. His work over the years has proved to have a universal appeal. His work can be found in private, corporate and public collections on every continent and he has over 40 exhibitions to his credit.

Binkley has worked internationally to create sculptures in the USA, Italy and China.

Binkley is passionate about his work, and is interested in sharing it with patrons. He is very approachable, and welcomes your inquiries.

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Timeline / CV

1960 Birth - Toronto, ON, Canada
1980 Epiphany - Florence, Italy
1980 Pratt studio apprentice, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1981 Granville Bridge studio, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1981 First Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1982 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1983 First Ave. studio, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1983 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1984 Alaskan & BC Artists Exhibition group show, Carmel, CA, USA
1984 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1985 New gallery and sculpting studio, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1985 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1986 "Rune Stone" commission, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1986 "Lions" commission, Expo '86, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1986 La Linea Exhibit group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1986 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1987 - 1992 weekend exhibits, solo show, Lonsdale Quay Market, North Van., BC, Canada
1987 Commonwealth Heads of Gov't Meeting group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1987 Faces & Figures group exhibition group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1988 Faces & Figures group exhibition group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1988 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1988 Design for Giving, group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1989 "Sounding Humpback" commission, Clark Wilson LLP, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1989 Faces & Figures group exhibition, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1989 Design for Giving, group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1989 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1990 One of a Kind, group spring show, Toronto, ON, Canada
1990 One of a Kind, group fall show, Toronto, ON, Canada
1990 10th Anniversary Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1991 Faces & Figures, group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1991 One of a Kind, group fall show, Toronto, ON, Canada
1991 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1992 One of a Kind, group spring show, Toronto, ON, Canada

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1992 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1993 Faces & Figures, group show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1993 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1994 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1995 The Garden Sculpture Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1995 Faces & Figures, solo show, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1995 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1996 Figures & Landscapes, group show, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
1996 The Garden Sculpture Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1996 The Canadian Gardener TV Show with David Tarrant
1996 Interior Exterior Spaces, group show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1996 North Vancouver Community Arts Council board of director
1996 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1997 - 2001 North Vancouver Community Arts Council president
1997 The Garden Sculpture Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1997 Faces & Figures, group exhibition, Vancouver, BC, Canada
1997 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1998 The Garden Sculpture Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1998 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1999 The Garden Sculpture Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
1999 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2000 The Garden Sculpture Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2000 In the Beginning...There was Stone, group show, Bellingham, WA, USA
2000 20th Anniversary Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2001 The Garden Sculpture Show, group show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2001 Nude - Go Figure, group show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2001 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2002 Gazing into Stone, solo show, Miami, FL, USA
2002 "Mark Hoggins Memorial" commission, White Rock, BC, Canada
2002 Sculptures at Sea, solo show, Radisson Navigator, AK, USA
2002 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2003 "Seashells" commission, Queen Mary 2, Cunard Lines, Miami, FL, USA
2003 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
2004 Queen Mary 2 workshops, Cunard Lines, Miami, FL, USA
2004 Symposium Instructor, NWSSA, Mount Vernon, WA, USA
2004 FANS Award honoree, North Vancouver, BC, Canada

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- 2004 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2005 Art Tour Host on Crystal Cruise Line “Symphony”, Mediterranean Cruise
- 2005 Body Language, group show, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2005 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2006 Start major commission sculptures in Pietrasanta, Italy
- 2006 “Barn Owl” commission, Clark Wilson LLP, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2006 Symposium Instructor, WCSA, Thetis Island, BC, Canada
- 2006 “Breadfruit Leaf” commission for Napili Kai Beach Resort, Maui, HI, USA
- 2007 “Kelp & Oyster Shell” commission for Sea Lion Point Lodge, Sonora Island, BC Canada
- 2007 “Ansia” commission, Kelowna, BC, Canada
- 2007 Symposium Instructor, WCSA, Mission, BC, Canada
- 2007 Mountaineer & Artist, group show, Whyte Museum, Banff, AB, Canada
- 2007 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2008 “Winds of War” commission, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2008 Start sculpture projects in Pietrasanta, Italy
- 2008 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2009 Sculpture in the Garden, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2009 “Moai Heads” commission, Whistler, BC, Canada
- 2009 Symposium Instructor, WCSA, Vancouver Island BC, Canada
- 2009 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2010 Sculpture in the Garden, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2010 30th Anniversary Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2011 Sculpture in the Garden, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2011 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2012 Art in the Garden, group show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2012 Harmony Arts Showcase Exhibition, group show, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2013 Art in the Garden, group show, West Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2013 Studio Show, solo show, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2014 Vancouver Spring, instructor, advanced stone carving course, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2014 “War Memorial” commission, Gates Park, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2014 “Look to the Horizon” commission, Changsha, China International Symposium
- 2015 Vancouver Spring, instructor, advanced stone carving course, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2017 “Banana Slug” commission, BC Children’s Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

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