

ALEX BARRETT
Biography



Born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1963, Alex Barrett has been actively working in metal sculpture since the age of fourteen. As an apprentice to his father, Bill Barrett, Alex developed the ability to bring an idea to life and gained an intimate knowledge of fabrication.

He works in the abstract, beginning with a concept. From that concept comes a drawing and from the drawing a sculpture. It is from the spaces that enliven and reflect nature that true synthesis is formed. Beauty evolves from a seed to a full blooming idea. Being able to reflect and represent this in sculpture is inherent in what Alex creates.

Many of his sculptures become monumental pieces, but all begin with a small maquette. The maquettes are fabricated from sheet bronze, and most are single edition artist proofs.

Unlike most bronze artists, Alex's work is typically not cast, but is created; cut, joined, inflated, and soldered by the artist's hands. In the process of creating a maquette, Alex establishes techniques to execute the piece on a larger scale.

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The monumental pieces are built with aluminum and are powder-coated to withstand outdoor conditions. Some surfaces are fabricated by soldering or manipulating the metal with heat while other portions are inflated to resemble mylar. All are created with durable construction and smooth edges to encourage interaction with the work.

Alex's work has been published in the New York Times, THE Magazine, and newspapers throughout the country. His work is on public display at the University of Chattanooga in Tennessee and at various locations in Santa Fe, New Mexico where it has received high media attention. His massive 20' x 5' wall sculpture, Alchemy, was selected for inclusion in the SITE Santa Fe New Year's installation to ring in 2007. He has exhibited in Switzerland, Chicago, New York, Santa Fe, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, California, Tennessee, Alabama, and Connecticut to date.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 SculptureWalk Peoria, Peoria, IL
- 2015 Sculpture on 73rd AVENUE, Westminster, CO
- 2014 Art in Public Spaces, Greeley, CO
- 2013 Art in Public Spaces, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe
- 2013 Downtown Abstractions, Stamford, CT
- 2012 Art in Public Spaces, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe
- 2012 SPACES Sculpture Walk, Huntsville, AL
- 2011 Art in Public Spaces, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe
- 2011 Spring into Art, Open Hands Art Auction, Santa Fe
- 2011 315 Restaurant, Santa Fe
- 2011 JRB Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK
- 2010 Art in Public Spaces, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe
- 2010 MMFA, Palm Desert, CA
- 2010 Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, CA
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- 2009 Goldleaf Superstars Show, Santa Fe
- 2008 Pushpin Show, Avant Garde, Santa Fe
- 2008 Nussbaumer Fine Art, Santa Fe
- 2007 STUDIO 07, SITE Santa Fe, Santa Fe
- 2007 Commissioned Sculpture, City of Santa Fe Arts Comm, Santa Fe
- 2007 Forms and Impressions, Nussbaumer Fine Art Gallery, Santa Fe

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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS (continued)

- 2007 High Mayhem Fundraiser, High Mayhem Studio, Santa Fe
- 2007 Open Hands, Open Hearts: The Spirit of Giving. The Beauty of Art, Nussbaume Fine Art Gallery, Santa Fe
- 2006 Butler Fine Art, East Hampton, NY
- 2006 Seven Years of Beauty, Casa Milagro, Santa Fe
- 2006 Santa Fe Artist Emergency Medical Fundraiser, Santa Fe
- 2005 Sculpture Ranch, Santa Fe
- 2004 Wagartworks, Chicago
- 2004 Gallery 1212, Burlingame, CA
- 2004 La Posada, Resort and Spa, Santa Fe
- 2003 Alex Barrett: Alchemy, Cloud Cliff Art Space and Bakery, Santa Fe
- 2003 Sculpture by Alex Barrett and paintings by Daniel Phill, Karan Ruhlen Gallery, Santa Fe
- 2003 Manifesto, Sculpture Ranch, Santa Fe
- 2003 Group Show, Wag Art Gallery, Chicago
- 2003 Sculpture Show, Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, CA
- 2003 Group Show, 1212 Gallery, Burlingame, CA
- 2002 Affordable Art Fair-New York, Karan Ruhlen Gallery, Santa Fe
- 2002 Inaugural Exhibition, Sculpture Ranch, Santa Fe
- 2002 Abstraction, Marcel Schiener Gallery, Hilton Head, NC
- 2002 Group Exhibition, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA
- 2001 Group Exhibition, Chattanooga, TN
- 2001 Marcel Schiener, Hilton Head, SC
- 2000 Legacies 2000, Alva Gallery, New London, CT
- 2000 Third Annual Sculpture Symposium, The River Gallery, Chattanooga, TN
- 1999 Maquette Exhibition, Pier Walk 99, Chicago
- 1998 Multi-Mini Exhibition, Center for Contemporary Arts, Santa Fe
- 1997 Contemporary Sculpture, West Side Bronze, Santa Fe
- 1995 Drawings and Maquettes, Nardin Gallery, Sommers, NY
- 1994 Sculpture at Embudo, Embudo Station, Embudo, NM
- 1994 Four Young Sculptors, The Collector Art Gallery, Hot Springs, AR
- 1993 Gallery Group Exhibition, Dorsky Gallery, New York
- 1992 Artists in Santa Fe, Galerie Benkert, Zurich
- 1991 Winter Exhibition, Galerie, Benkert, Zurich

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SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Art in Public Spaces, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe
315 Restaurant, Santa Fe
Eldorado Dental, Santa Fe
Law Office, Santa Fe
Midtown Bistro, Santa Fe
Fidelity Investment Firm, Albuquerque, NM
Private Collection of Ed and Susan Tatum, Santa Fe

EDUCATION

Thiel College, Greenville, PA

APPRENTICESHIPS

1980-85	Bill Barrett, New York, NY
1987	Kurt Metzler, Zurich, Switzerland
1988-89	Tallix Beacon, NY
1991	John Henry, Honeybee, KY