

Title of Artwork: Waves
Dimensions: 36" x 96" x 36"
Medium: Mahogany and silver

Statement:

My style of art and my story as an artist embodies your current theme of "Moving Lives Forward". The piece I have submitted was the impetus for a series that builds one upon the other telling the story of motion in balance. "Waves" is the original discovery of the various plains of balance that can be achieved. I continued to create "Untitled 1" which I submitted to you as a representation of a commissioned piece. I have also completed the second and third in the series as private commissions. (If interested a private commission is an option.) These pieces tell the story of life propelling us forward and building on each generation's innovative ideas. Each piece also tells my personal story of artistry and skill passed from one generation to the next. It is the story of striving to do better, striving for perfection, and striving to affect others in positive ways.

Design and innovation naturally create movement. I am reminded of this process of my art. Each piece of wood is forged by heat and steam into fluid and flight inspired shapes. Each curved board is uniquely crafted and seemingly liberated. Each piece is impeccably finished and balanced to create a graceful and purposeful movement. The pieces of steam bent wood are attached at specific points that create precarious and graceful balance as they move past each other.

This brings me to how my work will impact the gallery space. The gallery space being an active passage the movement will encourage a pause and moment of reflection. The design will encourage a wonder about connections and balance, as the pieces of steam bent wood are curvy and beautiful shapes carefully balanced. The whole piece creates a great wide circle as it moves and each individual piece will move in counter balanced ways. It is a slow calm movement that creates a beautiful calm focus in the room as well as musings about how it was created. And finally, each piece attached in its perfect place of balance leaps forward with a sense of positive, forward motion.

I thank you for the opportunity to continue my growth as a professional artist and move forward with innovative design and engineering.