

TJ Christiansen, *Perpetual Bond* Reclaimed Steel 8' wide, 8' long, 14' tall \$15,000

TJ Christiansen enjoys the process of creating sculptures that capture the true beauty of the wild animals that make up planet earth. These animals depend on clean water and plentiful food sources for their survival. Some of these animals are so mystical and some of them are close to becoming endangered or even extinct. The relationship between man and nature is a growing concern for the future of all wildlife. TJ chooses animals from all over the world and tries to create a life size sculpture that shows their true beauty. Without their natural habitats, these living creatures would not survive. Over the years he has created several types of artworks, but his true passion is creating life size animal sculptures and sharing them with the world. Even if a particular piece he creates only raises the awareness of one person, that is one more person who knows about the plight of our global environmental changes, whether caused by man or Mother Nature.

## Artist statement:

It is truly amazing the bond that forms between a mother and child right from the start, a relationship of love that lasts forever. I became inspired to create a mother giraffe with a teenage calf standing together and showing that no matter how much time passes by the love between a mother and child will always exist. This piece focuses on the Western African Giraffe, who is now on the endangered species list due to intensive farming that is taking away from these animals' habitats.



Perpetual Bond being installed at for the Uproar Public Art Festival at CURRENT ArtsSpace + Studio



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