

# Sculptor Andrew DeVries

Spring 2009

## Studio News

### October 2 - 11, 2009 TUSCANY: A Journey for the Senses

What could be better than seeing the greatest works of Italian art from an artist's perspective? Join Andrew in a feast of Italian art and culture on our tour through Tuscany, a destination for art lovers from all over the world.

The tour's first half is 4 days and 3 nights in the romantic city of Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Here the greatest works of Ghiberti, Donatello and Michelangelo will thrill us while Andrew shares his insights into the work as well as the artist's lives - their trials and triumphs. A special studio visit with the internationally renowned artist Paola Cremi has been arranged for us (Paola had an exhibition of her sculptural works at the Pitti Palace in 2008!). Florence is also filled with unique bottegas (shops) where you will discover unique and original items to carry home.



Michelangelo's famous *David* in Florence at the Accademia dell'Arte

It is also the perfect base for our sojourns to the artistic centers of Siena, Orvieto and Assisi where all along the way a cast of artists and artisans will open their doors to us.

Let us not forget the sumptuous wines and cuisine of Italy, from that simple Tuscan bread to the varieties of olive oils, cheeses and wines - the region we are touring is especially known for the finest of these!

The tour's second half will be based at La Palazzina, located in the beautiful landscape of the Val D'Orcia and hosted by the captivating Silvano Mamprin. This is the scenery that defines Tuscany - vineyards stretching into the distances, cypress trees lining the roads with cities and ancient villages juxtaposed against the brilliant Tuscan horizon.



Biagiotti wrought iron works(top left).Vineyards of the Val D'Orcia (right and bottom left).



*Tuscan Venus* in progress at River Studio

Each couple on the tour will be receiving Andrew's latest bronze relief, *Tuscan Venus*, providing a lasting memory of our time spent on this "Journey for the Senses."

This tour is limited to 14 participants and is expected to fill quickly. To register call Joan Hill at 508-255-7907 or email her at: [joanwhill@gmail.com](mailto:joanwhill@gmail.com). Visit our website for more info: [www.andrewdevries.com](http://www.andrewdevries.com).

# TIDBITS

## Berkshire Music School Benefit

An exhibition of Andrew's pastel sketches of dancers and musicians (see *Tango*, right) raised \$3,850.00 for the school. The funds will support programming of this treasured Berkshire institution and its students. The success of this venture was due in large part to local notables Ken and Laurie Green of Museum Facsimiles who donated both the framing and the exhibition space at their store on North Street in Pittsfield, MA.



## The Art of Chocolate

In 2004 Andrew collaborated with his friend, Master Chocolatier Joshua Needleman to transform his bronze relief *First Kiss* into chocolate. Andrew made a food-grade silicone mold on the sculpture into which Joshua then cast his delectable medium. Now a second relief has made that transition. *Whispers* is now "on exhibit" (and available) in Chocolate Springs Café at the Aspinwell shops in Lenox (see below in "What's New").

## William Baczek Fine Arts in Northampton

Andrew's sculptures and pastels will be featured in a group exhibition from March 11th through April 12th, with the opening reception on March 14th, 5 - 7 pm. American Art Collector Magazine has a review of the exhibit in their March issue. The gallery is located at 36 Main Street in Northampton, Massachusetts.

## New Commissions

*Moment of Grace* (a sold out edition) has been commissioned in a larger size - stay tuned for more info!

For Collectors

## What's New

### **Bronze Sculpture**

<i>Faerie Dance</i>	11"h 7"w 4"d	Edition of 100	©2008	Small Works
<i>Innocence</i>	65"h 56"w 16"d	Edition of 6	©2009	Figurative
<i>La Mer</i>	24"h 10"w 6"d	Edition of 3	©2008	Symbolic
<i>Rain or Shine (skirted)</i>	27"h 18"w 6"d	Edition of 12	©2008	Medium Dance
<i>Rapture</i>	34"h 20"w 13"d	Edition of 8	©2008	Figurative
<i>Rapture(bust)</i>	18"h 20"w 6"d	Edition of 12	©2008	Figurative
<i>Sparrow</i>	45"h 15"w 22"d	Edition of 8	©2008	Large Dance
<i>Tuscan Venus</i>	12 ½"h 10"w	Edition of 12	©2009	Relief
<i>Whispers</i>	5"h 8"w	Edition of 50	©2008	Relief

**Sculpture & Pastel Notecards** 8 5" x 7" cards per box, 4 images (2 of each).

Digital Prints

### **Pastels**

*New pastels are available, both framed and unframed. Come to the gallery, studio or website to see the selection.*



*Whispers*, Bronze ©2008



Master Chocolatier Joshua Needleman of Chocolate Springs with *Whispers* in Chocolate

## Open Studio - *Don't Miss Out!* August 15th & 16th, 2-5 p.m.



Andrew makes a point during Open Studio 2008

An artist's studio is a private and often sacred place where artist and muse meet. Once each year Andrew opens the doors of River Studio to the public to let them share in his special place.

A truly unique moment awaits you; come see and experience the allure of this international artist's creative environment for yourself, and be among the first to see new works in progress.

For information and directions, please visit [www.andrewdevries.com](http://www.andrewdevries.com) or call us at (413) 238-7755.



*Allegro* in the Bee & Thistle's Sculpture Garden

### The Sculpture Grounds at the Bee & Thistle Inn & Spa

This past November, 14 of Andrew's largest outdoor sculptures were installed in the gardens and grounds of the Bee & Thistle Inn and Spa in Old Lyme, CT. This exhibition will continue through April 2010. There, on June 6th Andrew will present another of his dramatic bronze castings from 1 to 4 pm - the actual pouring time is scheduled to be at 2:30 for those who would love to see the glow of the molten bronze. That evening the Inn

will feature a wine tasting and lecture with Rod Young with wines from Page Spring Cellars. These wines have been compared to the famous Chateuneuf de Pape! The Bee & Thistle's famed Chef Kristopher Rowe will prepare a special ensemble of dishes to compliment the vintages.

Old Lyme is considered the birthplace of American Impressionism and adjacent to the Bee & Thistle Inn lies the Florence Griswold Museum which provides a wonderful historic perspective to the artistic heritage of Old Lyme as well as featured exhibitions of the famous artists who brought the town such notoriety.

The Inn itself has won many accolades from Connecticut Magazine and the New York Times, and is full of romance for the young at heart and great fun for those who want to play (the Inn features a boule court). For the relaxing type - try the Spa! Innkeepers Linnea and David Rufo have shown Andrew's sculptures since their time in the Berkshires.



*The Bather* by the river on the grounds of the Bee & Thistle Inn

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### ***Innocence Commissioned at 3/4 lifesize!***



*Innocence, in progress*

One of Andrew's most inspiring and technically stunning sculptures will be unveiled this spring. This commission is much larger at  $\frac{3}{4}$ -life size than the original (from 1991), and "floats" 5 feet in the air - supported solely by her hair! It is one of the most challenging figures the artist has ever done.

The inspiration for this work is the innocence that we all carry within our spirit. As Andrew put it, "...the innocence that we so often forget - both in ourselves and others."

A special bond exists between the artist and those who have commissioned a sculpture. It is collaboration between artist and patrons that to quote Andrew "helps bring a dream of beauty into the reality of our physical world." A list of past commissions include: *Pleiades*, *This Man who Flies*, *Etude*, *Nocturne*, *Sparrow* and many others. Is there a special work amongst Andrew's sculptures that you would love to have in a larger version? Call Andrew at the studio: (413) 238-7755.