

## The Alchemy of Artistry

My current work is an exploration of the imaginative, dreamlike, inner realms, and the age-old quest to identify life's unfolding mysteries. For me, this realm is an intricate labyrinth of ancestral experiences, ancient culture, ceremony, magic, symbolism and myth.

Personal investigations into my own multi-cultural heritage have brought to light the similarities between different cultures, how they approach understanding their place in the universe, and the mythos and ritual they create to pass this information down.

I approach the enigmatic process of creating art, as a ritual through which I am able to make tangible my interpretations of these stories, retelling and reinventing them in a contemporary context, and giving them form, texture, color and design. My work is a manifestation of reality in which others can engage. My story of the meaning of life.

Clay inspires my instinct to be creative. This primordial material is alive and embodies the spirit of our ancestors. In my work this spirit evokes universal motifs of creation/destruction, death/rebirth, male/female and the connection between humankind, the natural world and the supernatural. Using archetypal imagery and symbols I provide the spark that ignites the unconscious mind, reminding us of a time where myth and ritual were intrinsic to our everyday existence and we were innately connected to the cycles of life.

Combining the elements of earth, air, fire and water, my sculpture is infused both physically and metaphorically with magic, it is inextricably linked to the forces of nature. Using ancient materials to create ceremonial spaces inhabited by totemic deities, I evoke an atmosphere of contemplation, calling attention to our own personal mythologies and the things that are being lost and devalued in our modern world.

My intention is to create a portal into a metaphysical realm, the reservoir of our collective unconscious. I invite the viewer to behold with a child like mind, as if seeing for the first time, to explore and decipher. To engage in the game of existence and be swept away in a sea of dreams inhabited by mythological beings.