

**JOEY VAIASUSO****ARTIST STATEMENT**

Born and raised in San Diego, I learned early in life to appreciate nature in every form. Much of my time was spent outdoors observing organic forms and natural objects in everyday life, and the relationship between these objects and the landscape. I am influenced by anything I see and experience. So, I did not take the conventional route to art; I opted for the education of exploration and experience.

My curiosity about objects combined with admiring the characteristics and potential of wood lead me down the path of designing and building furniture. That was my first study of form. Initially solely working with wood, I began to incorporate other mediums into my designs. During this evolution, I became engrossed in metal. I found that working with metal liberated me from the painstaking detail that is inherent in woodwork. I felt stimulated with the entire process of sculpture - learning, practicing, and exploring along the way. I felt free. This journey comes full circle showing the development of my past work in constructing from individual parts to the continuity of constructing solid forms.

Spending over a decade in design and art, the last 5 years have been dedicated to sculpture. My designs remain minimal using mainly monolithic forms; my belief suggests less says more. This current series involves an exploration of shapes and lines, balancing the relationship between the two. The cutouts from one shape create the form of another sculpture, encouraging positive and negative space to create a whole, and ultimately balanced body of work. To retain symmetry, this series consist of pairs. I prefer to let the metals age naturally upon the initiation of patina, allowing the color to develop based on the current conditions and environment.

As with any exploration, what I learn changes the way I live my life. But my infatuation with the study of shapes and form will continue to live and breathe within indefinitely.

**SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

Behar Residence – Rancho Santa Fe, CA  
Castro Residence – Hillcrest, CA  
Chahan Minassian – Los Angeles, CA  
Christopher Anthony LTD – Palm Springs, CA  
Darner Residence – Palm Springs, CA  
Dixon/DeSantiago Residence – San Antonio, TX  
Eberle Residence – Orange County, CA  
Eilenberg/Tartar Residence – La Jolla, CA  
Fisher Residence – San Diego, CA  
Fitterman Residence – Vancouver, Canada

Herman Residence – Point Loma, CA  
J. Crew Headquarters – New York, NY  
Jackson Residence – Munich, Germany  
Kafka Residence – La Jolla, CA  
Marler Residence – Palms Springs, CA  
Levy Residence – Rancho Santa Fe, CA  
Lipinsky Residence – La Jolla, CA  
Mizeski Residence – Palm Springs, CA  
Moore's Residence – Del Mar, CA  
Motch/Hantman Residence – San Diego, CA  
Peterson/Gonshery Residence – Mission Hills, CA  
Rady Residence – Palm Springs, CA  
Roberti Residence – San Diego, CA  
Skelly Residence – San Diego, CA  
Soriano Residence – San Diego, CA  
Travis Parker Salon – Solana Beach, CA  
Trumpp Residence – Palm Springs, CA  
Webb Residence – San Diego, CA  
Weber Residence – San Diego, CA  
Wofford Residence – Little Italy, CA  
Wright Residence – San Diego, CA  
Zeps Residence – Rancho Santa Fe, CA