

ARTIST VITAE

BORN WITH A DESTINY, David Bruce was blessed with the gift to create. He was raised in San Diego, California by his mother, a painter and actress who nurtured creativity and freedom of expression, and his father, a highly disciplined and skilled military man who worked as a metal alloy gunsmith.

From an early age Bruce was immersed in the arts. He was mentored by metal sculptor, Joseph Nyiri, the resident artist for the San Diego Zoo since the 1970's. In 1974, Bruce had his sculptures exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla, as well as taken on tour through the Hawaiian Islands.

Although enjoying the beginnings of a promising career as a selling artist, Bruce's passions lead him down another path: family life. He married and raised a beautiful daughter. However, with life's responsibilities came the need to make a steady income. For the next 20 years, David Bruce—a true renaissance man—created custom homes, devolved properties, and designed interiors and hand-crafted furniture.

Though David Bruce has been down many career paths, his pas-



David Bruce with the "Frog Series" copper sculptures.

sion has always been in the creation of metal sculpture, and he thankfully returned to the craft once again. His most recent series of sculptural work, the "Frog Series," is created entirely out of flat copper sheets, which are shaped and molded together to create a magical three-dimensional sculpture. Once the metal work is completed and thoroughly cleaned, a patina—an oxidizing process that gives the sculpture a specific color and texture—is chosen to compliment the piece. In the final step the sculpture is sealed, ensuring enjoyment for generations to come. The "Frog Series" can be enjoyed both indoors and outdoors.

David Bruce's inspiration for this series comes from a gold mine that he owns in Julian, California. He shares, "There are a lot

ensure a healthy ecosystem. If the frogs disappear, I know there is a problem on my land. They act like a gauge of the balance in nature."

Bruce's copper frogs embody an optimistic, whimsical outlook on life. "I want people to smile, laugh, and relate to them," Bruce explains. "Maybe they will see something in themselves, for each frog represents a unique lifestyle—what people do to have fun and stay balanced."

David Bruce's artistic abilities and years of expertise have given him the privilege to create works for many collectors throughout his life, and he is still going strong.

His future plans are to continue creating sculptures of different animals in all different shapes and sizes. "Right now I am working on an 8-foot giraffe," Bruce exclaims. "I like to work and live large."

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