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# KEVIN CARON STUDIOS

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#### **MUSeINGS - News From Artist Kevin Caron**

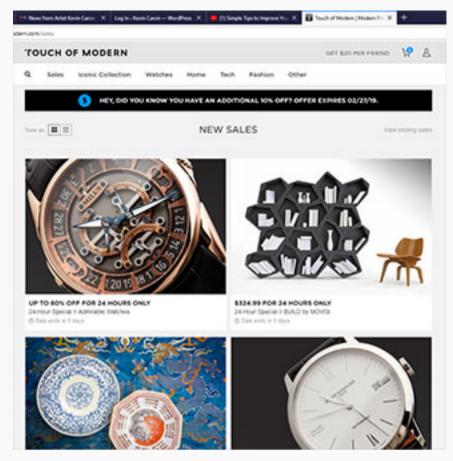
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Now news ....





Touch of Modern, a leading app and Website for millenial tastemakers, will be featuring Kevin's 3D-printed and metal sculpture beginning March 2. They will be offered for five days in the site's signature flash sales. "I was excited to be contacted by them," Kevin says.

Using flash sales, <u>Touch of Modern</u> introduces its subscribers to innovative, unusual and high quality accessories, art, clothing and more.

Kevin created a series of seven products for <u>Touch of Modern</u>, which was named one of the 500 fastest growing American private companies by <u>Inc. 5000</u> for two consecutive years.

To learn more about <u>Touch of Modern</u> and see Kevin's contributions (starting March 2) to this dynamic site, <u>visit the Touch of Modern</u> Website.

## **SEVERAL SALES BEGIN THE NEW YEAR**

The full-length feature article about Kevin in the January issue of 
Phoenix Home & Garden
magazine prompted new collectors to purchase four sculptures.

"People were fascinated by all the work in the magazine," observes Kevin. "The 3D-printed sculpture especially caught their imaginations. People just seem to 'get it."

One couple contacted Kevin from New York, then purchased three 3D-printed sculptures - Spectre, Black Mesa and Scarlet Spires (right) - for their Desert Mountain home in Scottsdale. "I took a number of pieces to their Arizona home so they could see how they would look," Kevin explains. "That made it clear which were the right choices for them."

Another <u>Phoenix Home &</u>
<u>Garden</u> reader purchased <u>Hot</u>
<u>Lips</u> (below, in "One of Your
Own"), a highly unusual 3D-printed



sculpture. "Its surface is almost like corduroy," says Kevin. "I'm not sure what caused that effect, and I've never been able to reproduce it." Such aberrations are a part of large format 3D printing. Sometimes the surprises are good, as in this case.

A fifth sale was a bittersweet surprise: Kevin's monumental sound sculpture **Nucleus** (shown in the opening photo heading to the shipper) sold through the <u>Saatchi Art</u> Website. "I've sold a number of sculptures through this Website," says Kevin. "Saatchi is a well-respected name in the art world. I will miss this beautiful windchime, though," Kevin admits.

## IN THE NEWS: KEVIN IN CHANDLER



Kevin may live in Phoenix, but his sculptures <u>C-Note</u> and <u>The Seed</u> are highly visible in Chandler, Arizona, a fast-growing city on the east side of the Phoenix metropolitan area. <u>C-Note</u> can be seen on Arizona Avenue. <u>The Seed</u>, which was commissioned by the city, is at Chandler's Tumbleweed Recreation Center.

Kevin has also participated in a number of art shows

sponsored by the city, including his one-person show "Micro/Macro: The Sculptural Art of Kevin Caron," which was held at Chandler Center for the Arts.

That's why it's no surprise that the magazine <u>Chandler Life</u> chose to feature Kevin as a community maker. "I feel a strong connection to Chandler, so it was an honor to be included."

# UNDER WAY IN THE STUDIO: FINISHING STROKES AND THAT MODERN TOUCH

Because it is heading to a hurricaneprone island off of the Georgia coast, **Nucleus** needed a little retrofitting. Kevin created a 48" diameter, 1/2" steel baseplate - it weighs as much as the sculpture's stand. He then added plates to the bottom of the stand so it can be bolted to the baseplate.

The baseplate will be buried, making Nucleus look no different, but ensuring its stability. "It's important to make a sculpture work in its intended site," says Kevin. "It was a bonus that it didn't change the look of the sculpture."

Kevin has also completed the unusual, small sound sculpture he created while playing with some scrap metal. Now titled **One Long Song**, the sound sculpture includes a striker to take



advantage of its beautiful tone. "I can see this being used in a yoga class, or just allowing someone to create harmony in their own home," says Kevin. <u>One Long Song</u> will debut at <u>SculptureTucson</u> in April, but you can <u>see and hear it now</u> on its own Webpage.

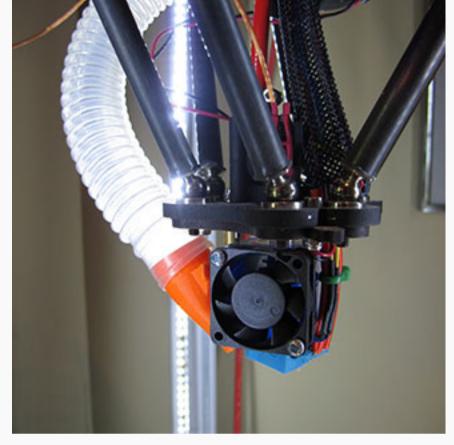
**On the 3D printing front,** Kevin has been playing with some striking copper filament as well as a new form, conundrum. The largest version of it thus far is **Dark Tower** (above), a twirling 34" tall black spire of rising energy.

Kevin's also been busy creating both 3D-printed and metal sculpture for **Touch of Modern**. "Everyone will see them soon," he says. "I am really looking forward to the response to these sculptures."

Stay tuned to Kevin's Work in progress Website section to watch his sculptures come to life.

# **NEW IN 3D PRINTING: OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW**

In the world of 3D printing, a year is a long time. So after five years, the failure of Kevin's first 3D printer, a <u>3D Systems CubeX</u>, wasn't shocking.



Its loss deprived Kevin, though, of a 3D printer that could handle filaments that require hotter temperatures than his Cerberus 3D Gigante and 250.

Enter the Cerberus 3D 400 .... Meet Kevin's new 3D printer with its magical powers in the blog post <u>"The CubeX is dead; long live the 400."</u>

<u>Read more</u> about Kevin's 3D-printing adventures and the evolving world of 3D printing ....

### **NEW VIDEOS ON CHANNEL KEVIN**

Some of Kevin's videos cover subjects can make anyone's life easier, while others are more esoteric. He's released both types since his last newsletter.

One free how-to video that can help everybody is <u>"How to Figure Out What's Wrong,"</u> which helps anyone troubleshoot a problem. Esoteric? Try <u>"2 Ways to Adjust Z-Height on a CNC Table."</u>



With more than 550 videos already online, Kevin adds a new video every week. Join his more than 67,000 subscribers and <u>sign up on YouTube</u> to see the latest.

Here are the videos Kevin has added since our last newsletter:

- "Simple Tips to Improve Your MIG Welds"
- "Why You Need Preflow When Welding"

- "How to Give Metal a Fine Finish"
- "How to Make a Perfect Right Angle Without Fancy Tools"
- "How to Use Triangular Wave When Welding"
- "2 Ways to Adjust Z-Height on a CNC Table"
- "Do Fume Extractors Really Work?"
- "How to Figure Out What's Wrong"
- "How to Make It Easier to Load a Trailer"
- "How to Use Double Pulse When Welding"

You can see all of the videos and subscribe to see each video as it comes out on Channel Kevin on YouTube and on Kevin's Web site.



#### **SPECIAL OFFERS AND OPPORTUNITIES!**

Enjoy Kevin's free videos? Just <u>go to **Patreon**</u> and see how you can sponsor him - and get some cool Kevin Caron swag, too!

You can also <u>buy your own Kevin Caron T-shirts, caps, stickers,</u> <u>mugs, etc.</u> on his Zazzle page - <u>check it out!</u>

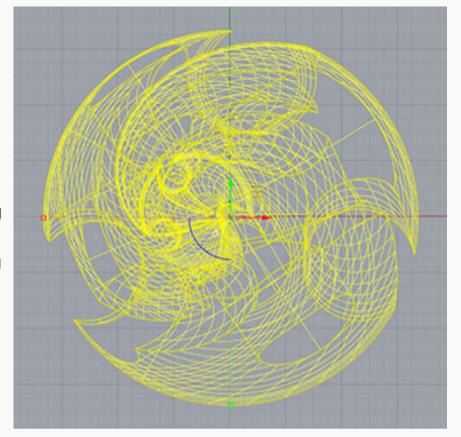
# BEHIND THE SCENES: 'WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU HAVE A CREATIVE BLOCK?'

"Because I have a really active imagination, I don't often feel blocked creatively.

"That being said, sometimes when I'm working in CAD, I find myself feeling stuck.

"When that happens, I just start playing with shapes ... stretching and twisting them ... putting holes in them ... adding different shapes, layers and patterns on top of one another ... just for fun.

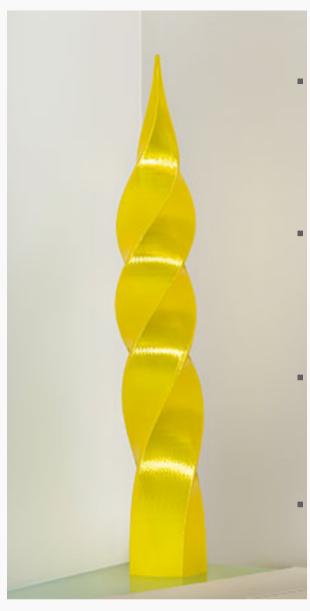
"Of course, that's not a whole lot different than what I do when I'm creating, but often then I have a purpose. When I'm getting unstuck, I have no agenda.



"Simply playing seems to jiggle something loose. Then I can either refine the shape into something I want, or it will start me on another path that will give me the shape I needed."

You can ask Kevin your own questions. Just email them to <a href="mailto:info@kevincaron.com">info@kevincaron.com</a>.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Enjoy Kevin's sculptures at these exhibits. For maps, click on the location name.

March 7 (Thursday) - April 14 (Sunday), Tubac,
Arizona - "In This Together: 60 Years of Daring to
Create a More Perfect Arizona" features Kevin's
sculpture Love and Marriage at the Tubac Center
of the Arts

- April 5 (Friday) April 7 (Sunday), Tucson, Arizona
   <u>SculptureTucson</u> will be held again this year at
   Brandi Fenton Memorial Park, bigger and better than ever. <u>Lemon Twist</u> (*left*) will appear at the show. <u>Kevin</u> will speak from 2 2:30 on April 6 (Saturday).
- April 15 (Monday) June 2 (Sunday), Prescott,
   Arizona "In This Together: 60 Years of Daring to
   Create a More Perfect Arizona" features Kevin's
   sculpture Love and Marriage at Prescott College

June 3 (Monday) - July 22 (Monday), Flagstaff,
Arizona - "In This Together: 60 Years of Daring to
Create a More Perfect Arizona" features Kevin's
sculpture Love and Marriage at Northern Arizona
University Art Museum

- July 24 (Wednesday) September 3 (Tuesday), Phoenix, Arizona "In This
   Together: 60 Years of Daring to Create a More Perfect Arizona" features Kevin's
   sculpture Love and Marriage at Herberger Theater Center
- September 4 (Wednesday) October 19 (Saturday), Winslow, Arizona "In This Together: 60 Years of Daring to Create a More Perfect Arizona" features Kevin's sculpture Love and Marriage at Winslow Arts Trust
- December 1 3 (Friday Sunday), Phoenix, Arizona <u>Camelback Studio Tour</u>

For more information about these and any upcoming events as well as maps, visit the Website Events page.

### **ENJOY YOUR OWN KEVIN CARON**

One of Kevin's patrons purchased the large format **3D-printed sculpture Hot Lips** (*right*).

Maybe it's *your* turn to own a Kevin Caron original. A sound, water or free-standing sculpture adds immeasurable joy and peace to your home or workplace - or that of a special friend or family member.

He also has sculpture in stock - <u>contact him</u> to find out more.

Or Kevin is glad to create something special for you or a friend; just schedule a private consultation.

If you live out of town, just call or send a snapshot of the area where you want to see something special.

Kevin looks forward to hearing from you at <a href="mailto:info@kevincaron.com">info@kevincaron.com</a> or 602-952-8767.







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Or join him on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **Instagram**, **LinkedIn** or **Google+**.

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