

ABC 20/20 special, mayor's arts awards, big show, glowing in the studio, new videos & more ...

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# KEVIN CARON STUDIOS

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## MUSEINGS - News From Artist Kevin Caron

October 2018

The end (of the year) is nigh, but for Kevin that's good news, with a **big show** coming up **November 2 - 4**. That means he's creating some wonderful new work ....

There are so many wonderful things going on, though, we can't wait to share them ...

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Now news ....

## KEVIN'S STORY SHARED ON NATIONAL ABC TV 20/20 SPECIAL



Kevin's career shift from driving a semi to becoming a successful sculptor was one of four people featured in "**The Real Rookies**," an hour-long **ABC 20/20** special that aired Tuesday, September 25.

"It was almost a surreal experience," admits Kevin.

The crew shot in six locations and conducted five interviews over a two-day period in August.

Kevin and his crew sorted through hundreds of photos, too, that could give some historical perspective. "I was surprised by some of the things they asked for - like pictures of some of my work and of my wife and I together - right up until a few days before the special aired. And they did a terrific job telling my story!"

After the show aired, Kevin heard from hundreds of old and new friends from around the world through phone, email, [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). "We were told 7 - 10 million people would watch, and I think I knew half of them - or I do now!" Kevin says with a laugh. "Seriously, I was touched by how many people said they were inspired by my story. It feels great to pay it forward."

If you missed the show, you can [watch Kevin's segment](#) online.

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## KEVIN NAMED A FINALIST FOR PHOENIX MAYOR'S ART AWARDS

Kevin has been named one of three Visual Arts finalists for the seventh annual city of **Phoenix's 2018 Mayor's Arts Awards**. The winners will be announced at a special event on **Thursday, October 11**. The other finalists are [Edna Dapo](#) and [Fortoul Brothers](#). "Just being a finalist is a real honor," says Kevin.



The Mayor's Arts Awards identify outstanding leaders in seven categories: Dance Artist, Literary Artist, Music Artist, Theatre Artist, Visual Artist, Young Artist and Innovative Arts Organization. Nominees are chosen based on their innovation, impact and integration.

Kevin will attend the awards ceremony at the Phoenix Center for the Arts, which is open to the public. [Find out more](#) on the Phoenix Center for the Arts Website.

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**JOIN KEVIN FOR HIS BIGGEST SHOW OF THE YEAR ON NOV. 2 - 4**



Come celebrate the end of the year with Kevin as he opens his home for the **Camelback Studio Tour**. It begins **Friday, November 2 and runs through Sunday, November 4**. This free event runs 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday.

"I've been interested in joining this tour for a while," Kevin says. Kevin's home sits on the northwest slope of Camelback Mountain, just below the mountain's famous Praying Monk rock formation. Kevin will have his 8-foot-tall Cerberus 3D Gigante 3D printer running and have new work to share, including new jewelry designs. "I will have a lot of work at the show," says Kevin. "It's nice to display it in a residential setting."

The free, self-guided tour includes 25 local artists in six different home studios where you can see how they create their art as well as purchase whatever catches your eye.

Also on the tour on Saturday and Sunday is **Shemer Arizona Arts Festival**, which will feature another 40 artists, who will be displaying and selling their artwork.

**Mark your calendar now** for this special event!



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**IN THE NEWS: IMAGINATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL**



Kevin's sculpture **High Simmer** was the center of attention in **Phoenix Home & Garden's** September feature "**First Impressions**" (left).

Five staff members of the Valley of the Sun's widely-admired home and design magazine shared what the lively, colorful sculpture brought to mind. "They came up with such clever and spot on connections," says Kevin.

Also since our last issue, the fall issue of **Luxury Portfolio International** tagged Kevin as a stylesetter who delights "in the expressive capabilities of metal."

In addition to discussing Kevin's work in general, the article, titled "**Incorporating the Unconventional and the Bespoke,**" prominently displayed his sculpture **Three Suns** as an example of his work.

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## **UNDER WAY IN THE STUDIO: SPINNING, FLOWING, GLOWING**

Three sculptures Kevin had been working on were completed and delivered last month. [Schubertii](#) (right), the monumental aluminum sculpture that has dominated Kevin's studio since January, is now installed in the private sculpture and horticultural garden in New York that features a number of Kevin's works. [Visit Schubertii's page](#) to see a movie of the sculpture's ball spin.

Two water sculptures headed to their homes, too. Kevin delivered [Gyro](#) to a historic home in Rancho Mirage, California, once owned by the entrepreneur and inventor [Robert McCulloch](#). Best known for his chainsaws, McCulloch also invented the [McCulloch J-2 Gyroplane](#), a hybrid combination of helicopter and airplane. The water sculpture's title is a playful take on the name of the plane, one of many of McCulloch's inventions. [See Gyro's surprising hue](#) on its own page.

The other water sculpture, [Cascade](#), part of his popular stacked dish design that began with [Dripping Springs](#), is now on its way to its Florida home. While its form may be familiar, its finish is especially fun .... [See Cascade](#) on its own page.

Kevin also has had a few moments to work on his [as-yet-untitled kinetic sculpture](#). "I have the interior spinning section installed, but there's still some tweaking and the finish to complete," says Kevin. [Check out its Webpage](#) to see the center section in place.

**On the 3D printing front,** Kevin has created two new sculptures out of the luminous yellow transparent filament that looks like the sun. "This filament is just spectacular," Kevin says. The two sculptures, [Lemon Twist](#) and [Lemon Pisa](#), are good examples of how a series develops .... See them each by clicking on their titles above.



He's also working on two smaller 3D-printed sculptures. These forms are so difficult that the software he uses with his deltabot 3D printers cannot print them effectively. The sculptures were made on Kevin's first 3D printer, the 3D Systems CubeX, which is now at the studio. He's been playing with finishes on them - the larger of the forms is finished in thermochromic paint, which changes colors with heat. "I'm looking forward to putting a sign on it that says, 'Place in sunlight,'" Kevin says. Watch the as-yet-untitled [smaller sculpture](#) and the recently titled sculpture [Twilight](#) develop on their own pages.

*Stay tuned to Kevin's [Work in progress Website](#) section to watch his sculptures come to life.*

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## NEW IN 3D PRINTING BLOG: EVOLUTION AND OBFUSCATION



Kevin provides insights into working with the fascinating - and sometimes frustrating - technology of 3D printing in his blog ["A Sculptor's Take on 3D Printing."](#)

Enjoy these brief blog posts now:

- ["A tale of two 3D-printed sculptures"](#) - A tweak here and a tweak there and an entirely different sculpture emerges ....
- ["The greatest weapon in the 3D-printed gun debate is FEAR"](#) - This post prompted a lively discussion about this controversial subject ....
- ["Metal filler works wonders with ABS filament"](#) - Once again Kevin is able to use his experience with metalworking in his 3D printing world ....

*You can always read more about the evolving world of 3D printing at <http://www.kevincaron.com/3dprint>, where there are many posts, beginning with the start of Kevin's 3D-printing adventures.*

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# NEW VIDEOS ON CHANNEL KEVIN

Kevin has gotten to review some new equipment recently, including a really unusual MIG welder from **Everlast** and a "beast" of a plasma cutter from **ESAB**. "I did things with this [Cutmaster 60i](#) that I've never done before with a plasma cutter," says Kevin. These videos are more than reviews, though. Kevin covers informative subjects that will even interest people who aren't in the market for new equipment.



Kevin adds new videos every week, so be sure to [subscribe on YouTube](#) to see the latest.

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

- ["How to Repair Damaged Threads on a Bolt"](#)
- ["The Story Behind my Sculpture Cyclone"](#)
- ["How to Drill Holes for Footer Installation"](#)
- ["How to MIG Weld Aluminum With the Power i-MIG 253DPi"](#)
- ["How to Get a 'Beast' of a Plasma Cutter Running Quickly"](#)
- ["How to Cut Thick Metal"](#)
- ["How to Gouge With a Plasma Cutter"](#)
- ["Testing the ESAB Cutmaster 60i: Speed, Piercing, Arc Length"](#)

**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 [go to Patreon](#) and see how you can sponsor him - and get some cool Kevin Caron swag, too!

You can also [buy your own Kevin Caron T-shirts, caps, stickers, mugs, etc.](#) on his Zazzle page - check it out!

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## **BEHIND THE SCENES: 'WHY DO YOU WORK WITH RAILROAD SPIKES?'**



"Early on in my career, when I was still working part time, I saw an amazing sculpture by another artist, whose name, sadly, I no longer remember. He had made, as I recall, a saguaro out of railroad spikes.

"I definitely didn't want to copy his work, but just like I encourage the people who watch my videos to make their own pieces, I loved the idea of working with these metal forms. I also liked the idea that they are emblematic of the old West, and that I was literally recycling them.



"I've made a number of pieces with spikes. My best known are probably my ocotillos, but I've also made

what I call Shitake Agaves and some even more unusual pieces like Desert Anemone and the commission Banked Bramble, which was designed to obscure the view inside a home while allowing some light in.

"More recently I've been making some fun, small crickets (*a herd, or orchestra, of which is above right, prior to getting a finish*) out of single spikes.

"I used to gather spikes by walking railroad tracks, only picking up loose ones and definitely watching out for trains - they come at you scary fast. Fortunately, I found a resource where I can now buy them.

"As long as railroad spikes still speak to me I'll keep making sculptures from them!"

*You can ask Kevin your own questions. Just email them to [info@kevincaron.com](mailto:info@kevincaron.com).*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

See Kevin's work at these exciting events - for locations and maps, click on the names of the venues or [visit the Events page](#):

- **October 11 (Thursday), Phoenix, Arizona** - Kevin is one of three Visual Arts finalists for the seventh annual Mayor's Arts Awards, which will be presented this evening at the Phoenix Center for the Arts.
- **October 30 (Tuesday), Goodyear, Arizona** - Sponsored by the city of Goodyear, Kevin's talk "**From Truck Driving to High Tech: Kevin Caron's Curious Journey as a Sculptor**" will be held at **Goodyear Total Wine & More, [1416 N. Litchfield Rd.](#)**
- **November 2 (Friday) - November 4 (Sunday), Phoenix, Arizona** - Kevin joins the [Camelback Studio Tour](#) in its 9th year as he opens his home at the foot of Camelback Canyon. Kevin will have new work available and his 8-foot-tall 3D printer will be running.
- **January 8 (Tuesday) - February 2 (Saturday), Tucson Arizona** - "**In This Together,**" a traveling show celebrating 60 years of the ACLU in Arizona, showcases Kevin's sculpture [Love and Marriage](#) (*right*) to the [Etherton Gallery](#). The exhibit also will travel to Tubac, Flagstaff, Winslow and Prescott - stay tuned!



For more information about these and any upcoming events as well as maps, visit the [Website Events page](#).

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**ENJOY YOUR OWN KEVIN CARON**



Kevin is creating a sculptural light for patrons in Montana who previously commissioned a sound sculpture.

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.

If you'd like Kevin 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 [info@kevincaron.com](mailto:info@kevincaron.com) or 602-952-8767.



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