

## Jon Seeman

### Profile of an Artist

As an artist, Jon Seeman is an architect of his own visual mind. Through his dynamic compositions he connects us to a conscious feeling of balanced motion and the subconscious sense of energy suspended in space. His engaging gravity defying sculptures draw in the viewer like an unfolding drama. Jon Seeman puts us in touch with our own creative spirits. He sculpts in a way that challenges us to explore our personal ideas of a pliable universe suspended from the laws of nature.

Born in 1951, Jon Seeman grew up in the art colony of Laguna Beach, California. He incredibly built his first welded steel sculpture at the age of sixteen. His artistic talent was encouraged by his father, an engineer, and his brother who is an artist. All of Jon Seeman's life in art experiences have shaped his vision of abstract sculpture.



Rising Sun

6'0" h

“Painters of the early modern art movement have been the inspiration for my use of bold geometric shapes. In a painting, the two dimensional visual image is everything. In sculpture, the physical dynamics establish a connection and presence with the viewer.”

In the seventies, during a summer break from college, he toured the galleries of Manhattan. He was drawn to the diversity of art and seemingly unbound creativity. Taking residence in a New York apartment, he apprenticed with several artisans. After two years of assimilating the necessary skills, he relocated back to Laguna Beach to continue his art studies and establish his own studio. Jon Seeman went to work transforming his conceptual design sketches into reality.

His unique designs required inventing a new approach to construction. He devised a special steel cutting method so that each individual form could be precisely cut and welded together. Internal struts, as used in aircraft wings, were utilized for reinforcement. Then using a chain hoist the forms were arranged into their composition and welded together. He generated sculpture with a dynamic interplay of forms capturing the essence of motion, tension, and balance. His first exhibition was an unqualified success which led to commissions from Hollywood's entertainment industry and subsequent orders from across the country.

“What motivates me is the excitement of the creative process, from that spark of an idea to the challenges of construction.”

Today, Jon Seeman's highly acclaimed art is in private collections worldwide. His art can be seen in galleries, museum exhibitions, as well as corporate and public sites across the nation.

## Jon Seeman

BORN February 21, 1951 Laguna Beach, California

### EDUCATION

Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, California, 1997  
University of California Irvine, Fine Arts, Irvine, California, 1984-1986

### EXHIBITIONS

2011 Marion Meyer Contemporary Art, Laguna Beach CA  
2008 Top 25, Wells Fargo Bank, Laguna Beach, California  
2007 Zero Gravity, Nikko Gallery, Palm Desert, California  
2006 Sculpture International, Port of San Diego, California  
2006 Spring Exhibition, TRE Gallery, Palm Desert, California  
2005 Juried Open, Topanga Canyon Gallery, Topanga, California  
2004 Opening Reception, Laguna Art Museum Gallery, Laguna Beach, California  
2003 Spring Exhibition, Windsor Gallery, Dania, Florida  
2002 12th National Exhibition, Viridian Artists, New York, New York  
2002 Mood & Atmosphere, Seaside Gallery, Laguna Niguel, California  
2001 International Competition 2001, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL  
2001 Seeman/Taylor, Gallery Blu, Palm Desert, California  
2000 National Exhibit, Long Beach Arts, Long Beach, California  
2000 What is Art?, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California  
2000 Seeman/Zivani, Gallery Blu, Palm Desert, California  
2000 California Open Regional, Valley Institute of Visual Art, Northridge, California  
1999 On and Off the Wall, Ross Watkins Gallery, Palm Desert, California  
1999 Echoes and Visions III, Community Center, Laguna Niguel, California  
1998 Feast on Art, Orange County Art Museum, Newport Beach, California  
1998 Mixed Media, Sheraton Grande Hotel, La Jolla, California  
1997 Opening Exhibition, Artissimo Gallery, Beverly Hills, California  
1996 Of Steel and Wood, Northwind Gallery, San Francisco, California  
1995 Fall Exhibition, Atmosphere Gallery, Soho, New York  
1994 Hand in Spirit, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California  
1993 Dreamers, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California  
1990 California 1990, Brea Cultural Center, Brea, California  
1989 Designer's Exhibition, Niedermaier Showroom, Chicago, Illinois  
1988 Westweek Show, Pacific Design Center, Los Angeles, California  
1987 National Invitational, South Florida Art Center, South Beach, Florida  
1986 Pacific Collection, Showcase Gallery, Kona, Hawaii  
1985 Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach, California

### PUBLICATIONS

Luxe, Heavy Metal, July 2008  
The Desert Sun, Catch a Look, April 1, 2007  
H Magazine, Contemporary Art with Traditional Architecture, Autumn 2005  
Coast Magazine, Seeds of Inspiration, August 2005  
The Sculpture Reference Book, by Arthur Williams, 2005  
Homes & Lifestyles, Cause Celeb., September 2003  
The Desert Sun, Communities, May 24, 2003  
Palm Springs Life, Gallery Scene, April 2003  
Orange County Home, The Art of Living, February 2003  
Niche Magazine, Artist Profile, Winter 2002  
Orange County Register, Living in Laguna, June 13, 2002  
Las Vegas Sun, Summerlin Sculpture, June 9, 2002  
Home Fashion, Accent, Spring 2002  
Long Beach Press-Telegram, Tried and True, June 23, 2000  
The Boston Globe, Henley Transcends Critics, June 5, 1998  
The Thoreau Institute, Dimeo Publications, 1998  
Orange County Register, Lifestyles, February 2, 1995



Descending Cubes  
Steel, Acrylic  
Polyurethane  
94 x 37 x 22

Family Living, Trends for the 90s, September 1989  
The Design Book, Pacific Design Center, 1988  
San Diego Home and Garden, May 1987  
Design Book Four, Taunton Press Publications, 1987  
The San Francisco Chronicle, Style, May 1986  
Orange County Register, Home Accent, July 1983

**AWARDS**

2008 First Place-Rancho Mirage Art Show, Rancho Mirage, California  
2007 First Place-Affair in the Gardens, Beverly Hills, California  
2007 Best of Show-Affair in the Gardens, Beverly Hills, California  
2006 First Place-Indian Wells Art Show, Indian Wells, California  
2006 First Place-Southwest Art Show, Indio, California  
2005 First Place -Indian Wells Art Show, Indian Wells, California  
2003 Civic Art Award, La Quinta, California  
2002 First Place - Echoes & Visions V, Community Center, Laguna Niguel, California  
2001 First Place - Affaire in the Gardens, Parks Department, Beverly Hills, Ca  
1990 First Place - California 1990, Brea Cultural Center, California  
1987 First Place - Ilan Lael Foundation, Snyder Gallery, San Diego, California

**CORPORATE COLLECTIONS**

Petersen Publishing Company, Los Angeles, California, New York, New York  
Chart House Inc., Corporate Office, Solana Beach, California  
Fluor Daniel Corporation, Irvine, California  
Healthcare Affiliates Inc., Laguna Hills, California  
MoneyGuidePro, Inc., Midlothian, Virginia  
Hotel Laguna, Laguna Beach, California  
McGillivray Freeman Films, Laguna Beach, California  
Mercedes Benz Corporation, Los Angeles, California  
Pacific Coast Eye Center Inc., Beverly Hills, California  
Fluidmaster Inc., Anaheim, California  
The Pacific Company, Irvine, California  
Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Laguna Niguel, California  
RBB Architects Inc., Los Angeles, California  
Atlantic Richfield Company, California  
Marriott Hotel, Norwalk, CA

**PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

City Hall, La Quinta, California  
El Paseo Drive, Palm Desert, California  
Concordia University, Irvine, California  
The Japan-U.S. Educational Commission, Tokyo, Japan  
Cal State Fullerton, California  
Bristol Street (at South Coast Plaza) Santa Ana, California  
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California  
Gerald Ford Drive, Palm Desert, California  
Town Center Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Broadway Street, Laguna Beach, California  
Thoreau Institute, Walden Pond, Massachusetts  
Highway 111, Indian Wells, California  
Spanish Ridge Park, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Town Center Mall, Yucca Valley, California  
Desert Business Park, Palm Desert, California  
Carmanita Street (at the Spectrum) Redlands, California  
Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California  
Firestone Boulevard, Downey, California  
Bluebird Canyon Drive, Laguna Beach, California