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## Featured Artist

[Mark Chew](#)



[Mark Chew](#) grew up as a welder in the Midwest with a strong passion to create. He was mentored by some of the best instructors and has developed his own unique style. Mark received a Bachelor's degree in Engineering from Purdue University. Since moving to Florida, he has focused on design and metal working. Most of his artwork has an industrial dimension, based upon experiences in the machine tool and aerospace industries; powerful abstract works that have been energized through stainless steel, low carbon steel, brass, and aluminum medium. Metal has to burn and sparks must fly in creating his unique designs. He has also designed his own line of custom bicycles, some of which have appeared on CBS's The Price is Right and The Discovery Channel's American Chopper. His work has reached across North America and Asia, into many private collections. Mark has been inspired by all of his travels and experiences with diverse cultures and gained notoriety for his custom "Liquid Metal" stainless steel creations that mix mirrored polished surfaces with rough cut exposed surfaces that twist and flow through the sculpture.