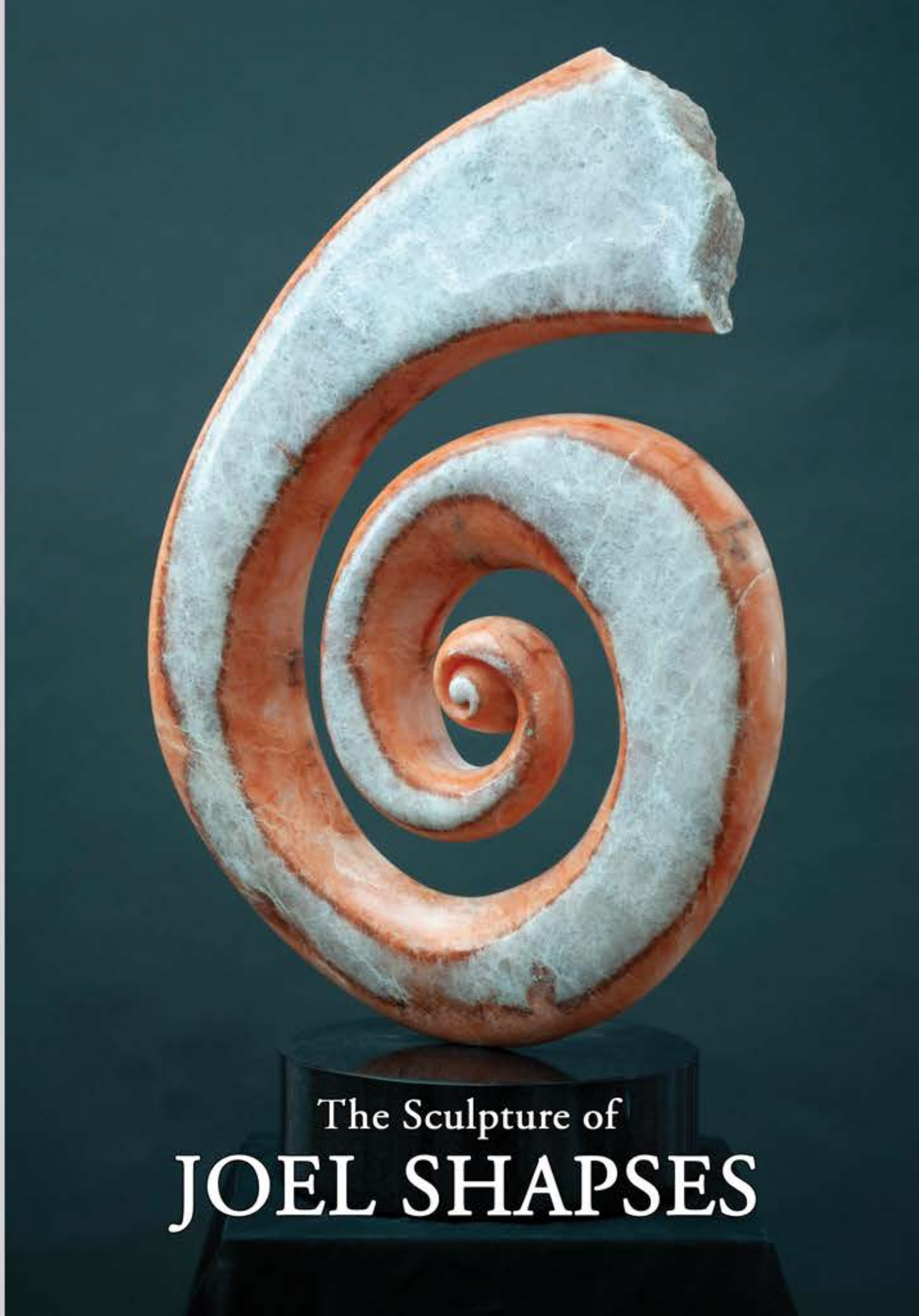
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"I design to express my thoughts. It is my wish that each work I create will at some level touch, move, and inspire others as well."



on the cover: *Spiral of Life*
Orange Alabater
27h x 17w 3d inches

You will begin to notice the influences of the Old Masters as you view many of the more traditional pieces in this catalog. Over the years, as a classically trained sculptor, I have broadened my artistic reach into the more avant-garde constructions where I combine various media such as aluminum, fused glass, and stone.

Enjoy your visit through this catalog and consider this an invitation to visit my gallery and studio as well! *Joel*

Award-winning sculptor Joel Shapses has created over 2,500 works, with pieces featured in private collections and public venues across North and South America, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. Known for his innovative use of neon, LED lights, metal, fused glass, and stone, his avant-garde works evoke excitement and curiosity, inviting deeper exploration beyond the visual.

Born in New Jersey, Shapses displayed artistic talent from an early age, sculpting by age five. Though his studies focused on science, he earned a B.A. in Biology from C.W. Post College in 1967, minoring in sculpture under the mentorship of renowned sculptor Alfred Van Loen. He later pursued dentistry, earning a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Temple University in 1971.

During his first year of dental school, anatomy was the foundation of his studies. Challenged by a notoriously gruff professor, Shapses decided one weekend to sculpt a tooth. That artistic impulse led him to outdoor art shows, where he exhibited six sculptures at his first show on Long Island—his tooth sculpture won second place. He continued showcasing his work at the spring and fall art shows in Greenwich Village, marking the beginning of his dual career in dentistry and sculpture.

Extensive travels exposed him to the origins and historical uses of stone, further shaping his artistic vision. In 1972, he settled in South Florida, practicing general and cosmetic dentistry in Fort Lauderdale until 2006 while simultaneously building a career in sculpture. Early in his sculpting journey, he worked alongside famed sculptor Enzo Gallo.

With over 65 years of experience, Shapses has exhibited in numerous shows, earning over 150 awards and recognitions. His works are in corporate and private collections, including Saks Fifth Avenue (New York and Michigan), Temple Emanuel in Fort Lauderdale, and Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia, PA.

For over 30 years, he owned Gallery 421 in Fort Lauderdale, where he created and showcased his art.

In 2006, Shapses relocated to Naples, Florida, drawn by its cultural scene. He opened Joel Shapses Gallery & Studio in the Naples Art District, where he works full time. His studio features both abstract and realistic works in glass, stone, bronze, aluminum, and neon—each sculpture a bold expression of movement, emotion, and imagination.

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Gallery representation:
Saatchi Gallery, Los Angeles, Ca, London, UK
Singular Art, Berlin, Germany
TriCera Art, Tokyo, Japan



Unity
Campan Marble
31h x 6w x 6d inches



Dancin' in the Wind
Aluminum
48h x 18w inches



Awakening Nature
Picasso Marble
19h x 8w x 6d inches



Opposing Positions
Grey Alabaster
17h x 16w x13d inches



A tribute to the people of the world who have suffered the hardships of the pandemic, racism, discrimination, and other injustices.

All Lives Matter
Mixed media
80h x 14w x 14d inches





Falling Waters
Fused Glass on Aluminum
48h x 14w x 14d inches





Excalibur
Campan and Red Marble
24h x 6w x 5d inches



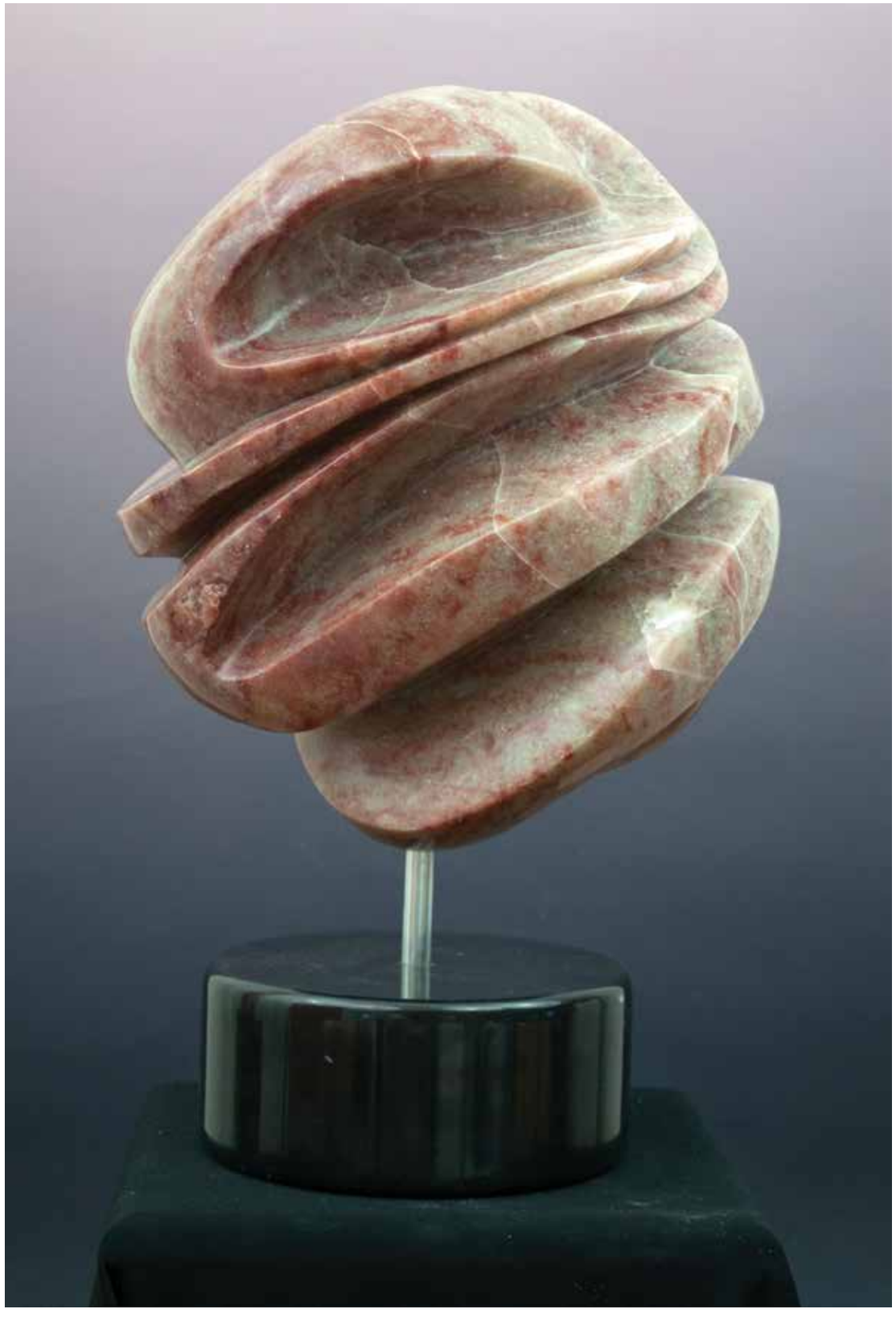
Fire and Ice
Crystal Alabaster and Fused Glass
27h x 15w x 15d inches



Firebird
Orange Alabaster
36h x 19w x 7d inches



Chicago Spire
Red Turkish Marble
36h x 9w x 7d inches



Involutions
Raspberry Alabaster
23h x 14w x 12d inches



Silver Streak
Black Granite
24h x 5w x 3d inches



"I get my inspiration from many sources which include nature, spirituality, and my emotions."

Spiral of Life
Orange Alabaster
27h x 17w x 3d inches



Genesis - in process



Genesis
Strawberry Alabaster
33h x 33w x 14d inches



Spheres of influence
Marble
52h x 8w x 8d inches



A Mother's Love
Raspberry Alabaster
14h x 6w x 6d inches



Angularity
Beige Alabaster
16h x 14w x 12d inches



A Hint of Red
Bronze and Fused Glass
15h x 8w x 5d inches



Veins of the Earth
Honeycomb Calcite
20h x 11w x 5d inches



Energie Eternelle
Honeycomb Calcite
36h x 12w x 8d inches



Lady with the Big Derriere
Pink Alabaster
30h x 16w x 13d inches



Etherial Form
Carrara Marble
21h x 15w x 10d inches



A Dolphin's Kiss
Black Granite
27h x 19w x 5d inches



Relevence (Eternal Dance)
Honeycomb Calcite
29h x 12w x 8d inches



"During my 55-year career, I have experienced many changes and much growth. I am now more excited about new techniques and materials to create than I have since I started."

Inner Circles - in process



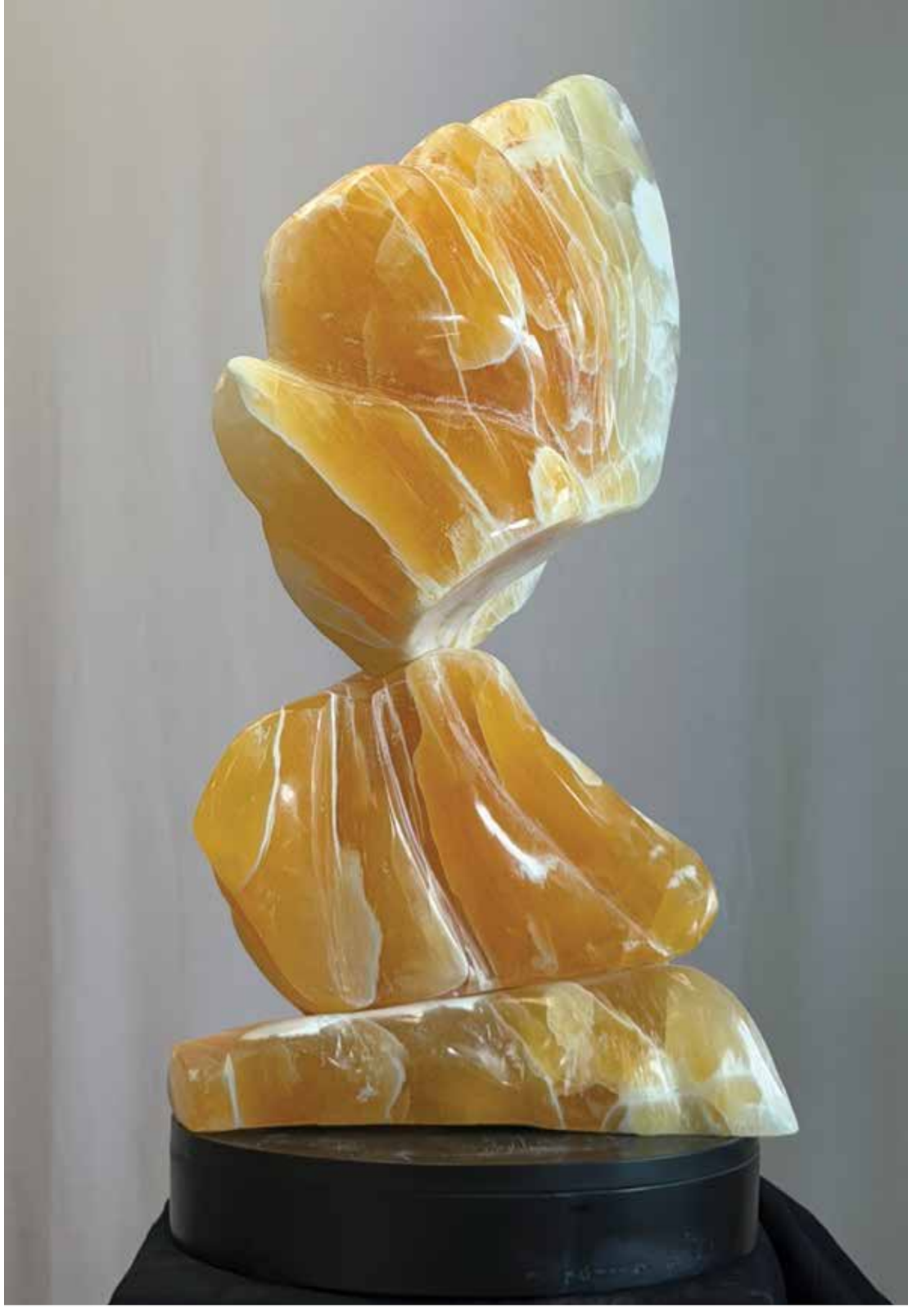
Inner Circles
Portero and Carrara Marble
26h x 9w x 4.5d inches



Reverence - in process



Reverence
Portero Marble
20h x 14w x 8d inches



Nite Fire
Honeycomb Calcite
23h x 14w x 5d inches



Emerald City
Serpentine Marble
18h x 11w x 5d inches

"Over the years I have expanded my mediums to include alabaster, granite, black chlorite, limestone, marble, and onyx. This gives me more freedom to create. I have also expanded my mediums to include bronze, aluminum, fused glass, resins, neon, LED lights, cement, and acrylic. With all of the materials at my disposal, I now combine serval to create my sculptures."



Le Couple
White and Grey Granite
19h x 9w x 4d inches



Horizontal Flutter
Orange Alabaster
12h x 22w x 5d inches



Les os de La Terre (The Bones of the Earth)
Burl Granite
41h x 12w x 9d inches



Tower of Color
Mixed Media
60h x 16w x 16d inches



Nature's Riddle
Picasso Marble
24h x 122w x 10d inches



Stone's Embrace
Strawberry Alabaster
26h x 13w x 12d inches



Anthirium
White Alabaster and Neon
23h x 16w 10d inches



Chakras
Alabaster and Neon
42h x 12w x 8d inches



Rites of Spring
Alabaster and Neon
33h x 9w x 11d inches



Love Matters
Black Marble
29h x 9w x 9d inches



Pogany
Raspberry Alabaster
31h x 3w x 8d inches



ORP
Turkish Marble
28h x 11w x 7d inches



Gouttes de gomme
Orange Alabaster
41h x 18w x 6d inches



Juxtaposition III
Translucent Brown Italian Alabaster
21h x 16w x 9d inches



Reflection
Resin Cement Casting
39h x 19w x 10d inches



Temple installation