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SERHIY CHEPEL *Sculpture*

Serhiy Chepel comes from a long ancestral line of sculptors. Since a very young age, he was drawn to creating artworks by observing all the beautiful forms seen in nature, the aged patina green-domed churches, and the surrounding hills around his native city, Lviv.

In 1991, Serhiy graduated from the Ivan Trush College of Decorative and Applied Arts, and in 1997, graduated from Lviv's Academy of Arts majoring in Monumental and Decorative Sculpture. Each one of his luminous sculptures is made of natural birch wood and cast brass. The works are uniquely carved by hand, and the creation process of each piece can take over a month to complete. Serhiy is a full-time artist and continues to live and work in Lviv, also known as "Little Paris of Ukraine."

"In my work, I depict familiar things. My inspiration and co-creator is nature itself. With my sculptures, I want to share its beauty, allure, and perfection. Sculpture, for me, is a visual form that I notice in the world of living nature. I create art objects that combine metal and wood, color, and volume. All of my sculptures are unique, hand-carved, and purposely oversized to showcase the intricate detail and beauty of nature's creations." — Serhiy Chepel