



Marta Hotell, Moments of Metal



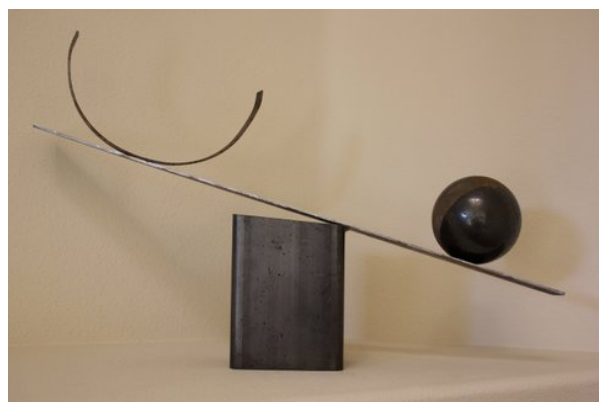
I have always been drawn to metal sculpture -compelled by them is probably more the truth. Imagine it. Someone is able to manipulate this rigid functional material into graceful dynamic art forms – amazing!

So in 2006 I was graced with the opportunity to work with master metal sculpture artist, Marilyn Kuksht. I saw her work at an 'Open Studios' in Santa Cruz, CA and asked if she would consider teaching her craft. She agreed to do a class and by the end of the first day, I was hooked. A few months later, I spent a week at the Esalen Institute in Big Sur, CA learning how to forge metal, bending and twisting it to do (mostly) what my designs called for – there was no turning back after that experience.

After producing a number of pieces, life happened. I went off to start a consumer product company (www.alexbbottle.com) with my family and our flagship product is made of recycled stainless steel – no surprise there.

Now, here I am back again. Thanks to a significant nudge from family and friends, I am enjoying the ability to take found and crafted scrap metal & make sculptures that inspire me. Hope you are inspired too – or at least that you enjoy some 'moments of metal'. You can see my work at two local Carlsbad galleries: Phantom and COAL (Carlsbad Oceanside Art League) both located in the Carlsbad Village.

Thanks for being a part of my joyful journey, Marta



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