



STEVEN HAULENBEEK

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Steven Haulenbeek is an American artist and designers who lives and works in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan and received a degree in drawing and sculpture. Living and working in the Holland/Grand Rapids area, a hotbed of American design and furniture manufacturing became very powerful influence. He fell in love with the Eames', Nelson, Saarinen, Bertoia, etc., while simultaneously trying to discover his path as a sculptor. The large-scale steel sculpture work quickly transformed to functional objects and he executed his first one-man show at the Holland Area Arts Council with 20 sculptural lighting pieces in 2002.

He began a graduate program in Designed Objects at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2004 and graduated first in his class in 2006. After graduating he has worked as an industrial designer for Atlanta based Formation Design Group, as a furniture designer at Chicago based Holly Hunt Enterprises and has taught at his alma mater SAIC. In 2010 he began his independent practice, Steven Haulenbeek Design Inc. with emphasis on unique material/process based objects for the home. In 2011 he created the first "Ice-Cast Bronze" objects utilizing the frigid Chicago winter environment to create objects in cast bronze. In 2016 he launched the first objects in Resin-Bonded Sand, another unique experimental fabrication process. His work runs the gamut in scale, material and process but all exhibit a similar understanding of materials and an aesthetic simplicity through a hands-on, experimental prototyping style.

Steven Haulenbeek has been the recipient of several honorable mentions and awards. In 2015 he was named by the New York Times as one of the most exciting emerging American designers. In 2016 he was named the American Design Honoree at Wanted Design Fair during New York Design Week.

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