



Louise Solecki Weir's Beautiful Monsters

As one of the few sculptors specializing in portraiture in Canada, Louise Solecki Weir's art runs the gamut from the noble bronze and terracotta portrait bust created in the classical style to fanciful bronze creatures. "I love to work in clay. In addition to the ease of creating a compelling character, I like the way I can create a lively and expressive surface on my sculpture. The delicate pieces I prefer to have cast in bronze". Her sculptural work has been described as lovely and romantic by some, and unsettling and creepy by others.

"Portraits of Recovery" is the title of Louise's latest show displaying the nobility of the human form. Louise employed subjects recovering from mental illness, many of them homeless. 30 portrait busts were shown with accompanying biographies of the subjects, stories of young vibrant lives, tragic illness and eventual recovery.

Louise is currently working on a series of small bronzes of women/birds in which you can see the influence of Degas and her own years studying ballet. It is a series that attempts to explore myth, sexuality, nature and culture. In all her bronze and ceramic works she looks for duality. She likes to explore beauty in homeliness and heroism in the everyday, playfulness in the monstrous, and the "civilized" in a wild thing.

Louise Solecki Weir is one of the compelling local artists involved in Artists In Our Midst where she will be exhibiting and performing with her jazz trio on Opening Night. Now in its nineteenth year, Artists in Our Midst kicks off with The Roundhouse Exhibit, a dynamic two-day group exhibit and sale at the Roundhouse Community Centre featuring over 60 artists. This is followed by Open Studios, a weekend of touring studios and artist-created galleries throughout Vancouver's west side. The first of such groups in Vancouver, this exciting and dynamic community event is a great opportunity to engage with artists and patrons alike.

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