

Shelley Rapp Evans
SPIRIT KEEPERS
Vintage Tribal Collection

"Spirit Keepers" is an inspired series of fiber sculpture by Artist Shelley Rapp Evans. These original figurative forms are composed by the artist from exotic and vintage textiles, fibers, and found natural materials. Each figure evokes a spiritual power, its strength is evident in its primitive simplicity and uncommon beauty. Spiritual figures, housing special powers, have been used by ancient cultures for centuries to bring good luck and protection. The "Spirit Keepers" series by Shelley Rapp Evans continues that tradition.

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1. Description of the Art

Historical References / Inspiration

Nomadic Gypsies and Tribes of India, Asia, Bali, Thailand.

Hand sewn cloths, indigenous natural fibers, primitive found objects.

Media and Construction

Wood / metal armature, hand sewn, bundled and tied natural fibers and found objects.

Materials are natural and age gently over time.

Presentation

1. Open air on pedestal, shelf or wall hanging.
2. Encased in Lucite box provided by artist, on separate pedestal, shelf or with French cleat for wall hanging.

2. Artist Statement

"Weaving together myth, magic and ancient folklore, I create my "Spirit Keepers". I seek pieces during my travels. Treasures are discovered at exotic sources such as Turkey and Singapore and include mud-cloths from Africa, batiks from Bali, and silks from Thailand. In my studio I allow the rich fabrics and uncommon textures to guide my hand through the process of creation. I am always searching for that most interesting combination of texture and treasure to give each figure its individual "spirit".

3. About The Artist

Shelley Rapp Evans is a critically acclaimed professional artist specializing in fiber sculpture and mixed-media. Evans is self-taught; her early work includes fiber weavings, on and off loom weaving and metal sculpture. In 1991 she started her signature "Spirit Keeper" series of primitive figures. The "Spirit Keepers" are collected internationally and have brought Evans many prestigious awards. Evans was born in Pasadena California in 1950 and attended Pasadena City College and San Diego State University. She maintains a studio in Laguna Beach California. Her work is available at limited galleries, fine art festivals and by commission through the artist.

4. Exhibitions

Arts Festivals

Affaire In the Gardens, Beverly Hills, CA.

1999-Second Place Award, 1998-Honorable Mention, 1995-First Place Award.

Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach, CA.

1993-Present, 1997-Permanent Collection Purchase award.

La Jolla Village Arts Festival, La Jolla CA.

1999, 1998-First Place, 1997-First Place, 1996-First Place, 1995.

La Quinta Arts Festival, La Quinta CA.

1999-Top Ten Sales Award, 1998-First Place, 1997-Award of Excellence, 1996-Best of Show, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992.

Sausalito Arts Festival, Sausalito CA.

1999, 1998, 1997, 1996-First Place, 1995, 1994 Honorable Mention.

South West Arts Festival, Indio CA.

1999-First Place, 1998-First Place, 1997-First Place.

Galleries - Shows

CODA Gallery, Park City Utah, 2004 – Present.

Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA. – Juried Exhibition, 1997.

Tiffany and Co., South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa, CA, - Featured Artist, 1994.

Horton Plaza, San Diego, CA. – Featured Artist, 1996.

Walt Disney Imagineering/Herbert Rymann Living Masters,

Los Angeles CA, 1997, 1996, 1994.

Nieman Marcus Co., Beverly Hills, CA. 1996, Featured Artist.

5. Awards

Selected List 1998 – Present

2006 Southwest Arts Festival, Indio CA. – Second Place

Scottsdale Arts Festival, Scottsdale AZ. – First Place

2005 Affaire in the Garden, Beverly Hills CA. – Second Place

Scottsdale Arts Festival, Scottsdale AZ. – Second Place

2004 La Quinta Arts Festival, La Quinta CA. – First Place

Indian Wells Arts Festival, Indian Wells CA – First Place

1999 Southwest Arts Festival, Indio CA. – First Place

Affaire in the Garden, Beverly Hills, CA. – Second Place.

La Quinta Arts Festival, La Quinta, CA. – Top Ten Sales Award.

1998 La Jolla Village Arts Festival, La Jolla CA. – First Place.

La Quinta Arts Festival, La Quinta CA. – First Place.

Outstanding Achievements

Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach – Purchase Award, Permanent Collection 2000.

La Quinta Arts Festival ————— Best of Show, 1995.

6. Private Collections

Charles Gibson, Television Commentator, New York, New York.

Alan Hassenfeld, C.E.O, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Mohammed Jameel, Business Leader, Saudi Arabia.

Linda Meyer, Attorney, Malibu, CA.

Stevie Nicks, Entertainer, Beverly Hills, CA.

Tony Robbins, Motivational Speaker, La Jolla, CA.

7. Availability / Commissions / Exhibitions

Evans exhibits daily through July and August at Festival of Arts in Laguna Beach and other Festivals throughout Southern California. She accepts commissions, and has pieces currently for sale. Contact the artist directly for availability.

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Spirit Keepers

For centuries primitive cultures have made figurative forms to house a spirit. These formed images were thought to bring good luck or protection.

Many Ancient Cultures that the power of the figure is not symbolic but real.

The "Spirit Keepers" are designed to capture this same magic. Each sculpture is unique and reflects the energy of its maker.

Simple and exotic materials along with found elements are used to create the Spirit Keepers.

Often adornments or symbols that reflect power, happiness or good fortune are attached to the sculpture to strengthen the powers of the spirit.

Awards

2006 First Place
Fiber Art
Scottsdale Arts Festival

2005 Second Place
Mixed Media
Scottsdale Arts Festival

2005 Second Place
Mixed Media
Beverly Hills
Affaire in the Garden

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