

MICO KAUFMAN, N.S.S.
Sculptor

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Birthplace: Buzeu, Romania
January 3, 1924

Citizenship: U.S.A., 1956

Education:

Elementary and High School - Buzeu, Romania
The Academy of Fine Arts - Rome, Italy, 1947 – 1949
The Academy of Fine Arts – Florence, Italy

Professional Affiliations:

The National Sculpture Society, Life Fellow, 1992
The American Medalllic Sculpture Association
American Numismatic Society, Fellow 1987

Permanent Exhibits and Collections: (partial listing)

American Numismatic Society, New York
American Numismatic Association, Colorado Springs, CO
The British Museum, London, England
The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Solo and Invitational Exhibits: (partial listing)

La Federation Internationale de la Medaille: Budapest,
1994; Helsinki, 1990; Colorado Springs, 1987; Stockholm, 1985; Florence, 1983;
Lisbon, 1979; Budapest, 1977; Krakow, 1975; Helsinki, 1973

“Ribbons” Experimental Sculpture, University of Massachusetts Lowell, MA 1994

American Numismatic Society Retrospective - 1992

British Museum, London, England - 1992

Mico Kaufman - A Retrospective - 1992; Exhibition held at his receipt of the J.
Sanford Saltus Award for Signal Achievement in the Art of the Medal, New York

Mico Kaufman: A Retrospective, Whistler House Museum, Lowell, MA - 1997

Mico Kaufman: Experiments in extruder plastics, National Plastics Museum,
Leominster, MA 1999

Awards and Honors:

Alma and Ulysses Ricci Award for the best conservative painting or sculpture -
Rockport, MA, 1969

RVT Steeves Memorial Award for outstanding work in sculpture - Rockport, MA, 1969 and 1972

Sculptor of the Year, American Numismatic Association, Houston, Texas, 1978
Lowell Chamber of Commerce Award for Achievement in Arts and Culture, 1977 and 1985

J. Sanford Saltus Award, American Numismatic Society, 1992

Portraits in Sculpture (from life – partial listing)

Arthur Fiedler, Conductor
Dr. J. M. Generales, Pioneer of Space Medicine
Dr. An Wang, Founder, President of Wang Laboratories
Paul Tsongas, U.S. Senator, Massachusetts
Dr. Patrick Mogan, Founder – Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell, Massachusetts
Costas L. Caraganis, U.S. General - WWII
President Ronald Reagan

Other Portraiture: (partial listing)

Louis Dembitz Brandeis, Supreme Court Justice
Chaim Weitzman, Prime Minister – Israel
David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister - Israel
President Dwight D. Eisenhower
President Gerald R. Ford
James Bicheno Francis

Medallic Portraits of Famous Individuals:

1980 - 1990

Vice President Gerald Ford - Official Inaugural Medal
President Gerald Ford - Official Inaugural Medal
President Ronald Reagan - Official Inaugural Medal (from life)
President George Bush - Official Inaugural Medal
Vice President Walter Mondale - Unofficial Inaugural Medal
President Jimmy Carter – Unofficial Inaugural Medal
President Harry Truman
President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Also:

Thomas Alva Edison - Centennial of Light
David Ben Gurion, Golda Meir, Menachem Begin
Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, Arnold Palmer
John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Henry Kissinger
Will Rogers, Myron Cohen – humorists
Arnold Palmer – golfing champion (from life)

Major Medallic Commissions:

“Special Olympics” medal - The Shriver Foundation, 1993
The National Medal of Technology: U.S. Department of Commerce, 1984
The Official 350th Boston Jubilee Medal, 1980
U.S. Capitol Historical Society, 1981, 1983
The United States Bicentennial Series: 192 of 200 Medals, 1976

Monumental Commissions

1. **The Rouses Memorial - May 30, 1980**

Two life sized bronze figures
The Kennedy Civic Plaza, Lowell, MA

2. **Blessed Eugene de Mazenod - November, 11, 1981**

Officially approved by the Vatican
5'4" plaster sculpture
St. Joseph of the Worker Shrine, Lowell, MA

3. **Homage to Women - October 26, 1984**

Group of five women, larger than life, in bronze on granite base
Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell, MA

4. **"Water" (Anne Sullivan - Helen Keller Memorial) - October 26, 1985**

Two larger than life figures depicting the moment "at the pump"
Bronze on marble base. First of an edition of three.
Town Hall, Tewksbury, MA

5. **Claude Debussy, French Composer - September 11, 1987**

Portrayal in bronze. Front of base: "Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune". Back of base:
"Pelleas et Melisande".
Larger than life. First in an edition of three.
University of Massachusetts - Lowell, Lowell, MA

6. **WWII Memorial - November 11, 1986**

Tri-faceted, inverted pyramid - Honor Roll
11'6" in bronze
Gift of the sculptor to the town of Tewksbury
Town Hall Common, Tewksbury, MA

7. **Italia - October 12, 1987**

Storied composition of Italian Immigrants
6' in bronze
Kennedy Civic Plaza, City Hall, Lowell, MA

8. **Blessed Eugene de Mazenod - March 1989**

Founder of Oblate Fathers
Life size, bronze
Novitiate Seminary, Tewksbury, MA

9. **The Wamesit Indian - June 17, 1989**

7'6" bronze sculpture on 9' granite boulder
Wamesit Park, Route 38
Tewksbury, MA

10. **"Water" (Anne Sullivan - Helen Keller Memorial) - June 28, 1992**

Two larger than life figures depicting the moment "at the pump"

Bronze on marble base. Second of an edition of three.
Town Hall, Feeding Hills, Agawam, MA

11. The Muster - October 3, 1992

Group of five firefighters in bronze
20' fountain
Route 38, Tewksbury, MA

12. Touching Souls - June 13, 1993

Group of four multi-racial youths
Life size bronze
Tewksbury United Methodist Church
Tewksbury, MA

13. Claude Debussy, French Composer - November 7, 1998

Portrayal in bronze: Front of base: "Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune". Back of base
"Pelleas et Melisande"
Larger than life. Second of an edition of three
St. Germain en Laye, France

14. Touching Souls - September 12, 1999

Group of four multi-racial
Life size bronze. Second of an edition of three
Tewkesbury Abbey
Tewkesbury, England

15. James McNeill Whistler – October 10, 2002

7' bronze. First of an edition of three
Placed at the site of Whistler's birthplace. Bronze larger than life. Installed October 10,
2002. Lowell, MA

16. The Spirit of the Marathon – August 9, 2004

12 ft. bronze of marathoners Stylianos Kyriakides and Spiridon Louis. Marathon
Beach, Marathon Greece.

17. The Spirit of the Marathon – April 12, 2006

12 ft. bronze of marathoners Stylianos Kyriakides and Spiridon Louis. Hopkinton, MA,
the starting point of the Boston Marathon.

Mico Kaufman's sculptures are in numerous private collections throughout four
continents.

Public Recognition

- Listings:** Who's Who in American Art 1970 - present
Who's Who in American Art in the East 1975 - present
- Citation:** The Massachusetts State House: Edward J. King, Governor of Massachusetts - "The Centennial of Light" 1977
- Citation:** The Lowell, Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce
"...for outstanding contribution to the North Shore Community..."
1978
North Middlesex Chamber of Commerce 1985
- Editorial:** by Clement J. Costello, Editor, The Lowell Sun 1983
- Proclamation:** Brian Martin, Mayor of Lowell 1984

Articles and Publications by Mico Kaufman:

- "Miniatures of Monumental Quality", *National Sculpture Review*, Spring 1981
- "Your Most Penetrating Portrait Ever", *National Sculpture Review*, Fall 1972
- On the Making of Molds*, 2,000 copies first edition, second edition, 1965
- "Vignettes of a Meager Travelogue", The Pinion, February 1984
(reprints with permission in *The Town Crier* and *The Northmeadow Bulletin*, North Tewksbury, MA)

EXCERPTED COMMENTS

"...his medallic production is prodigious...most notable...on going series of 200 medals on the history of America for the Danbury Mint..."

President Gerald R. Ford Inaugural Committee, 1974

"...there has never before been an opportunity to acquire a series of pewter statues with the scope, artistic excellence... authenticity and heirloom value comparable to the Legendary Americans."

The American Sculpture Society, 1975

"...Mr. Kaufman's rare genius for miniature sculpture is manifestly evident in "The Legendary Americans Series..."

American Sculpture Society, 1976

"...the craftsmen of the Paris Mint have captured each detail.. each subtle expression of Mico Kaufman's proud portrait of Boston... an outstanding work of art..."

The Boston Jubilee Committee, 1976

"... Mico Kaufman knows a good deal about strength and will...the time spent in concentration camps, he says, may have been the best thing to happen to him because it enabled him to find himself..."

American Numismatic Association (Sculptor of the Year Award, 1979)

"...acclaimed for his precision and attention to detail..."

The United States Capitol Historical Society, 1981

"...chosen for his record of accomplishments in excellence..."

The National Sculpture Review, Winter, 1985

"...impressive...unconventional... and possibly the finest portrait of President Reagan yet produced..."

The New York Times, 1985

"...His background is both dramatic and poignant...In recent years, Kaufman has become recognized as a prime sculptor and medalist..."

News Release - The Ronald Reagan Official Inaugural Committee, 1985

"...past medals of comparable artistic merit were designed by Paul Manship for Franklin Roosevelt's first term, by Darrell Crain for Warren Harding, and for Theodore Roosevelt by Augustus Saint-Gaudens."

H. Joseph Levine, Member of Medal Committee - George Bush Inaugural Medal

"... It is his great ability to humanize the official and to universalize the personal that we nominate Mico Kaufman for the 1992 J. Sanford Saltus Award for Signal Achievement in the Art of the Medal..."

The Award Committee, 1992