

Dear Friends,

The Falls Art Foundry is a unique and treasured part of this region's professional art infrastructure. For nearly 50 years, the foundry (operating as Bright Foundry and now Falls Art Foundry) has been assisting our regional artists with creating and casting their iconic works and helping to further their careers as esteemed sculptors. We are actively training new young artists who are given the tools and guidance to begin their own careers while exposing them to the most respected regional sculptors to further their artistic careers. Over the last fifty years these artists have included Barney Bright, Charlotte Price, Paul Fields, Bob Lockhart and others who still use the foundry such as Ed Hamilton, Raymond Graf and Dawn Yates to name just a few.

Since the foundry's significant move to the burgeoning Portland neighborhood in 2016, we are steadily training and assisting talented artists, creating contemporary works of art and expanding our influence as the only commercial fine art foundry in the state of Kentucky. We are excited about our growth and are proud to be contributing to our richly diverse creative economy.

It is our intent to expand our educational opportunities and increase usage and exposure of the ancient art of metal casting and a hands-on education in sculpture. We envision indoor and outdoor studio and class sessions in clay modeling, mold making, material casting and stone carving, in addition to guest talks, music, exhibits and tours. We are also excited to engage with our neighborhood and the communities of West Louisville more actively. The prospect of bringing in touring school groups to safely witness their first ever metal pour is thrilling. We've seen lots of metal poured and understand the excitement and awe of exposing our craft to first time visitors and perhaps we may even spark the career of the next great artist...

We need your support to bring these educational opportunities to fruition. I am writing to share with you an exciting offer and opportunity.

In 2016 I was able to carve a stone sculpture for a wonderful client, Seiller Waterman law firm. This design was conceived while gazing out of their 22nd floor windows which view downtown Louisville and the magnificent Ohio River. Looking down from that height, I saw the river in a profound new way. I felt like I could begin to grasp the river's truly fluid nature, its profound size and form, and its path as a traveling arc of flowing water. With respect to our timely and humble moment and place on this great river, I started to capture this magnificent force of nature. As the sculpture developed, I included a reflection of Louisville's cityscape in the shadow of the river's form. These were the guiding concepts as the artwork was created.



Now a 20.5" x 25" x 8" bronze casting of the original stone sculpture is available for purchase.

100% of the proceeds will support our foundry's development towards the expansion of public education and teaching at Falls Art Foundry. These funds will be used to enhance the foundry facilities, develop educational materials and programming, and develop teaching studio environments. By doing so we will ensure its continuing ability to serve this community. In recognition of your support, each numbered casting (limit 10 with 3 artist proofs) will include an engraved label with your name in support of Falls Art Foundry. This work can be prepared for indoor or outdoor settings.

This cast bronze artwork comes with an invitation for a personally guided tour of Falls Art Foundry and a reception, where you will witness the molten bronze pour of the very metal that will become your artwork. On this tour, you will learn how your sculpture is made using the 6500 year old 'lost wax casting process' and further understand how the foundry will continue its nearly five decades old mission and vision of being *the* sculpture resource of our region. You are welcome to bring friends and colleagues with you.

I am offering "River Life" as a fundraiser for Falls Art Foundry. The purchase price for one of the limited-edition bronzes is \$16,750.00.

If purchasing the sculpture is not of interest to you at this time, we would still be more than happy to provide a tour of our foundry and share with you why Falls Art Foundry is and must remain a critical element of art infrastructure in Louisville. The future and development of the foundry is also open to conversation and we encourage your thoughts. We are looking forward to sharing this treasure with you.

My own sculptural development and working life as an artist is this very story. I learned by watching, apprenticing, and assisting well known artists at the Bright Foundry. Now, as the heir apparent I want to assist in re-establishing this important element of our art making environment. I feel honored and personally challenged to create an environment where countless others will also find the same life changing opportunities and rare exposure to art and art making.

We are sincerely grateful of your consideration of this opportunity to benefit and grow our treasured Falls Art Foundry.

Sincerely,

Matt Weir, Scott Boyer and the family of Falls Art Foundry



Matt Weir
"River Life"
20.5" H x 25" W x 8" D.
Cast Bronze (pictured as stone)



For a limited time, as of 1/3/22, the original stone sculpture will be on display at my Paristown studio if you would like to see it in person. From there it will go to the foundry for molding. It would be my pleasure to share my studio and this work with you. Please text, call or email at any time to make an appointment for a studio visit. (502) 558-6423 / matthewpatrickweir@gmail.com





