

# Take a Walk - Downtown Moab

## Moab ArtTrails Artist - Reven Swanson



Reven Swanson is fascinated by how the human figure creates a powerful expression, using lines that capture negative space and energy. Each figure is autobiographical, depicting a facet of women's psychological make-up. She shares and understands the rapidly evolving relationship of women to their everyday life in our modern culture.

The dancing moon series is an extension of my figurative work reducing the forms to the most simplest of shapes. The shapes, cut-outs and colors are vibrant and full of energy.

I grew up in a rural setting watching the natural events of sun, moon and waving prairie grass. It's important to express that happy experience. I want my viewer to sense the optimistic observations and leave with feeling light of heart.

Without knowing my story or my sculptures, I'd like the viewer to be entertained. I'd like the viewer to be drawn into the shapes and explore its many images. I'd like the viewer to leave with a sense of happiness and whimsical dance. Modern culture is complicated. Contemporary sculptors have the opportunity to brighten a person's day in a most simple way.



photo by Shanachie Carrol

A farmer's moon is term coined to describe a full-moon wrapped in a rainbow-colored halo. It means the thick atmosphere surely promises moisture. The sculpture rotates in a kinetic motion that reflects the change in wind direction. The fused glass disc interacts with natural light changing as quickly as the weather shifts. It's a reflection of one of Mother Nature's gifts.

### Farmer's Moon

Media: Mild steel, fused glass, painted enamel  
Dimensions: 15' x 4' x 3'  
\$9000



photo by Christine Williams-Dunton

### Dancing Moon Roller

Media: Mild steel and powder coat  
Dimensions: 72" x 48" x 42"  
\$9000

## Announcing National Call To Artists for the 2022 Sculpture Exhibition

Thanks to continued and growing support from the community, City of Moab and Grand County, Moab ArtTrails is excited to announce its **4th Annual rotating public sculpture exhibition, scheduled for installation September 25, 2021.**

### Call To Artists:

Moab ArtTrails will purchase a piece from this exhibition valued up to \$12,000 for addition to the Moab City and Grand County permanent collection.

**Artist Submissions for consideration in the 4th Annual Moab ArtTrails Sculpture Exhibition will be accepted starting May 20th, 2021 via [www.moabarttrails.org](http://www.moabarttrails.org).**

Up to ten artists will be chosen to display sculptures along a walking path through central Moab for the period of one year starting September 25th, 2021. Artists may submit up to 2 pieces for consideration. Selected artists will receive 2 nights lodging in Moab, a \$650 honorarium, and all chosen works are eligible for a \$1000 Best In Show Award.

Since its inception in 2015, Moab ArtTrails has added over \$90,000 of art to the public sphere with eleven sculptures acquired for the public permanent collection. In 2020, public sculpture in Moab played a special role for those who could access art in a way safe for public health. Covid demanded some creative adaptivity from the program, and especially from the sculptors, who generously extended the stay of their works throughout the pandemic, lending a contemplative grace to Moab's ever busier public sphere.



Tim MacAllister in front of his winning *Oracular Oracle* photo by Bruce Hucko

Local artist Mik, Tim McCallister's work, *Oracular Oracle* was selected from the extended 2019-2020 exhibition for permanent acquisition in Moab's public collection. It is currently on display in front of Pasta Jay's, Center and Main in Moab.

The 2022 volunteer selection committee, composed of local community members, merchants, artists and civic representatives, will announce the works for exhibit by August 15, 2021.

If you are interested in any of the fun, easy ways to participate, such as being on the annually rotating volunteer selection committee, or serving as a trustee, or otherwise helping grow Moab's permanent public sculpture collection; you are warmly invited to contact Moab ArtTrails at 435 259-2709 or [info@moabarttrails.org](mailto:info@moabarttrails.org).

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# Moab ArtTrails

2019-2020-2021

1 <b>Farmer's Moon</b> • Reven Swanson Denver CO \$9,000	9 <b>Oracular Oracle</b> • Tim MacAllister Moab UT \$7,427
2 <b>Transitional Piece Mockup</b> • Kevin Shaffer Leadville CO \$5,000	10 <b>Potato Bug Predicament</b> • Nathan Johansen Provo UT \$4,100
3 <b>Germination III</b> • Nathan Johansen Provo UT \$5,400	11 <b>Transitional Piece</b> • Kevin Shaffer Leadville CO \$15,000
4 <b>Astrologic</b> • Joe Burleigh Carbondale CO \$6,750	12 <b>Wings of Freedom</b> • Dimitry Domani Santa Fe NM \$12,000
5 <b>Wapati</b> • Christopher Coleman Marysvale UT \$6,200	13 <b>Synapse on the Breeze</b> • Michael Ford Dunton Castle Valley UT \$13,000
6 <b>Ancient Kiosk</b> • Gayle Houston/Jim Yeager Moab UT \$7,000	14 <b>Dancing Moon Roller</b> • Reven Swanson Denver CO \$9,000
7 <b>Anastasia</b> • Dimitry Domani Santa Fe NM \$9,000	15 <b>Forgotten From Where We Are Begotten</b> • Tiimo Mang Lakewood CO \$24,812
8 <b>Helen the Heron</b> • Serena Supplee Moab UT \$10,000	16 <b>Meridian</b> • Pavia Justinian Fruita CO \$8,000



Permanent addition to the Public Collection *Oracular Oracle* by Tim MacAllister photo by Shanachie Carrol

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