



ANTHONY NOVAK

VISUAL ARTIST

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Anthony Novak is a sculpture artisan who hand-crafts wall sculpture from his original designs. Often sketching from his imagination in a spontaneous way, he creates images that symbolically express the intentions of the spirit. Art sometimes becomes a prayerful, transcendent experience for him. He believes the role of the artist is to encourage, comfort and strengthen the soul. His work is a glimpse of hope in sometimes desperate and unsettling times. Because of the uplifting nature of his work, it is on display in several Middle Tennessee hospitals including Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Baptist Hospital, and St. Thomas Hospital.

Anthony graduated with honors from MTSU in 1986, earning a Commercial Art degree. He began his career doing graphic design, which led to a career as a freelance illustrator -- painting for magazines, book covers, brochures, and more. By 1992 he acquired an artist's representative. Through their partnership, Anthony created artwork for annual reports, brochures, posters, and more for clients from California to New York. In 1995, Anthony was included in the Society of Illustrators, and received a merit award from their 37th Annual show in New York.

In 1997, Anthony began creating relief sculpture. When he started including spiritual themes in his work, he realized he had found his passion. Anthony gained knowledge of the craft as he created his own molds and cast his own sculptures.

In 2001, Anthony set up his own studio. He has continued to make fine art paintings and sculptures since that time. He has shown his personal work at several venues in Nashville, including the Parthenon and the Centennial Arts Center.