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"MY SPECIALTY IS FIND OLD, FORGOTTEN OR OBSOLETE MATERIALS AND GIVE THEM A NEW PURPOSE OR A HIGHER ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE. TRANSFORMING BY-PRODUCTS INTO CREATIVE REUSE. I MEAN IF YOU PUT YOUR SHOE DOWN, I'LL FIND SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT"

"I'M A SELF-**TAUGHT ARTIST. I STARTED MAKING ART ABOUT SEVEN** YEARS AGO"

"When my son Marco was 10yrs old, he was really into Legos and Bionicles. I was spending sometimes up to \$100 in Lego Kits - we decided to start making our own from recycled materials, that's how I got started. Thank you, Marco."

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Chicago has shaped me as an artist in many ways.

I remember riding the "L" train to school and admiring all types of art in every ride. The hundreds of murals and graffiti art in the neighborhoods.

Art is a way of life in Chicago neighborhoods that you can't get away from.

We live in a country where consumption and waste are greater than what this earth can support. There is no limits new technology, new electronics or how much we can produce. Why not take some of that and give it a creative use."

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