

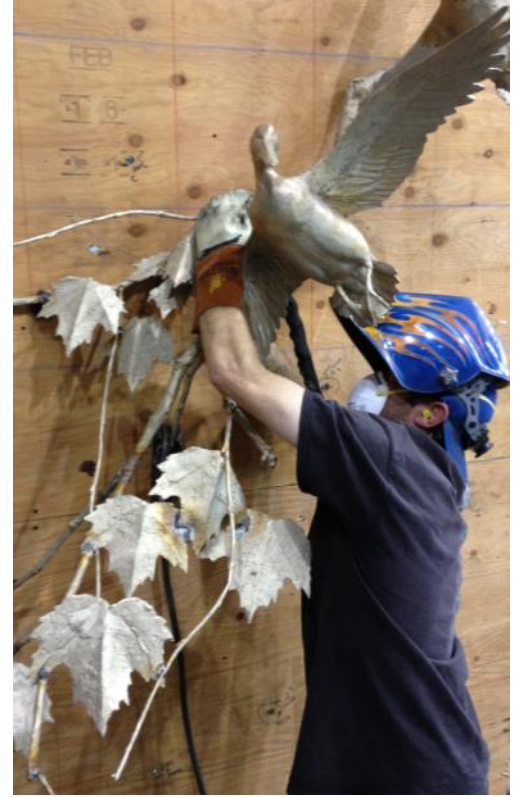
Walter Matia
CURLEW CASTINGS

Fall 2014



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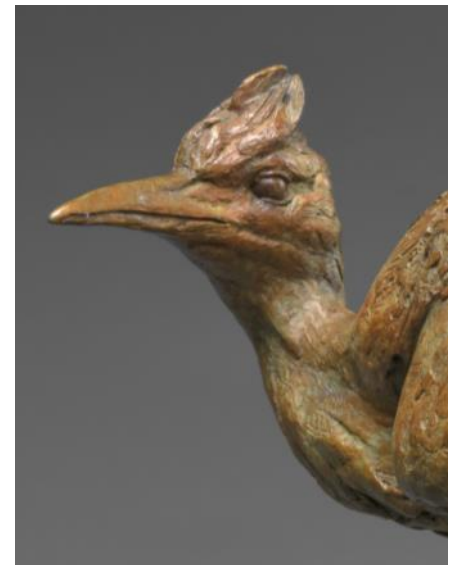
For the last six months I have been working almost exclusively on a large wall sculpture for a ranch in Texas. So much of what an artist does is cumulative, lessons and ideas learned from previous pieces are incorporated into new compositions. In this case, castings from older works were used again as part of this new sculpture. Nine Green-wing Teal, two Mallards, all the reeds and Sycamore vegetation were newly modelled for this composition. The finished sculpture with seventeen birds is 10 feet wide x 14 feet high x 4 feet deep and installed on a natural stone working fireplace 14 feet wide x 34 feet high.



A birder will tell you that roadrunners are in the same avian family as cuckoos. Heck of a cuckoo; I see them more as small feathered dinosaurs. Add about fifty pounds to a roadrunner and no one would dare venture out alone in the Southwest. I explored their features that spoke to the "leggy, taily, ratty" morphology of the species and their wonderful gestures. The birds' bodies just seem to be all over the place and I wanted to capture the looseness of those sculptural possibilities.

*Hunger is the Best Sauce
& Paisanos*

Greater Roadrunner
23" x 8" x 6" each
Edition 36



Midnight Ramblers

Raccoons

24" x 30" x 14"

Edition 20



BOTTOM LEFT

Calaveras Crooners

Frog Pair

6.5" x 12" x 9"

Edition 24



BOTTOM RIGHT

Rewards of June Rain

Bobwhite Quail Pair

8" x 8.5" x 5.5"

Edition 50



WEST OF THE PECOS

I don't know where the Pecos runs, but the name conjures up visions of reptiles and desert heat. The three sculptures, two Bobwhite Quail and a Horned Toad hold five candle placements.



West of the Pecos
Bobwhite Quail & Horned Toad
Life size
Edition 48

PRAIRIE CHICKENS

I am presently working on several sculptures of Prairie Chickens for my retrospective Rendezvous Show April 2015 at the Thomas Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I have completed a three piece maquette of different Prairie Chicken dance gestures, titled *This Dance is Taken* pictured below right. Two life size birds are in the works to complete this exploration. All of our wonderful prairie grouse need conservation attention, they are big birds with an even bigger place in our Western Heritage.



Early Models of life size Prairie Chickens



Wax stage
This Dance is Taken Maquette
Prairie Chickens
7" x 7" x 4"
Edition 50

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