



Violet Spike Crystal Explosion, 2013, Resin, 19.5h x 26w x 27.5d in

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Artist Statement

I am interested in beauty, but I mistrust it. Instead, I look for beauty that exists in tension with the materials or the circumstances that inspire it. As a child, I often fantasized about nature. I daydreamed about breaking open rocks to reveal glittering interiors, sowing magnificent gardens, and constructing ice caves. As an adult, I find myself returning to these desires, while considering such objects in relation to my own personal narrative and their larger symbolic importance.

My recent work centers on mineral structures, crystals, and geodes. I create my sculptures with multiple parts of cast resin that I assemble and carve into complex layers. I want them to be ridiculous, preposterous, and wonderful, with exaggerated forms and color. I know that I can create nothing more perplexing, overwhelming, and complex than nature itself, and this revelation has liberated me to fully indulge myself.