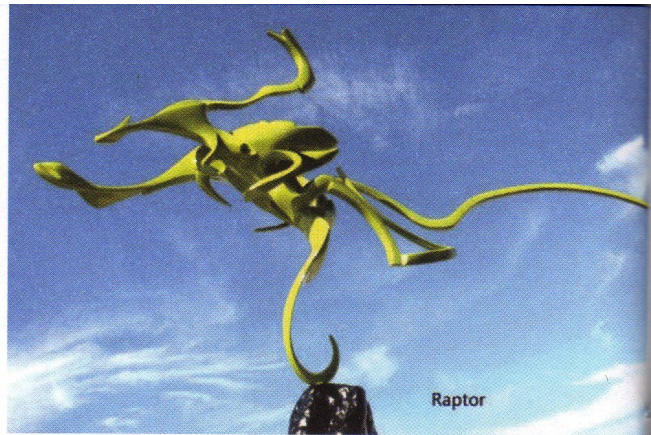


Introducing Raptor & Chimaera:
NEW SCULPTURE
 by Dave Stevenson

Tentacles uncoiling, Raptor vaults through space like an alien jellyfish... Chimaera unfolds its nascent wings below... these are dramatic new sculptures by American artist Dave Stevenson, who shows his work at Les Artisans in Gustavia on a permanent basis. This year, he has returned with two new pieces, Raptor and Chimaera,

which will be unveiled during Stevenson's annual exhibit, with a champagne reception at Les Artisans on Wednesday, December 28 from 6pm to 9pm.

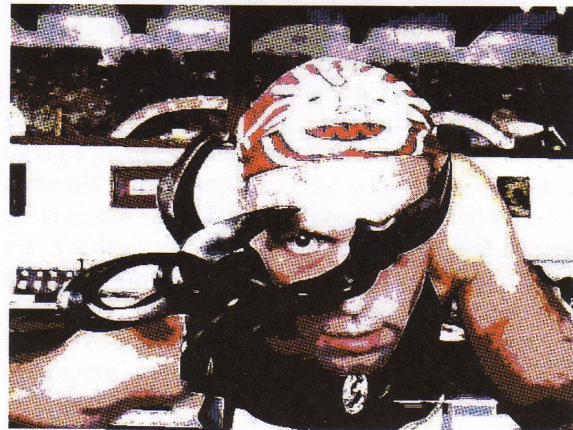
"Hauntingly corporeal, Raptor stalks with determination, whipping its tentacles like a ravenous predator. Chimaera rises drowsily from the primordial sea,



Raptor

tuning antennae like a prehistoric insect. Alien yet familiar, these sculptures slithered from the same abyss that spawned Pegasus, Crustacea and Nautilus," says the artist. "At first glance my sculptures are non-rep-

a bronze series of eight. "These works evolved over six months. The final forms are very different from the original wire drawings; lots of arguing between me, metal, and plastic along the way!" Stevenson adds.





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resentational, geometric abstractions. Yet where complex curves meet and change direction joints materialize, suggestive of an organic inner skeleton. My works appear alive, as if poised to lift off the pedestal."

Next in line for bronze casting, Raptor (steel & resin, 27" x 21" x 6") will be produced in a limited edition of eight, plus one or two artist's proofs. Chimaera (steel & resin, 23" X 7" X 15") will also be cast in

The new bronze artist's proof of Crustacea will also be exhibited for the first time. As always, the artist does all of the wax and bronze chasing himself, personally hand finishing each sculpture at every stage of the casting process. Stevenson is on the island in time for the holidays and has added the new sculpture to his ongoing display that includes nine large works and a collection of silver and gold jewelry.