

## #18 Great Blue Heron

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### Personal Statement:

**Brief Artist Statement:** It was always my dream to be a public sculptor, and after 10 years of loving teaching art I decided to take a "short break" to focus on my own artistic vision. My first public commission was an extremely challenging 45' tall sculpture that turned out great, but had an extremely steep learning curve. It was a real challenge, but I loved it! After this, I have been living out my dream, making the rounds on rotating public sculpture tours and chasing large public commissions ever since.

I especially enjoy making sculptures that encourage the viewer to move around the space, rewarding them with unique views from each perspective and facilitating exploration of the entire space. I like to use strong contrast in my pieces to draw the viewer in from a distance, often juxtaposing dark steel and bright aluminum. I then use rich surface textures to keep the viewers attention and reward them for taking a closer look.

To see more of my creative process, you can watch my TEDx talk "Imagination is a Muscle" or check out some in progress works on my social media pages @kamrathsulpture or webpage [www.kamrathsulpture.com](http://www.kamrathsulpture.com)

### Sculpture:

#### Title: Great Blue Heron

**Description:** One early morning while kayaking on the tiny lake outside my studio, I rounded a corner and was startled to come across two Great Blue Herons. Up close, I was immediately struck by the sheer immensity of these large birds, and they obviously took notice of me. Yet, instead of flying away, they each stood tall and looked at each other and then back to me. They did not appear to feel threatened or intimidated, but filled with purpose and a quiet dignity. As I sat there and watched, one continued to keep an eye on me while the other went back to fishing. Then they switched, and once both had their fill, they gave me one final look, and flew to their home across the lake.

**Dimensions:** 11 x 4 x 5'

**Weight:** 200lbs

**Materials:** Cold forged steel and custom ground aluminum.

**Installation:** 4' x 4'

cement pad

**Selling Price:**

\$12,000

