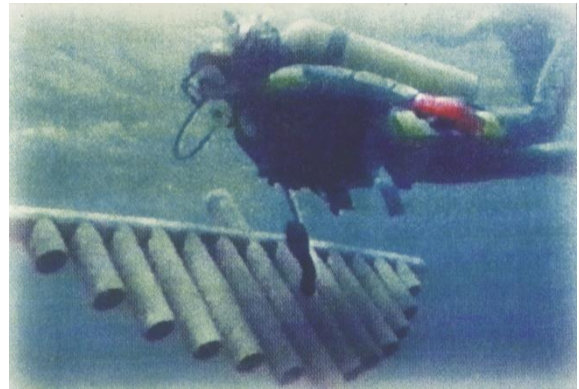


Dave Caudill

“I was looking for a common denominator, in essence, that could be communicated in very simple forms, almost like a haiku in three dimensions.”

Dave Caudill was born in Corbin, Kentucky, in 1950. He remembers sleeping under his mother’s patchwork “crazy quilts” as a child. He tries to express the same feelings of joy and freedom in his own artwork. His sculptures are alive with movement, grace, and rhythm. They look like they are dancing. Many of his larger, stainless steel pieces are in public spaces. They draw our eyes upward. The clean



lines are highlighted against the sky. Even the names of his sculptures are uplifting – names like *Celebration*, *Effervescence*, *Song for a Free Spirit*, and *Splash*. One of his favorite sculptures is called *Angel of Harmony*. It is under the sea near Nassau in the Bahamas. He also makes smaller bronze pieces. These can be moved around to create different effects. This allows the viewer to be creative, too.

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In 2000, Caudill started a project for rural libraries called “Sparking Creativity.” It is a series of workshops, exhibits, and presentations. It is one way that he reaches out and gives back. He is also an honorary board member of the Kentucky Museum of Art & Craft.

What name would you give to this sculpture from the Craft Luminary exhibit?

