

## 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 and recalls sleeping under his mother’s patchwork “crazy quilts” as a child. He looks for ways to express the same feelings of delight and spontaneity in his own artwork. His sculptures are alive with movement, grace, and rhythm, interacting with their environment and inviting viewers to join in the dance. Caudill is one of the few sculptors to ever create an environmental undersea sculpture, *Angel of Harmony*, which is on the seabed near Nassau in the Bahamas. Caudill attended the Louisville School of Art and continued his education through immersion in an art community in Colorado. His larger, stainless steel pieces are often installed in public or corporate spaces as well as in private landscapes. They draw our eyes upward, so that 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*. Smaller bronze pieces can be repositioned in different contexts, sparking the creativity of the viewer. In 2000, Caudill initiated a project for rural libraries called “Sparking Creativity,” an ongoing 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.