

Mike Baur

Sculptor · Chicago area, USA



Mike Baur is an American sculptor known for architectural-scale concrete and steel works as well as smaller sculptures that combine industrial and natural materials. He received his MFA in Sculpture from the University of Illinois in 1975. His sculpture begins with the logic of construction but aims beyond utility, allowing industrial materials to shed their functional associations and become concentrated, independent forms.

PRACTICE

Weight, stability and permanence form the structural basis of Baur's practice. Construction is the starting point; the goal is an autonomous three-dimensional presence.

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

- MFA Sculpture, University of Illinois, 1975
- International public sculpture commission, Spain, 1974
- Represented historically by Sonia Zaks Gallery, Chicago, and OK Harris, New York
- Public works in Illinois, Iowa and Spain
- Chicago Park District Sculpture in the Parks 2026-28

CHICAGO 2026

- Outcrop, 2026 · steel and bronze · 10 × 4 × 6 in / 25.4 × 10.2 × 15.2 cm
- Void, 2026 · cast concrete and iron · 12 × 7 × 7 in / 30.5 × 17.8 × 17.8 cm
- Cloud, 2026 · steel and bronze · 17 × 8.5 × 16 in / 43.2 × 21.6 × 40.6 cm