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Capstone - Sculpture

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Artist Statement:

I highlight the way that leather can be used as both a fabric and as an armor to show the different ways that we interact and give meaning to the world's oldest material. My work is heavily inspired by Brutalism and how this style of architecture highlights the strengths and inherent qualities of concrete. In the way that architects such as, Le Corbusier used concrete and its capability to create massive, clean, reduced structures to show the beauty of concrete as a medium I strive to extend this philosophy to materials that I use. My work with leather shows the inherent strengths of this ancient medium. I use leather as a material to explore the lines between concepts like masculinity and femininity. I explore the poetic irony of a heavy, masculine material used to make a light, feminine form. I also explore the lines between different forms of life such as plant life and different animal life from mammal to reptile and human and the relationships we have, to each of them and how those relationships should change.

Title	Original Format
Figure 1: Scaled Leather Garland	Veg Tan Leather, Thread, 2'x3'x5'
Figure 2: Scaled Leather Garland	Veg Tan Leather, Thread, 2'x3'x5'
Figure 3: Scaled Leather Garland	Veg Tan Leather, Thread, 2'x3'x5'
Figure 4: Flesh Roses	Veg Tan Leather, Twine, Brass. 2'x2'x2'
Figure 5: Flesh Roses	Veg Tan Leather, Twine, Brass. 2'x2'x2'
Figure 6: Flesh Roses	Veg Tan Leather, Twine, Brass. 2'x2'x2'
Figure 7: Flesh Roses	Veg Tan Leather, Twine, Brass. 2'x2'x2'
Figure 8: Skin Chimes	Veg Tan Leather, Rope, 2.5'x3'x6"
Figure 9: Skin Chimes	Veg Tan Leather, Rope, 2.5'x3'x6"
Figure 10: Skin Chimes	Veg Tan Leather, Rope, 2.5'x3'x6"
Figure 11: Skin Chimes	Veg Tan Leather, Rope, 2.5'x3'x6"
Figure 12: Match	Leather, Thread, Match 3'x 1'x6"
Figure 13: Match	Leather, Thread, Match 3'x 1'x6"
Figure 14: Match	Leather, Thread, Match 3'x 1'x6"



Figure 1: Scaled Leather Garland



Figure 2: Scaled Leather Garland



Figure 3: Scaled Leather Garland



Figure 4: Flesh Roses



Figure 5: Flesh Roses



Figure 6: Flesh Roses



Figure 7: Flesh Roses



Figure 8: Skin Chimes



Figure 9: Skin Chimes



Figure 10: Skin Chimes



Figure 11: Skin Chimes

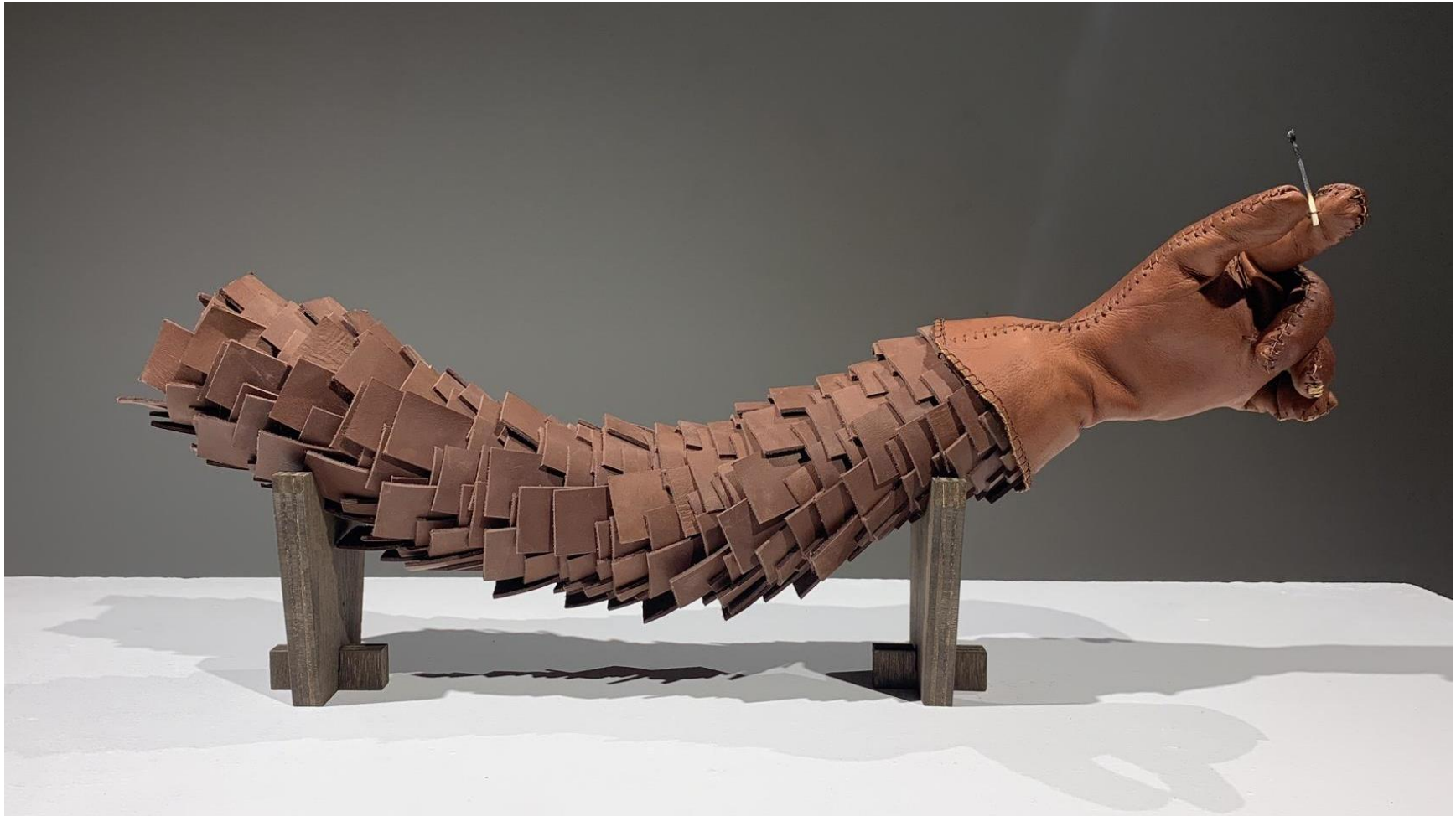


Figure 12: Match



Figure 13: Match

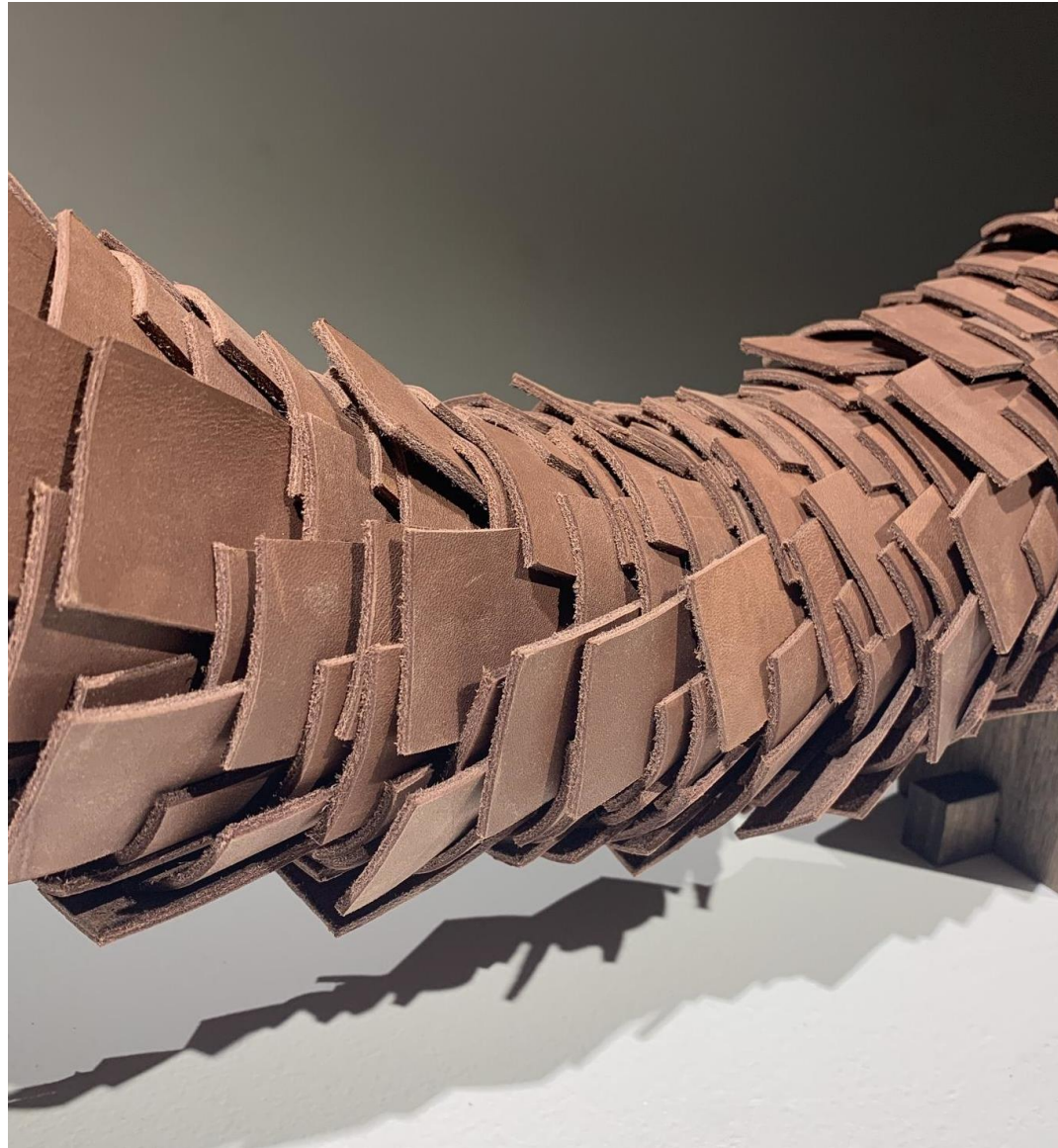


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