

Appreciation and Analysis of "The Dog's Notes"

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"The Dog's Notes" were initiated in 2005. Poren Huang started with dogs to create sculptures related to humans. He intends to bring positive impact to viewers, and to reflect on the falling behavior and thoughts of humans with dogs' wonderful characteristics. The collection has had about 40 pieces of work to date. By linking dogs to humans, Poren Huang expects viewers to reflect and think of themselves so he uses a humorous style to make the exterior of the sculptures to amuse viewers. Viewers as a result will want to actively and repeatedly interact with the works. Through this continually interactive process, viewers will be enlightened to even more important life philosophies. Here are some pieces of "The Dog's Notes".

I'm Not Happy Now!



Poren Huang - *I'm Not Happy Now!*, Bronze, 96x39x63cm, 2005

The sculpture "*I'm Not Happy Now!*" shows the dog's attitude. He has his own personality and turns his head to the left. He isn't pissing with this amusing position, but marking his territory. Dogs are alike humans, both have their moods and emotions. However, the behavior of the sculpture makes human want to pacify him.

Contentment



Poren Huang - *Contentment*, Bronze, 43x36x23cm, 2011

Now take a look at another artwork "*Contentment*". The dog is in a relaxing mood. He throws all of his worries away and sleeps well. The belly is the most vulnerable part of a dog, as a result, dogs usually sleep on their belly. This dog, however, sleeps with his belly up and even slobbers. How contented he is! People suffer mental health problems nowadays. And the only way for them to sleep well is to let go of their worries. "*Contentment*" is a sculpture reflecting the situation. Only when we are contented with little can we sleep well and calm.

Gimme A Hug



Poren Huang - *Gimme a Hug*, Bronze, 148x177x176cm , 2006

Be confident and courageous is one of the main ideas of “The Dog’s Notes”: Face life with a positive attitude and interact with people honestly. In this artwork “*Gimme a Hug*”, the dog seems to embrace the world with open arms. The wings make him even lighter, so that he can stay positive and optimistic. Kindness and innocence are advantages that people should have. “*Gimme a Hug*” is the best example.

You cannot pass!



Poren Huang - *You Cannot Pass!*, Bronze, 96×48×90cm, 2006

On the other hand, although dogs are smaller than strangers, they never flinch, just for the safety of the owner. “*You cannot pass!*” is the best example. The dog humps his back and his tail is shaped like a machete. It gets its claws out and stares at the strangers, while his four legs are strong and stands steadily. “*You cannot pass!*” shows the determination of a dog to protect its territory.

Look, the dog is lost in thought! He pays so much attention on something that he almost lost his thought!
No matter what you want to pursue, stick with it and be as focus as the dog. You might also slobber!

Lost In Thought



Poren Huang – *Lost in Thought*, Bronze, 40×26×45cm, 2011

One of Poren Huang's another sculpture is called "*What the Heck!*". And this is one of his most popular artworks. The dog is cheering himself up and releasing his emotion. The sculpture is distinguishing and full of humanity.

What the Heck!



Poren Huang – *What the heck!*, Stainless Steel, 28×28×32cm, 2010

"Hold You Dear" is the one and only sculpture in "The Dog's Notes" with a human figure. Holding the puppy in his arms is a metaphor of showing his love and care. Although we can see only a small part of the puppy, it shows the interaction between the owner and the puppy. Dedicate to protect and love someone with all one's heart is the main idea of *"Hold You Dear"*, even the chocolate base starts to melt because of the warmth!

Hold You Dear



Poren Huang - *Hold You Dear*, Bronze, 24 ×26 ×62cm, 2006

Let's take a look at another human-like sculpture "Wise Man". The golden moustache is the symbol of wisdom. With positive thoughts and untroubled mind, the wise man faces everything leisurely. He may encounter difficulties or obstacles; however, the wise man with great wisdom still strokes his moustache and handles everything calm and equable.

Wise Man



Poren Huang - *Wise Man*, Bronze, Gold Foil , 45×34×54cm, 2008

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