

# THE SOUTHWEST SHAPES MY WORK

"My relationship with the southwest, where I live and work north of Santa Fe next Nambé pueblo, is mirrored in my art. Molten metal shapes my art as once molten rock shaped the environment in which I and my people live today.

"I continually challenge myself and thus others to understand the resplendent qualities of my people: the unique people of the southwest are re-nected in each of my bronzes.

"I believe in the power of family, and in the tradition that ancestry holds. The uniqueness of the people that live on this land is unlike anywhere else in the world, and my art embodies these people who honor the traditions of family and the spiritual path of our universal family. This legacy will continue for an eternity of generations."

Ruben Jimenez Acuña

