



Fig. 50 Dancing Polar Bear

Sculpture by Anita Issaluk

From ChesterField Inlet, NU

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Fig. 1 Angujuak (Biggest Bear)

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Nunavut Gallery Inc. is pleased to present this exhibition and sale of fifty sculptures by Anita Issaluk, who was born and raised in Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut.

Anita began carving in 1996 after watching her father carve when she was a child. She also has learned from, and worked with, other well-known Inuit artists such as George Arlook, Alex Alikashuak, Lucy Tasseor and others. In addition to being a sculptor, she is multi-talented as she also is a singer/musician, and a painter. Her work has been exhibited across North America and abroad. She has also had her work written about in the Inuit Art Quarterly (Vol. 14, No. 4, Winter 1999 issue, pages 25, 26, 27, 34 and 35).

This exhibition includes some of Anita's favourite subjects—dancing bears, Sednas, mothers and children, owls, masks, sea spirits and more. Before Anita begins a carving, she sees the image in the raw stone and by working with the stone she releases the image from it. The carvings are very tactile because she begins them using the form of her hand and then develops them into the shape that she creates. Like Pauta Saila, with minimal detail using flowing lines and gentle curves, she creates carvings that are wonderfully exuberant and beautifully balanced.

I know these unique works of art will intrigue you.

Richard Kroeker

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Fig. 48 Sedna with Flowing Hair



Fig. 49 Owl



Fig. 45 Walking Nanook



Fig. 2 Swimming Sedna



Fig. 46 Bear Dancing



Fig. 3 Mother and Child



Fig. 47 Talelayo



Fig. 4 Walking Polar Bear



Fig. 5 Six Bears on Base



Fig. 6 Vigilant Bear



Fig. 39 Inuit Couple



Fig. 40 Polar Bear Dancing



Fig. 7 Transformation



Fig. 8 Dancing Inukshuk



Fig. 41 Ancient Face



Fig. 42 Bear



Fig. 9 Emerging Face



Fig. 10 Bear Transformation



Fig. 43 Face



Fig. 44 Bird in Amautik



Fig. 35 Aging



Fig. 36 Dancing Nanook



Fig. 37 Nesting Bird



Fig. 38 Playful Cub



Fig. 11 Inukshuk



Fig. 12 Shorebird



Fig. 13 Sun Worshiper



Fig. 14 Sedna



Fig. 15 Surprised Owl



Fig. 16 Bird in Flight



Fig. 17 *Birds Flying over Sea Creature*

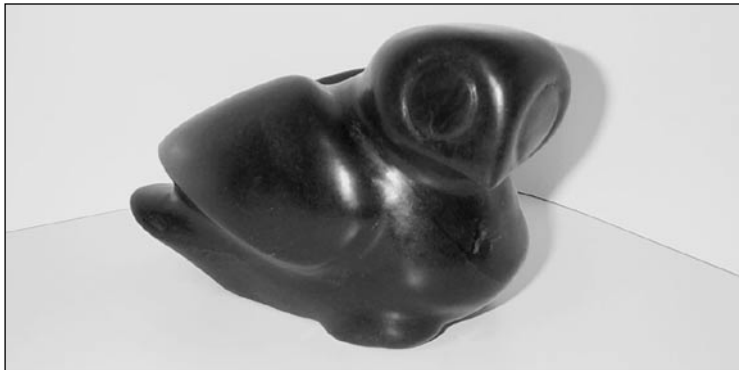


Fig. 18 *Twilight Owl*



Fig. 19 *Sedna with Braided Hair*



Fig. 29 *Boy*



Fig. 30 *Bear's Head*

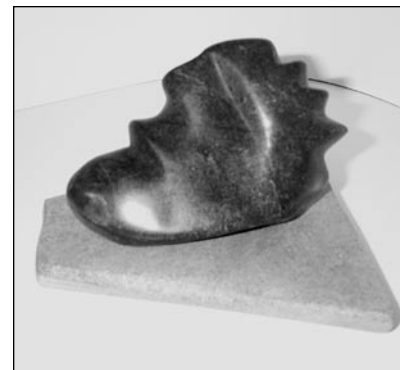


Fig. 31 *Mask on Base*



Fig. 32 *Bear Cub*



Fig. 33 *Sea Spirit*



Fig. 34 *Arctic Dancer*

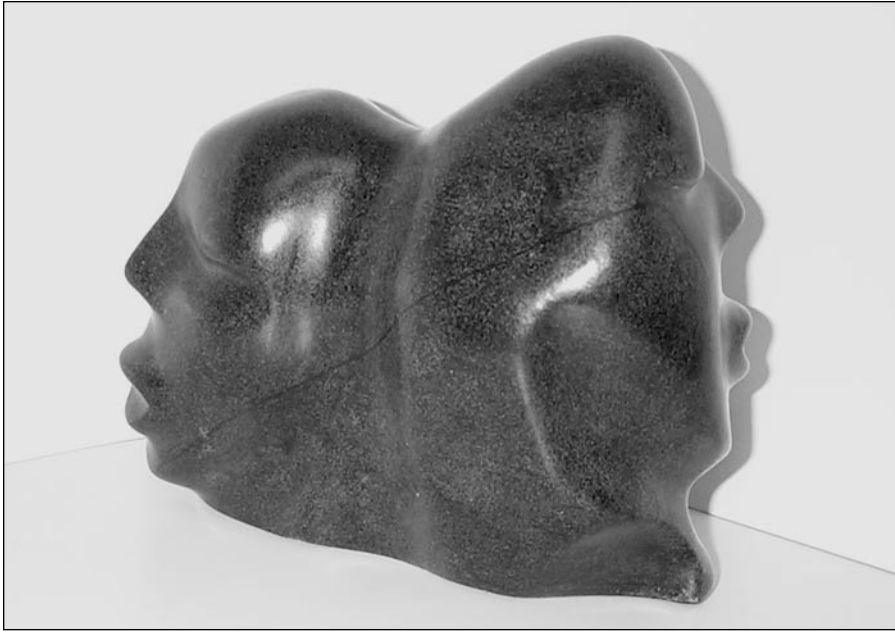


Fig. 26 Couple



Fig. 20 Bear Near Our Camp



Fig. 21 Winter Bear



Fig. 27 Nanook



Fig. 28 Arctic Bear

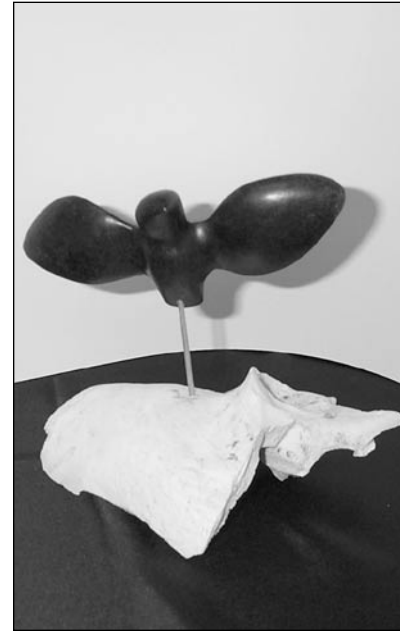


Fig. 22 Bird on Antler Base



Fig. 23 Kneeling Woman



Fig. 24 Dancing Bear



Fig. 25 Oopik