

## Baker-Caldwell making ✦Ascension✦ into Midtown Manhattan with sculptural work

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New sculpture by Jordan BakerCaldwell, artist/metal sculptor and a member of the AU Class of 2005, is set to be permanently installed in Midtown Manhattan. “Ascension” will be prominently featured in the new neighborhood of Hudson Yards, currently being developed. The neighborhood will span from 30th Street to 42nd Street, between 9th and 11<sup>th</sup> avenues.

“Ascension is a 9-foot tall tubular sculpture made of CorTen steel that appears to be standing on its edge. It embodies the idea of growth and serves as a reminder to stay present, and to engage with the world in a way that’s thoughtful.

The piece invites conversation. It causes people to question how it’s able to stand and what it’s made out of? creating a quiet moment of reflection and contemplation amidst the hustle and bustle of the city. “Ascension” will rest perched on its edge, firmly affixed between the past and the present; the piece is scheduled for installation in February 2015.

Jordan writes, “My work can be seen at [www.jordancanfly.com](http://www.jordancanfly.com),” and notes, “one of my sculptures, a giant metal octopus, is in fact still in Alfred to this day!”

Jordan explores spatial and interpersonal relationships with shapes, curves and angles in his work, bringing together contemporary cultural references and classical ideals of form and balance. He combines found and fabricated objects to create an enlivened visual narrative.

His work has been described as figurative, organic forms juxtaposed with modern, neocubic abstraction. He is interested in capturing the essence of a moment in solid form, approaching his sculptures as if they are still frames taken from an elaborately choreographed dance. His work gracefully flows through the air creating dynamic negative space that is as important as the forms themselves.

In 2012 Jordan’s piece “Sceptre” was featured at the Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) as part of its annual “Fluorescent Ball,” a curated event centered on the theme of light.

Jordan is one of the founding members and chief organizers of the acclaimed Hullabaloo Collective, an artist group that recently made its third appearance at the iconic Fountain Art Fair at the Armory in New York.