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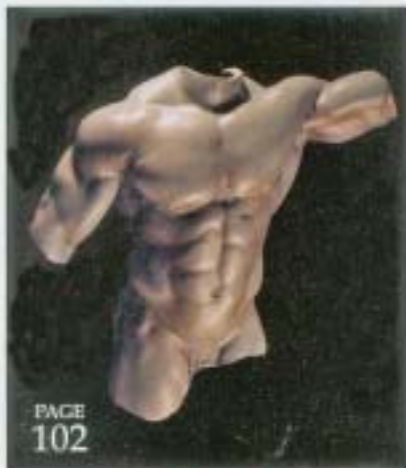
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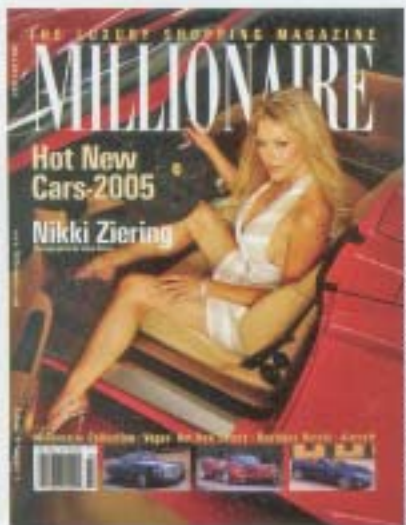


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Oprah Winfrey's father, Vernon, comes to life with this bronze bust crafted by artist Roy Butler.

The Butler Did It

Artist Takes Lifecasting to New Heights



Entertainers and sports celebrities are big fans of Roy Butler's museum-quality Lifecastings.

Internationally renowned artist Roy Butler puts his artistic talent where his heart is. Butler, who is a great fan of Oprah Winfrey's, got together with Oprah's father, Vernon, and they decided to give Oprah a 50th birthday gift she would never forget.

That collaboration – unveiled on the “Oprah After the Show” TV production – produced a bronze bust of Mr. Winfrey that was presented to an emotional Oprah and her studio audience recently.

“I was most honored to have been given this chance of a lifetime to create this most unique present,” said Butler. “This was truly a gift from the heart to someone of such world prominence by perhaps Ms. Winfrey's two greatest fans, her father and myself.

“Mr. Winfrey is one of the most kindhearted, gentle, and spiritual people I have ever met. During the time we worked together, I could see the influence he must have had on his daughter. Truly, the ‘Pearls of Wisdom’ he shared with me were invaluable lessons on life.”

Butler's work has featured members of the entertainment industry and sports celebrities. His work has been shown at public exhibitions and is in private and corporate collections nationwide. Not only is he well known for museum-quality lifecasting, he is quickly becoming recognized as the eminent bronze bust portrait sculptor in the world.

As a child growing up in rural middle Tennessee, Butler began developing his artistic and technical talents at *continued on page 105*



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Sculpting the human form out of bronze is a painstaking art form.

continued from page 103 an early age. When money was in his pockets, he bought and assembled model kits. During high school, he entered a General Motors competition to design, hand-fabricate, and build a precision scale model of an automobile of the future, and he walked away with awards every year he entered.


"I used to spend so much time drawing that I would run out of sketch pads and my mother would often hide the kitchen paper towels," related Butler.

As his talents evolved, Butler's creative interests developed into a successful career combining art of the human form, sculpture, painting, photography, computer graphics, and architectural design. Even today, he often draws upon his multitalented background of

visual and technical expertise to create commissioned pieces.

In 1988, Butler further refined his true passion of sculpting the human form through the medium of lifecasting; a medium of sculpture often utilized in the movie and entertainment industries. Combining with fine art clay sculpting, he creates life sculptures that are more than art; they capture the essence of each unique individual and allow their true inner spirit to emerge.

"Lifecasting is an art form that allows me to combine creative and technical skills into producing works of art that accurately replicate the visual sensation of human life."

(Ed. Note: If you're interested in getting a lifecast bust, Roy Butler can be reached at rbicom@earthlink.net.) 

Many of Roy Butler's sculptures are displayed at public venues.

