



Resident artist Jorge Blanco's "Zephyrus," pictured above, is a towering, 14-foot-high sculpture engineered in aluminum. "The ancient Greeks brilliantly portrayed the power of nature," explains Blanco. "With 'Zephyrus,' my intention is to translate the power and energy of the ocean wind into a four-dimensional expression." The 62-year-old Venezuelan artist moved to Sarasota with his wife Elena in 1999. During the last 11 years, Blanco has directed his efforts to the creation of large-scale sculptures, convinced that, through works that are vibrant and full of optimism, he can contribute to the cultural development of the community. "My emphasis is in the creation of public art. I recognize the necessity that we all have to be around art." "Zephyrus" can be seen as part of Sarasota's Season of Sculpture running through May 26.

Jorge Blanco, "Zephyrus," (2007) aluminum, 14' high. Courtesy of the artist.

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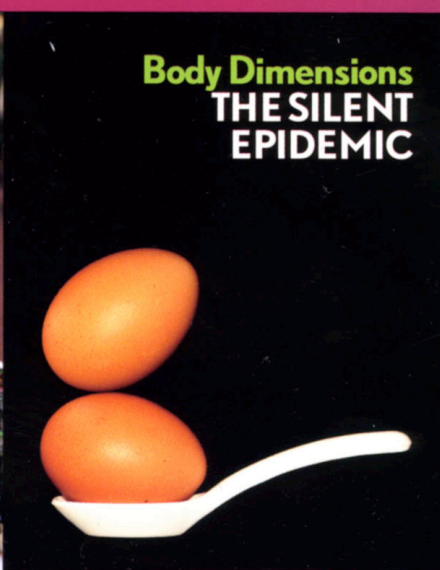
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