



# FireArts<sup>Inc.</sup> Presents

the artwork of Beau Bilenki  
January 15 - February 26, 2008

Artist reception,  
February 7, 2008  
5:00 - 8:00 PM

**Mostly Clay &  
Other Passions:  
*Beyond the Flame*  
at Fire Arts**

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Fire Arts is happy to announce an exhibit of pottery and sculpture by Beau Bilenki. The exhibit will include ceramics and cement and steel sculpture he has created at Fire Arts since it opened three years ago. The public is invited to a Meet the Artist reception on Thursday, February 7 from 5-7 PM. Beau graduated from Elkhart Central High School and attended Herron School of Art and Indiana University South Bend.

Beau Bilenki was an accomplished artist when he joined Fire Arts as a founding member, but working in a community studio where he was able to work for extended periods at all hours of the day and night, nonstop, gave him the freedom to develop his art at his own pace. Before Fire Arts opened, he was restricted to classes and his home studio. He could push his art further, and was free to experiment with his love of large outdoor sculpture resulting in current works.

Fire Arts, Inc. has given Beau the opportunity to reach out to the next generation of artists as well. He frequently gives talks and demonstrations to visitors and school groups. Because of Beau's increased volume of artwork, he has generously contributed to organizations such as WNIT, South Bend Symphony's "Gift Of Music" show, AIDS Assist, Pet Refuge, Humane Society, Riverbend Cancer Services, March of Dimes and South Bend Regional Museum of Art's "Off The Wall".

*In celebration of Doris Isabelle Bilenki 1924-2007*

**Fire Arts hours** are Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 9:00 pm and the 1st Saturday of every month from 12:00 - 5:00 pm.

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