

## Fragile Stone

*WRITTEN IN Stone*, a new series of twenty-three hand carved marble sculptures by Elizabeth Turk opens at Hirschl and Adler Modern in New York City October 21 through December 15, 2023. These sculptures represent her first body of work in marble, presented in its entirety, since 2014.

Turk creates elegant and beautifully formed pieces in marble that transcend the medium due to their fragility, gracefulness and emphasis on line, something unusual for marble. Turk's inspiration comes from something she remembers her grandmother saying: "Script is the grace of a line that conveys meaning in a single stroke."

For this exhibition, Turk isolates the beauty of calligraphic scripts and finds in it an art form that while having relevance across many cultures and time periods, it is a dying art due to the influence of technological communication and now AI as well.

Turk responds to this fundamental shift in written communication with the most unlikely of mediums—marble.

"For me, an aimless curved line with its own tenuous link to a greater geological story is the ideal metaphor. I sculpt an endless line that leads nowhere...defying the notion



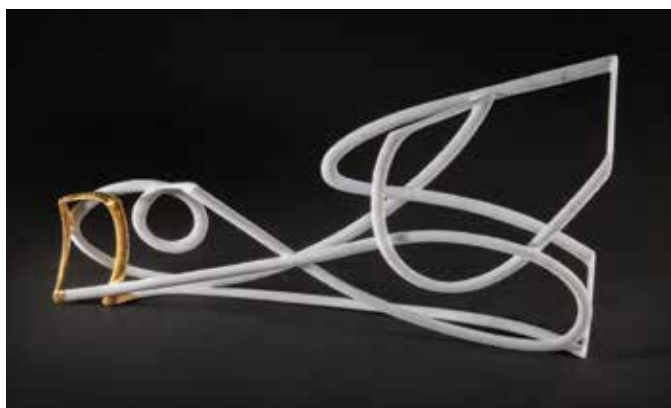
of stone as a solid, everlasting monument. There is an obvious paradox in a memorial of something as ephemeral and anthropocentric as scrip created with a solid, seemingly permanent rock gilded with a

mineral, gold leaf."

In the ten years that Turk has been creating a new body of work, she sees more and more children forgoing traditional handwriting and similar art forms and turning to technology. She sees this as a "quiet extinction" and wonders what these changes will mean to society as a whole.

Turk's marble pieces are also influenced by the Japanese philosophy of *kintsugi*, which taught her to embrace the imperfections inherent in the stone itself.

"It identifies the imperfect and invites the metamorphosis of the perception of weakness into a rich narrative of acceptance and thus, strength."



## Art + Design

The 12th edition of the Salon Art + Design show, the leading collectible design and art fair, will take place at the Park Avenue Armory in New York City November 9-13, 2023. The annual show is produced by Sanford L. Smith + Associates.

A highlight of the New York City Fall Arts calendar for over a decade, Salon presents the world's best design - vintage, modern and contemporary - including blue-chip 20th century art, with leading art and design galleries from all over the world, presenting the trends of collectible design.

This year's show will include special design exhibitions within the historic rooms at the entry of the fair and throughout the Drill Hall floor as well as special programming throughout the duration of the fair.

