

RICHARD BENNETT

Bennett is a self-taught sculptor and furniture designer. He has executed a number of public works that are exhibited in major cities around the world. One such piece is located on Detroit's Belle Isle Park titled *Gazelle*. It is a large 20 foot high steel sculpture, has abstract elements representing a gazelle's horns, head, neck, and back and is made from steel and painted black. The locals fondly call this sculpture the hammer. The *Gazelle* is a Smithsonian Art Inventory Sculpture. Bennett's designs all seem lighter than the space they occupy, a condition which has lead critics to observe that his works "flirt with gravity."

In addition to his sculpture, for over 30 years Richard Bennett & Associates a Detroit midtown based company has become known for high quality unique multi-media works. His works consist of a highly stylish line of contemporary furniture and accessories for residential and commercial markets.