

## *Mother & Child* by Austen Brantley

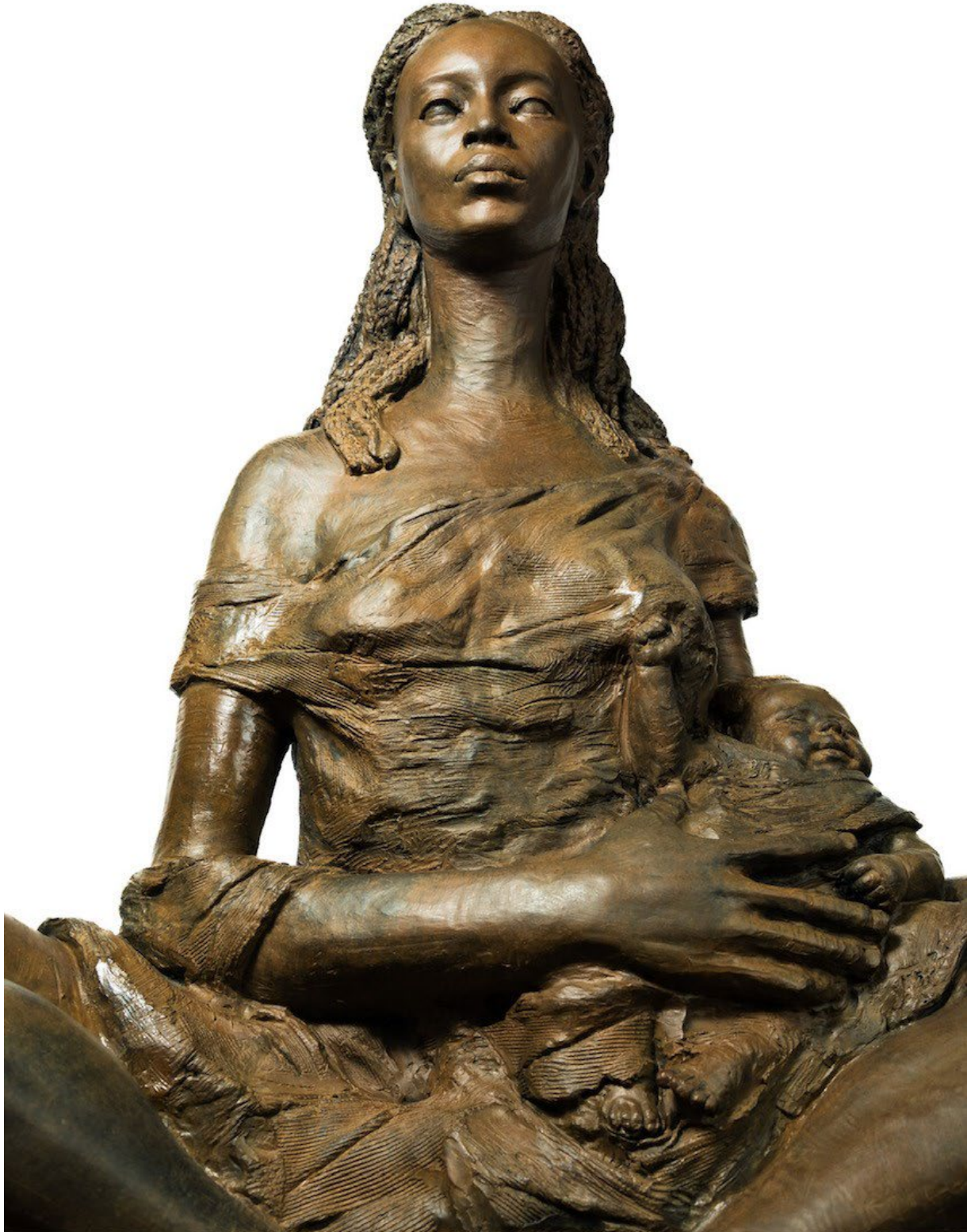
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# Technical Description

- The finished weight is approximately 145 pounds.
- The bronze alloy (standard for art in the US) is CDA 873 silicon bronze, also known as Everdur.
- Majority of the sculpture is 3/16" thick.
- The patina used liver of sulfur, ferric nitrate, and a beige oxide wash.
- Sealed with lacquer and waxed.
- The base is Caprice granite sourced from Minnesota. 36" 36" x 36". C220-honed finish.
- Sculpture secured using threaded stainless steel rods adhered into granite with:

## 2.04 ADHESIVE ANCHORS

- A. Adhesive anchors shall be HIT HY 200 by Hilti, Inc., Red Head C6+ or Red Head A7+ by ITW, Pure 110+ or AC200+ by DeWalt, Set-XP by Simpson Strong-Tie Anchor Systems, or approved equal.



## Ekberg, Meri Rose

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**From:** Austen Brantley <austenbrantley@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Ekberg, Meri Rose; Wolf, Karin  
**Cc:** Avie Linden  
**Subject:** Maintenance schedule

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Here's a yearly maintenance schedule for cleaning a bronze statue:

### \*Monthly:\*

1. **\*Dusting\*:** Use a soft-bristled brush or a dusting cloth to gently remove loose dust and debris from the statue's surface.

### \*Quarterly:\*

1. **\*Mild soap cleaning\*:** Mix a solution of mild soap (pH-neutral) and distilled water. Dip a soft cloth into the solution, wring it out thoroughly, and gently wipe down the statue. Avoid using abrasive materials or scrubbers.

2. **\*Rinse\*:** Use a clean, damp cloth to wipe away any soap residue.

### \*Bi-Annually:\*

1. **\*Wax application\*:** Apply a high-quality, neutral-pH wax (specifically designed for bronze) to protect the statue from environmental elements. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for application and buffing.

### \*Yearly:\*

1. **\*Deep cleaning\*:** Use a gentle bronze cleaning solution (follow manufacturer's instructions) to remove any stubborn grime or patina buildup. Rinse thoroughly with distilled water and dry with a soft cloth.

2. **\*Patina evaluation\*:** Inspect the statue's patina (natural aging process) and determine if any additional maintenance or restoration is needed.

### \*As Needed:\*

1. **\*Spot cleaning\*:** Address any spills, splatters, or stains promptly using a gentle cleaning solution and soft cloth.

2. **\*Restoration\*:** If the statue suffers from significant damage, corrosion, or wear, consider consulting a professional conservator or restorer.

### \*Tips:\*

- Avoid using harsh chemicals, abrasive materials, or high-pressure washes, as these can damage the bronze or disrupt the patina.

- Consider applying a clear coat or wax to protect the statue from environmental elements.
- Regular maintenance can help prevent damage and reduce the need for costly restorations.

Keep in mind that specific cleaning and maintenance requirements may vary depending on the statue's environment, location, and type of bronze used. If unsure, consult a professional conservator or restorer for personalized guidance.

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# AUSTEN BRANTLEY SCULPTURE

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February 19, 2025

**Invoice No. 2025\_011**

**TO:**

Madison Arts Commission  
Madison Municipal Building, Suite 017  
215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Madison, WI 53703

**Re: Public Art Commission**

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Second installment (2/4): Upon completion of initial Modeling and Fabrication	\$22,600
<i>Thank you!</i>	TOTAL: \$22,600

**Wire payment due upon receipt.**

**Bank Name: Chase Bank**

**Account Name: Austen Brantley Sculptor LLC**

Account number 608810732

Routing number 072000326

for incoming wires.  
Address is 270 Park  
Ave., New York, NY  
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