

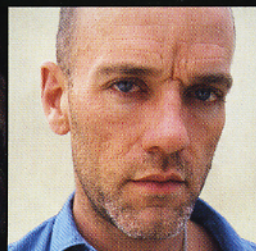
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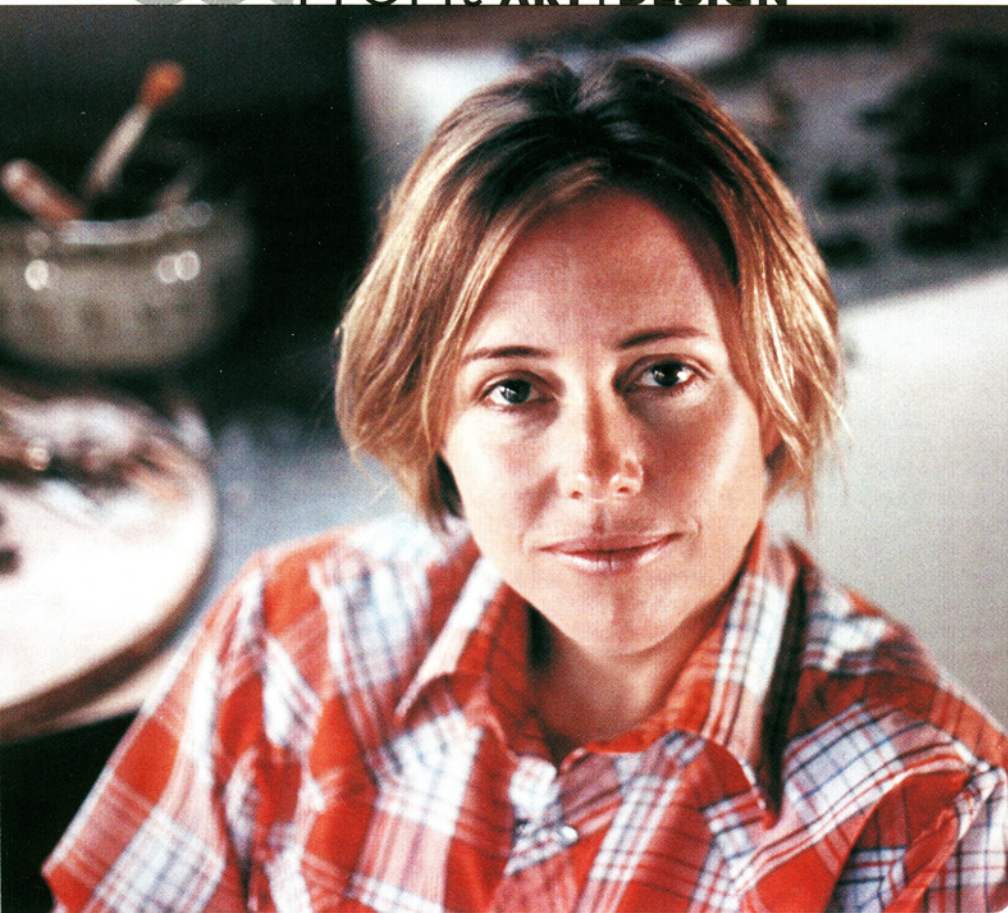


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BODY OF WORK: ANNE RICKETTS AND HER CHARMING, ANATOMICALLY CORRECT CREATIONS (BELOW)



Extremities

Lesbian sculptor Anne Ricketts creates metallic objets d'art that make ingenious use of the human body.

ARTIST ANNE RICKETTS admits to using her girlfriend for her body. But Ricketts's partner of three years, Amber Noland, doesn't mind; when she poses for Ricketts, the end results are exquisite miniature re-creations of the most beautiful and oft-overlooked parts of women's physiques. "I'm primarily using my girlfriend as a model—and Michelangelo's drawings and etchings," notes the self-taught 13-year sculpting veteran, who lives with Noland, three dogs, and three cats in Los Angeles.

Using bronze and silver, Ricketts creates tiny, richly detailed sculptures of feet, hands, and legs. "I like the tactile sense of doing small work. You can touch it and hold it and put it in your pocket like a talisman," she says.

The affordable pieces, most retailing for under \$200, are available at L.A. Eyeworks, Fred Segal in Santa Monica, Calif., and on the artist's Web site, www.buydogma.com, where Ricketts also sells lilliputian amulets for pampered pets. **RONNI RADNER**



AMBER NOLAND (RICKETTS). JOSHUA WHITE (SCULPTURES)