

### To the Owner:

#### Hello,

Welcome to the world of Wood That Works. This Andromeda is number \_\_\_\_\_\_ out of a possible 150 pieces. It was made by me during the month of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1993. I build, test and pack each sculpture myself, doing 6-12 pieces of an edition per month. It takes several years for me to complete an edition and some are never finished as I move on to new designs. Designing and building kinetic sculptures like Andromeda has been my full time occupation for more than 17 years. I hope Andromeda brings you and other viewers as much enjoyment as I've found in making it.

Andromeda has been mounted on a wall in my shop and running for at least 2 complete windings (several hours) before I pack it. I make every effort in design, construction and packing to make sure the piece will perform problem free for years to come. I use only the finest materials.

It leaves me happy and satisfied to find that my work has made it's way into new lives. I hope it brings you years of enjoyment.

David C. Roy

# About Andromeda:

 $I_n$  Andromeda I've mounted the front patterning wheel directly onto the rear one and offset them by a small amount. This creates a new type of expanding and contracting pattern that is reminiscent of some of my older designs but with a new twist.

I designed a 3 pawl mechanism to control and power the motion, first pushing the back patterning wheel in one direction and then pulling it in the other. The front patterning wheel picks up its motion from the rear one through a small ratchet. For half the patterning cycle the wheels rotate in the same direction as the rear wheel transfers part of its motion to the front wheel. The front wheel then continues the forward motion while the rear wheel reverses direction. The resultant patterns of motion are constantly shifting and changing.

The 3 pawl mechanism and upper ratchet make quiet clicking sounds as the little wooden levers rise and fall. The mechanism is quite efficient because it absorbs the extra energy at one end of a motion cycle and returns it in the opposite direction. The sculpture is wound by turning the medium sized wheel on the lower left counter clockwise. This needs to be done after a run time of about 3 hours. Winding the sculpture is the noisiest part of its operation.

### **Specifications:**

Limited Edition of 150 Size: 20"w x 40"h x 6"d (including weight) Power Source: negator spring Approximate Run Time: 2 1/2 - 3 hours Materials: hardwood plywood, bearings, string Andromeda © 1992 Patent No. 4637152

### To Mount on Wall:

- DO NOT remove the tape holding the strings in place.
- Hold the mounting template in the desired location against a wall. The diagram shows the relationship of the template to the sculpture to guide you in positioning the sculpture on the wall. Please note the minimum clearance dimensions are shown at the edges of the template.
- Level the bottom edge of the template.
- Place a sharp instrument through the screw holes, marking their positions on the wall.
- Drill pilot holes. If the wall is sheetrock or plaster use plastic anchors.
- Screw the sculpture to the wall.
- Remove the cardboard spacer in the loop of string and replace it with the weight.
- Remove the tape holding the strings in place. DO NOT remove the colored tape on the drive spring.

#### Note:

Tape the strings in place before repacking or moving the sculpture. This will save a lot of aggravation when it is time to set the piece up again. See the diagram for the best tape locations.



#### To Wind

• Turn the winding wheel counter-clockwise 20 turns.

#### **To Start**

• If Andromeda does not start immediately after winding, gently push both patterning wheels in a counterclockwise direction until the mechanism clicks.



## About The Artist:

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- Drill pilot holes. If the wall is sheetrock or plaster use plastic anchors.
- Screw the sculpture to the wall.
- Unwind the ball string from around the idle wheel knob.
- Remove the tape holding the strings in place. DO NOT remove the colored tape on the drive spring.

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Tape the strings in place and wind the left hand ball string around the idle wheel knob before repacking or moving the sculpture. This will save a lot of aggravation when it is time to set the piece up again. See the diagram for the best tape locations.



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#### Guarantee

- Workmanship and materials are unconditionally guaranteed. I will repair the sculpture without charge if it is returned post paid.
- I will charge a reasonable repair fee if the sculpture was damaged by misuse.

### Extra Belts:

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Can be ordered from:

Stock Drive Products 2101 Jericho Turnpike, Box 5416 New Hyde Park, NY 11042-5416 Tel: 516-328-0200. Order part # A6R11-04094

 Or can be ordered from Wood That Works through your gallery.



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