



Body Music

Performance art comes in many forms. It can happen anywhere and be created using just about anything—our hands, our feet, our voices and, yes, musical instruments too. The world is their stage.



Chance Meeting

The park bench is a common theme in Seward Johnson's work. You will see many of his figurative sculptures doing everyday things on park benches, like reading a newspaper, taking a nap, eating lunch or meeting a friend.



Holier Than Thou

Some might say Johnson's work is too "ordinary." Yet, it is the very "ordinary" nature of his subjects that makes them so relatable, and so realistic that people have been known to start talking to them.



Inner World, Outer World

Seward Johnson remarked that he often used a newspaper in his sculptures as "kind of a subtle joke—to disguise the fact the figure was not a living human—in the same way that some people use the newspaper as a wall to hide the fact that they are wanting to hide from people around them."



Getting Down

Seward Johnson had more than 200 works on display at his retrospective show held at Grounds For Sculpture in 2014. His works, like this one, often encapsulated a moment in time.



The Photo Session

Every Seward Johnson sculpture is a photo session in the making. Both the photographer and the subjects of "The Photo Session" are poised for Instagram-ready content.



Relish, Too?

Seward Johnson's most recognized works depict common, everyday slices of life—like grabbing a slice of pizza or a hot dog from a food vendor.



Special Delivery

Seward Johnson was known for his prolific sense of humor, and it certainly comes across in many of his sculptures. Can you find something humorous in "Special Delivery"?

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"I use my art to convince you of something that isn't real. You laugh at yourself because you were taken in, and in that change of your perception, you become vulnerable to the piece and intimate with it in a certain way."

—Seward Johnson

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