

CRAFT IN AMERICA

MINIATURES: NEW EPISODE TO PREMIERE ON PBS DECEMBER 29, 2023 AT 10pm (ET) (check local listings)

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pbs.org/craftinamerica, craftinamerica.org and YouTube.

MINIATURES examines the world of tiny objects and the artists that make them. From folk art to marionettes to tiny furniture, the artists of **MINIATURES** reveal what motivates them to work at a scale that demands a masterful attention to detail.



Photo: Erkebu Djumagulova, Felted Dolls by Denise Kang

MINIATURES premieres on PBS Friday, December 29, 2023, 10pm (ET) as the newest episode of *Craft in America*, the Peabody Award-winning PBS documentary series discovering the beauty, significance and relevance of handmade objects and the artists who make them. During a holiday season where inspiration, craft, and human touch are at the fore, the series explores these themes through communities and distinguished artists of varied backgrounds and disciplines impacting new generations of makers.

We meet **Mark Murphy**, a miniaturist living and working in Astoria, Oregon. Mark shares his process for creating intricately detailed miniature furniture. We travel with him to the Chicago International Miniatures Show and connect with his community of other remarkable miniature artists.

We visit Santa Fe, New Mexico, to reveal the iconic 20th-century designer **Alexander Girard's** passion for folk art through the "Multiple Visions" exhibition at the Museum of International Folk Art. In the 1980s, Girard transformed his collection of over 100,000 pieces of miniature folk art from all over the world into one expansive exhibition that has been displayed exactly as he designed it for over 40 years.

We travel the globe at the annual International Folk Art Market in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where artists and makers from around the world including Mexico, Peru, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Eswatini, and more share their practices and culture through miniature folk art and other craft traditions.

From IFAM, we cross the continent and ocean and follow the model vehicles of artist **Leandro Gómez Quintero** to his home in Baracoa, Cuba. Leandro crafts his faithful recreations of vehicles like the iconic Willys Jeep with intricate detail and accuracy, using found materials to tell the story of Cuba and her people through his art.

Finally, we celebrate the prolific multidisciplinary artist, **Gustave Baumann**, who created paintings, woodblock prints and marionettes in the first half of the 20th century. Baumann was deeply inspired by the landscape and people of Santa Fe, and the city keeps his legacy alive today with their yearly Christmas marionette show.

OUR MISSION

To promote and advance original handcrafted work through programs in all media

OUR GOALS

To document the importance of handmade objects and the artists who make them

To provide a gateway to discover, explore and experience craft

To celebrate our nation's cultures through craft

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