UCRIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Gluck Fellows Program of the Arts

Vertical Composition

Can a square or a triangle express how you feel? Familiar shapes can be used to express joy or surprise. In sculpture you can do this through composition – the way you arrange shapes in space. This lesson focuses on some basics of sculpture: composition and joinery. We will practice sketching, or essentially making models of potential sculptures using geometric pieces of form.

What is composition? These are examples of different ways of composing shapes in a space. Certain ways of organizing things or disorganizing things can a person feel calm or really crazy!



David Smith

Born 1906. Smith was a sculptor working primarily in metal. He used the technique of welding to put heavy pieces of metal together. His compositions are asymmetrical but stand up because they are held together through welding.



