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Ian Gillies is a metal artist from Newfoundland and Labrador who grew up in the St. John's area. He has trained with metal artists in Newfoundland, throughout Canada and in the prestigious *Sapinesschio Arts Factory*, in Italy. His extensive career away from Newfoundland for 20 years, in varied industries, has given him a broad variety of skills and experiences Ian uses in his art. His upbringing always kept him anchored to his native Province and inspired all his work while living away.

Since his return to the Province in 2005 Ian's work has been solely Newfoundland and Labrador inspired metal sculptures, drawn from the Province's strong unique culture; its people, its history and its rugged and beautiful environment.

His work can be seen in public and private spaces throughout the Province, Canada and in other countries. Ian has always been an artist in one medium or another, however, metal work gives him the artistic and physical outlet on which he thrives. Ian says the more physical exertion he puts into the making of his art, the more value and connection to the Province the work has for him.

