

## **“Taking Flight”**

Bronze by Benjamin Victor

In “Taking Flight”, I strive to capture the essence and action of the beautiful ringneck pheasants of South Dakota. With the use of strong diagonal lines to create an implied environment, the viewer can truly experience the action as the rooster takes flight with his hen close behind. Viewers can hear the South Dakota wind rustling through the cornstalks as the pheasants burst forward during a crisp fall day. Every detail was carefully researched so that the sculpture captures its audience at a glance, yet also provides a captivating visual experience as one moves around the piece to enjoy every detail. The complex beauty of the multi-color patina enhances the glistening surface of the bronze as it proves to be a worthy interpretation of the breathtaking beauty of our state bird.

The life-size pheasants are of bronze with polychrome patina. The entire sculpture is 36" long and 29" high and approximately 150 lbs. Dacotah Bank of Aberdeen displayed the piece at the Depot October 2008.