

Smoke

Light, airy, wafer-thin, almost transparent.

The bronze rises like an abstract cloud.

This work balances on the cutting edge of control and surrender. Organic forms merge into a dynamic interplay of lines: rippling metal. The cloud seems to escape its boundaries.

The skin of the bronze is alive: warm tones, ripples like on a hand.

No preconceived formal language. Absolutely unique. The material speaks — for itself.

My Inspiration

Smoke originated from research: to what extent can I utilize the robustness of bronze to visualize transparency and transience?

How do I create movement in a solidified material? How do I find the right balance between bronze and air?

Fluidity, solidification, flow, and time interlock within a process that can never be fully controlled. And it is precisely there that space emerges. Space to react, space to shape.

The final work is not a preconceived endpoint, but the result of a continuous dialogue with the material.

Techniques

The bronze was cast directly onto a panel outside the studio.

No mold. No intermediate stage — just the moment of casting.

One fluid movement. One stream of bronze. Flowing into a single whole: *Smoke*.

After cooling, the work was carefully detached from the substrate and worked on. Brushed where necessary, patinated where the surface called for it. Structure, flow direction, and ripples become visible: not imposed, but revealed.

Finally, the work was framed, whereby the looseness is accentuated by the frame.

Connected in Oeuvre

Where the focus previously lay on form via wax sculptures — built up, controlled, and translated into bronze — *Landslide* marks a clear shift.

Here, form and color emerge directly in the casting process itself.

The work represents a new approach: less steering, more allowing. A next step in understanding the material — and in engaging in an increasingly direct interaction with it.

Facts

Year: 2026

Dimensions: 31.5 x 23 cm (including frame)

Weight: 530 grams (including frame)

Package: box

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