

# Denis Hapi

## Artist

### Outdoor Sculpture Gallery

*"In my life, I think I was able to achieve a language of sculpture in such a way that I could make poems out of stone."*

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**1 Le Visionnaire / The Visionnaire**, (watermark). Made over a 7 year period. "One who hears all, sees all, and also the future." Can you see expressions of this?

**2 "Equilibrium"** was created to memorialize the 14 women who were shot in the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre. It's a leaf, fallen off the tree; the tree of life. This particular leaf, by its angle, represents the rising of women, not the falling of them."

**3 Canada** represents Trudeau and Parizeau – and their differing views of Canada's journey. Look for their faces!

With many commercially and artistically successful shows to his credit, Denis Hapi's sculptures are a treasured part of personal and corporate collections in Canada, the US, and UK. This collection of seven highly expressive monolithic sculptures dot the landscape of Frelighsburg, in the Quebec Eastern Townships, offering visitors a delightful outdoor art gallery and walking tour. Visit [denishapi.com](http://denishapi.com) for more samples of Denis' work.



**4 The Purple Fountain/La Fontaine Violette.** "It's a sculpture that in abstract terms, talks about art: to drink at the Purple Fountain - the 'wine' of art. The form that is dominant is male, and is riding on the back of this creature, which is a limax - a slug. A slug eats everything, which is the nature of art. The artist eats everything. The other side is a feminine side, and it inverts as the purple fountain."



*Canadian sculptor, Denis Hapi lives in Sutton, Quebec.*

**5 "The Eternal Struggle / Lutte d'Eternal"** is man wrestling his beast. On the back of the beast is an eagle which has got its head plunged right into the back, which represents all the exogenous factors of life. The south side of the sculpture is a family, the dominant, and the sub-dominant form and the progeny coming out, all on the back of the beast. The exogenous factors - the hex of the family- are taxes, laws (gst! pst!)."

**6 Joey's Carousel / Carousel de Joey** is a magical ride, made for Denis' son Joey, to honour his birth.

**7 Mont de Feu, or Firemount**, designed as a fountain (flames verticle), is a testimony to the volunteer fire department.