

Sculptor opens one-man show at mall

A one man exhibition of sculptures, graphics and hand wrought jewelry by Tison will open Jan. 17 in Somerset Mall.

The artist, who has his studio in the Harmony Park area of downtown Detroit, chooses to identify himself with the single name rather than his given one. Tison is pronounced Tee-Zone.

The Somerset Mall exhibit marks the 20th anniversary of the artist's final break with representational art.

"In 1960 I completed the two sculptures I was working on — a life-sized human figure for the court of a public high school and a North American bison in steel, aluminum and sterling silver that had been commissioned for Germany's Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

"The Bison of Bonn" was hand-delivered to Dr. Adenauer at his Palais Schaumburg in Bonn some time in the summer of 1960, as I recall," he said. "And that was that."

Tison continued, "I plunged headlong into an exciting, frustrating, fascinating life of creating shapes and designs in metal and paper that had never existed before. There is a real pleasure in copying nature, of course. A constantly renewed satisfaction to see how well you have captured the view before you on canvas or in clay. But, for me, nothing in art compares to that ecstatic moment when I visualize in my mind's eye a three dimensional form that is utterly unique."

As he described this he added, "For

an instant I am overwhelmed with a sense of awesome power. I, alone, have seen this thing that my mind has created. Should I have it tucked away up there, hoarding it for my own enjoyment solely? But then I find myself reaching for a piece of steel or bronze and lighting up my welding torch already enjoying the physical and technical problem of bringing my new 'baby' into the world."

In 1957, Tison was commissioned by Sonny Elliot to create an abstracted female ape-like form called "Darwin's Darling" (referring to the "missing link") a sculpture Elliot still displays in his home.

THE SWITCH from figurative to non-representational art didn't hurt Tison's career. "The Quest" was commissioned in 1962 for presentation to Wilson Churchill. "The Oracle," another abstract sculpture, was installed in the lobby of the then new Meritt Building, across from Northland Center in 1963.

"The Oracle" financed Tison's long contemplated move to Paris, where he and his huge bearded Russian workhorse, "Volier," settled in for a long stay. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made. The artist and Ossip Zadkine spent hours recalling earlier days and remembering Brancusi, the Romanian sculptor both had known and admired. Sculptor Alberto Giacometti, normally a recluse, struck up an acquaintanceship with Tison at the artist's favor-

ite lite-night cafe, "La Coupole," in Montparnasse, attracted to the American by his constant companion, Volier. This ever widening circle of friends resulted in the offer of a one-man show in London in 1967, where Tison became acquainted with Oscar Kokoska and Henry Moore.

But among such a large group of important artist-friends, only one, Brancusi, seems to have influenced Tison. This can be seen in the extreme simplicity of his shapes and his interest in surface textures.

"The Road to Glory" was commissioned as a tribute to General Douglas MacArthur by the city of Southfield shortly after Tison's return from London. It was installed in architect Joseph St. Cyr's famous circular building in 1968. That sculpture was in part responsible for Tison receiving the prestigious Royce Medal in London in 1971 for a "Unique Contribution to the Body of Art."

The Archibald King award for sculpture followed in 1973, awarded by the Smithsonian Institution curator for Tison's five inch bronze, "Yang-Yin."

That tiny sculpture was the model for the five foot "Yang-Yin" featured in Tison's current exhibition in Somerset Mall.

HIS WORKS can be described as falling into two general types, "towers" and "spheres." His first major "tower" was selected for exhibit, along with large works by G. Alden Smith and

Morris Brese, in the Fisher Building lobby during an invitational art show organized by the American Institute of Architects. The 10 foot tall "To the Third Power," was later purchased by Brad Shaye for his home.

In contrast, the 20 inch model for a planned, but as yet not commissioned, 20 foot tower of Corten steel is now on view among his other works at the Somerset show.

Most of the other sculptures being shown fall into the "sphere" category — "gyre" form, "As the Earth Turns," and "The Embrace," done in homage to Brancusi, whose "The Kiss" is so famous.

As a graphic artist, Tison also works in three dimensions. Soaking handmade, 100 percent rag paper overnight, he then presses it into his thick carved plates with his thumbs to create all white intaglio-relief prints with the edges of the images pleasantly rounded.

One series of Tison's "Thumb-Prints" is "Symbols of Faith" an edition commissioned by International Art Institute for nationwide distribution in 1980. These were a spin off from 15 aluminum and steel bas-reliefs commissioned by Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in downtown Detroit's Greektown for the cathedral's 15 doors. These were installed in 1979. The prototype of one of these relief structures is being offered by the artist in his show.

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Women of North Farmington plan a day of Japanese food and culture, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Members will lunch in Wing Hong's restaurant, then view a demonstration

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