

Museum Activity: Life on the Farm

About the Artist

Charles Rudy is known primarily as a sculptor of monumental works, but also of smaller works described as more whimsical such as people, animals, and mythological figures. After winning a competition to design sculpture for the Bronx Post Office, Rudy purchase the 68-acre farm and studio in Ottsville, PA where he and his wife Lorraine lived there until 1986. He did most of his work at home and his wife was his assistant and muse. His studio was in an old barn behind the farmhouse where they lived.

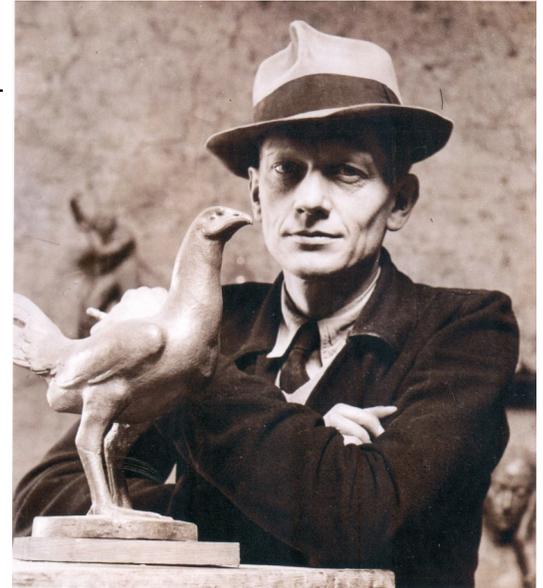


IMAGE CREDIT: *Charles Rudy with Cornish Red Chicken*, n.d., black-and-white photograph on paper, Charles Rudy Archival Collection. Gift of Lorraine Rudy. Courtesy of the James A. Michener Art Museum archives

Take a Closer Look

What do you see when you look at the sculptures? List some of their details.

What kinds of animals did Rudy create? What are the animals doing? Where might you find them?

How do you think these works were created? What clues might you be able to find to help understand the process?

Imagine what the texture of the sculptures might feel like if you could touch them. How might they compare to the 3D printed models?

Why do you think Rudy created these sculptures? Explain your answer.

Exploring Virtually

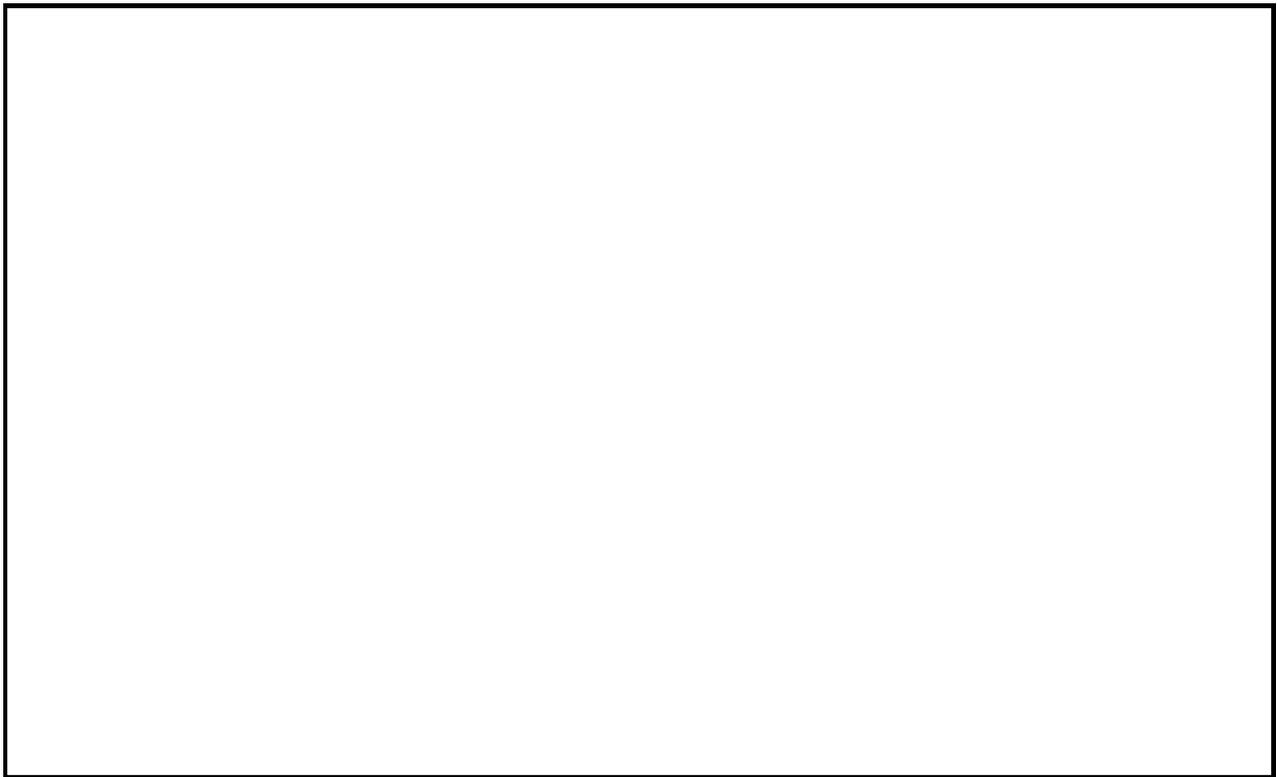
Consider the questions below as you look at the sculptures and their 3D versions on the tablets.

- Are there any details that you noticed on the 3D models that you couldn't see on the physical sculptures?
- Can you find the artist's mark or signature on the physical versions? What about the 3D models?
- Is there a way to look inside the sculptures? What might that look like?
- How do the sculptures look from the front, the side, and the back? How do they look from the top or from the bottom?

See SketchFab.com after your museum visit to see the 3D models or download the SketchFab app in Google Play or iTunes.

Impacting Environment

Charles Rudy found his subjects from animals on his farm which also served as his studio in Bucks County. What animals can you find around your home? Draw a sketch of an animal you see where you live. Be sure to think about what it might look like from all sides!



Scavenger Hunt!

What other animals can you find in the art in the Museum? Where might you see those animals in real life?

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