



Check

Gert Olsen

Sculptor Gert Olsen is Denmark, immigrated to Canada and then to the US where he became a citizen.

Olsen started as a woodcarver and experimented with various materials and methods of carving. After many years of cabinetry and wood sculptures, Gert's work evolved into stone carving which he has been doing for 25 years. His sculptures are seen in galleries and art collections around the world.

"I work with the natural texture and color of the stone to create representative sculpture of animals, human forms and abstract shapes".

Olsen traveled to Italy many times and hand selected the Carrara marble. He also works in other stone. Gert cuts and shapes with modern saws and cutters, then refines the forms with traditional carving equipment, including chisels.

Walk around the sculpture

The size of **Check** and the viewer are similar, giving an up close and personal experience. What do you notice about the shapes?

Olsen created curved forms and transformed them into angles.

Find the place on the piece where this change takes place.

Stand in front of the sculpture

Why do you think Gert named the piece Check?

There is a word and a symbol for check.

See if you can find the symbol.

See if you can find how the word relates to the sculpture.

Step up closer to the sculpture

Is this piece made from a single piece of marble?

Notice how the bottom of the sculpture is round

How does the Check sit on the base?

