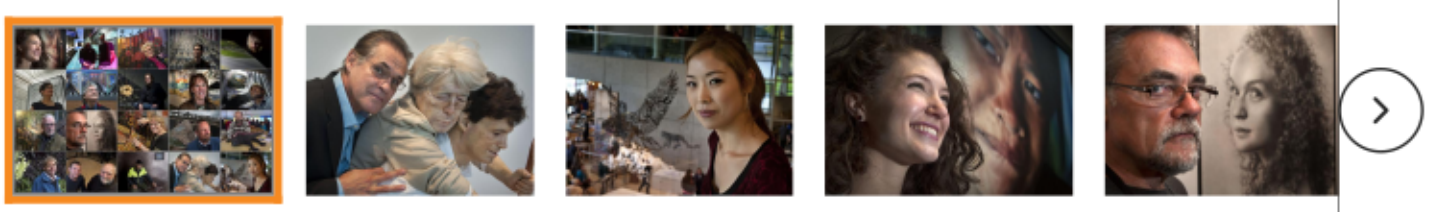
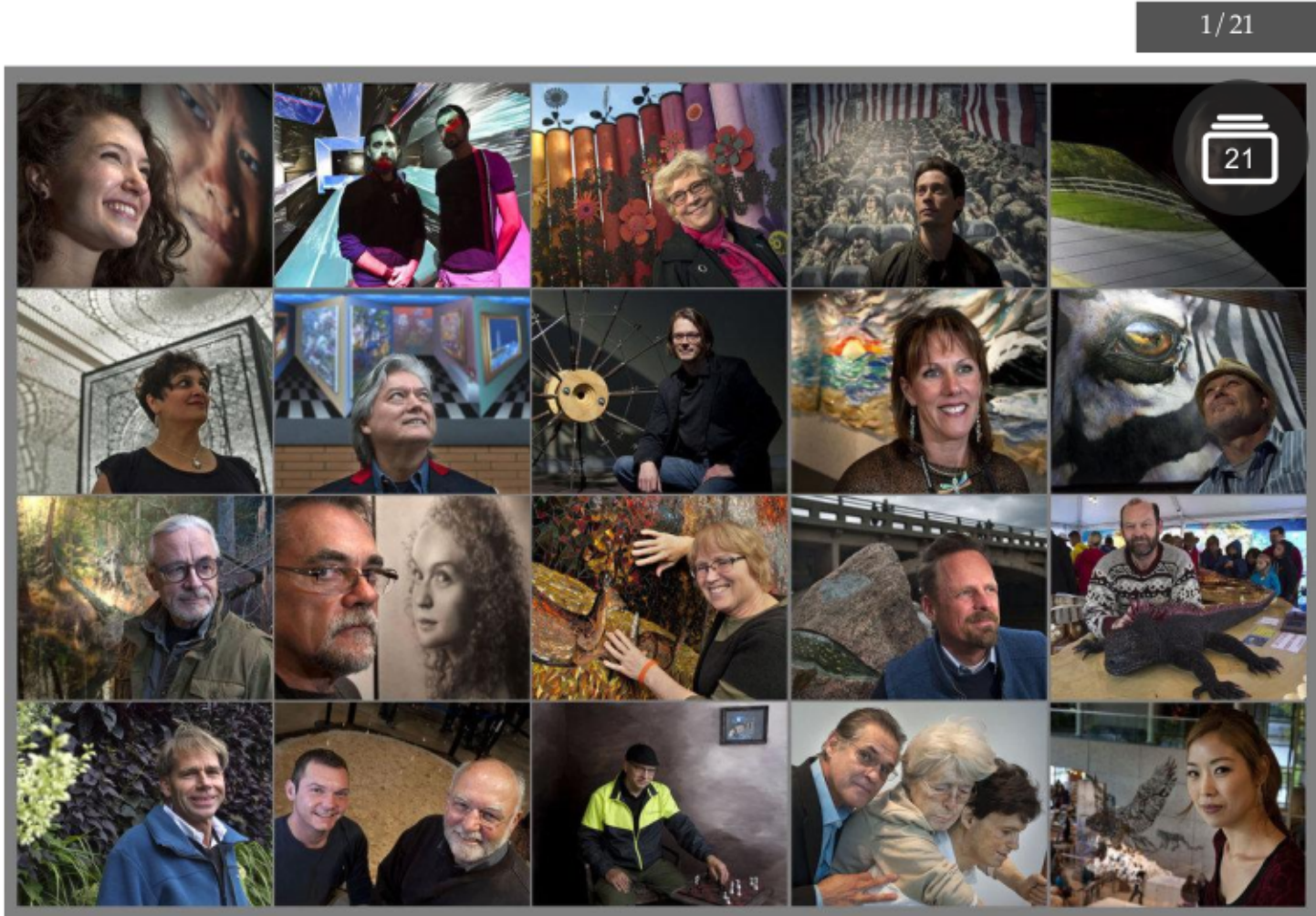


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ArtPrize 2014: Meet Final 20 artist Kevin Sudeith, 'Grand River Fish Petroglyph'

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ArtPrize 2014: Top 20 artists



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Kevin Sudeith, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is photographed near his ArtPrize 2014 Final 20 entry "Grand River Fish Petroglyph" at the Public Museum in downtown Grand Rapids, Mich. Sunday, October 5, 2014. (Chris Clark | MLive.com)

Name: Kevin Sudeith

Residence: Brooklyn, New York City, New York

Title of work: "Grand River Fish Petroglyph"

Venue: Grand Rapids Public Museum, 272 Pearl St. NW

Voting Code: 56154

Website: petroglyphist.com

About the artist:

I travel the country exploring diverse communities and documenting the life and activities of those communities in the most durable medium.

About the art:

My petroglyph documents 20 species of fish currently found in the Grand Rapids section of the Grand River. The fish are carved life sized on Michigan field stones that I brought in, carved in place, and which will remain permanently.

I document our moment through the contrast of the lake sturgeon, which is a dinosaur still swimming in the river, opposed to the salmon which were introduced in the 1960's.

What winning would mean:

I'd use the money to continue making petroglyphs, and I would increase the scale of my work. I'd like to make a large piece about Mars featuring an astronomical drawing identifying Mars accompanied by life-size carvings of all the rovers, probes and satellites (many gilded with gold leaf) that the U.S. has successfully sent to Mars.

On ArtPrize:

ArtPrize is a genius invention. It is the first art event that approaches a stadium event. It has created a shared vocabulary and agency amongst people at a regional level, the likes of which are unprecedented.