**CHRIS DeKNIKKER |** Artist Statement

My work is a symbol of life. Life is complicated. It is simple. It is chaotic. It is organized.

Each section of wood is a record of time. It is a representation of the successes and struggles of its existence. I seek to move the viewer with both the simplicity of the material and the complexity of the design. I find working with this material to be profoundly rewarding as it makes me contemplate what it means to be alive.