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Michael Ciccone's prolific work is evident to anyone who regularly drives by his home studio on Glasco Turnpike in Saugerties, NY. His fans are always interested to see which new piece has found a place on the front lawn, or sad to see which are missing after moving to an exhibition or being sold. Starting in the summer of 2007, Ciccone opened his studio to the public as a part of the Saugerties Artists Tour, and has enjoyed being an active planning member of that group ever since.

Ciccone settled back in the Hudson Valley, in Saugerties, NY, in 1998. He received his BA in fine arts from Bard College in 1993, then spent five years living in New York City. Working in a variety of challenging spaces in Manhattan and Brooklyn, Ciccone's work from 1993-98 was inspired by his visits to the Hudson Valley, both in terms of material and subject matter. His work has always included, and been inspired by, found objects such as farming tools, railroad spikes, I-beams, and scrap metals. While living in the city, his dreams of the country expressed themselves in the form of abstract landscapes, "an opportunity to step back for a moment from the chaos of the city," as he described it early in 1998.

After moving to the Hudson Valley from Manhattan in August of 1998, Ciccone has had the opportunity to develop his body of work, first in his shop in West Park, and now at his home studio in Saugerties, NY. His work expands upon the landscapes, abstract pieces, and other found object pieces from his time in New York City to include pieces that further explore the gravity and instability of a particular moment in time. This is achieved through both abstract work that evokes a more physical response, and figurative work exploring a particular theme.

From 2004-2007 much of Ciccone's time was taken up with the construction of his home studio. Now that this larger shop space is finished, it has allowed him to work in a larger scale, resulting in the outdoor sculptures that have become so popular with local passers-by.

Ciccone's current work can be seen not only in his front yard, but also at the year-round outdoor Unison Sculpture Garden in New Paltz, NY, at Unison's Sculpture Walk at the Water Street Market in New Paltz, NY, and at Opus 40 in Saugerties, NY. Other current exhibitions are listed on his website, at <http://michaelcicccone.com>, and the calendar section of the Saugerties Artists Tour website, <http://saugertiesarttour.com>.