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# The Rurbanist

*Buy art you like it, not because you think you should, says sculptor Hamish Mackie*



**What are you working on?** Two life-sized roe deer cast in bronze, which will be shown at my solo show at the Mall Galleries in October later this year

**How do you keep yourself motivated?** I am driven, which helps when you are self-employed – I am not very good at sitting still.

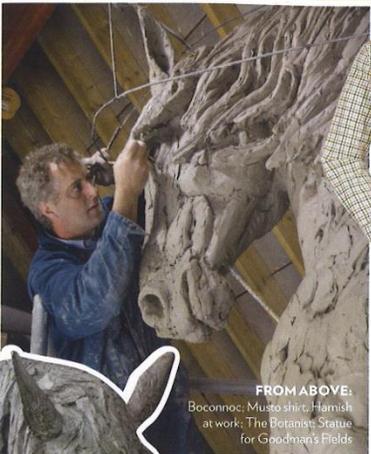
**Where would you most like to see your work displayed?** I have sculptures in private collections all over the world but would love to see them in public institutions.

**What's the most difficult thing about what you do?** Making a sculpture look alive out of a cold metal.

**How do you know when a piece is finished?** It is very easy to overwork a sculpture and incredibly difficult to know when it is finished. Sometimes it is necessary to have the confidence to leave the sculpture 'rough', which has so much more energy.

**Who would you most like to sculpt something for?** I'd make a Lewa black rhino for David Attenborough because he has done so much for conservation.

**What would you change about the arts industry?** Buy because you like, not



FROM ABOVE: Boconnoc; Musto shirt; Hamish at work; The Botanist; Statue for Goodman's Fields



because you think you should.

**What makes you happiest?**

There are so many incredible moments that happen in life that it is impossible to pin point just one. Seeing wildlife in its natural habitat is definitely a highlight... and sculpting.

**What's the first thing you do when you get home from a trip abroad?** Ring family, open post, check emails, have a Badedas bath.

**If money were no object, what would you buy?** A warm climate island teeming with wildlife.

**What would surprise us about you?** That I can't draw!

**Who is your hero and why?** My wife, Laura. She quietly does everything.

**In another life I would be...** Robinson Crusoe.



## COUNTRY

**Bolthole** My Studio. **Style** Practical clothing. Carhartt trousers and a Musto shirt. **Shoes** Dr. Marten Chelsea boots. **Driving music** Radio Four. **Sunday lunch** Slow-cooked lamb using a Green Egg.

**Present for the host** A bottle of either The Beauty or The Beast, from Hentley Farm, Barossa. **Transport** VW Transporter Van. **Historic house** Boconnoc. **Pub** Must make more time for it. **Restaurant** Kylesku, Scotland. **View** Lantic Bay, Cornwall. **App** Instant Wild. **Extravagance** Westley Richards 12 bore. **Gadget** Leica binoculars. **Sunday paper** The Sunday Times. **Secret address** Wykham Park Farm. **Hotel** Soho Farmhouse.

**Saturday night DVD** The Bridge. **Best thing...** Changing seasons. **And the worst...** Less and less of it. **Perfect day** Salmon fishing. **Relaxation** Being outside. **Sunday morning means...** Pottering around with my girls.

## TOWN

**Style** Thomas Pink shirt in blue. **Shoes** RM Williams. **Present for the host** Roe deer fillet. **Transport** Taxi. **Museum** British Museum. **Restaurant** The Wolseley, Piccadilly. **Pub** The Botanist, Sloane Square. **Hotel** Browns. **Hairdresser** My wife. **App** Maps. **Gadget** iPhone. **Magazine** Fieldsports, The Week and The Art Newspaper. **Secret address** My bronze horses at Goodman's Fields. **Shop** Instantaneous online shopping – everything is under one roof. **Flower** Blue

Delphinium. **Extravagance** Laura, my wife! **Night out** Good food and several bottles of wine with fun people. **Relaxation** Several Cotswolds gin and tonics. **Exercise** Swim (badly). **Best thing...** People watching. **And the worst...** Slow traffic. **Perfect day** Returning home after a successful London exhibition.