



Can you guess the title of this
artwork by **Robert Hudson**?

GUESS THE TITLE OF THIS SCULPTURE BY ROBERT HUDSON



Figure of Speech



True Blue



Twisted Hip



Roller





Answer: *True Blue*

Robert Hudson
True Blue, 1970

Robert Hudson has been a force in the art world for **over 50 years**. Born in Salt Lake City in 1938 and raised in Richland, Washington. Hudson moved to San Francisco in the 1950s where he received his BFA and MFA degrees from **San Francisco Art Institute**.

While an Assistant Professor at UC Berkeley, Hudson was given access to a nearby government surplus yard. This massive facility in nearby San Leandro, included a giant warehouse and huge yard which had industrial materials available for pennies on the dollar: paint, all different kinds of metals, rubber, castors, objects related to military equipment such as huge binoculars, giant mirrors, gauges, even dentist chairs.

The yard became his main source of material from 1968 to 1971.



Robert Hudson in his Stinson Beach studio, 1973.
Photo by Tony Costanzo.

True Blue is constructed of three pieces. Hudson hauled the top of the piece over in his pick up and had the blue element **powder coated**.

Powder coating was new to Hudson and appealed to him for a lot of reasons, including the fact that it was so durable. It was suspended from huge eye bolts (which were later removed) and dipped in a huge vat where the powder was suspended in the air the piece was coated and then fired it in a huge kiln. The gray color on the bottom is paint: **"liquid galvanize"** which was sprayed on.



Robert Hudson with *True Blue*
in 2014 before the sculpture
made its way to di Rosa.



Today, *True Blue* is one of the many pieces that call our sculpture meadow home.