

# Coastal artist 'freezes pieces of nature'

## Exhibition: Calendar deal for stone sculptor

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A Moray-based artist has received global recognition for his distinctive environmental creations inspired by the Scottish coastline.

German-born Dietmar Voorwold lives in Forres and captures some of Scotland's most recognisable landscapes in a unique way through mosaics built with materials on-site.

Mr Voorwold's stone arrangements in a variety of natural settings have brought him international attention, which has resulted in a calendar contract for 2016 with American publishing giants, Amber Lotus.

The Mind, Body and Soul calendar will feature shots from across Scotland - the majority of which will be from Moray - and will be distributed in 2015 throughout North America, Europe, South Africa and Australasia.

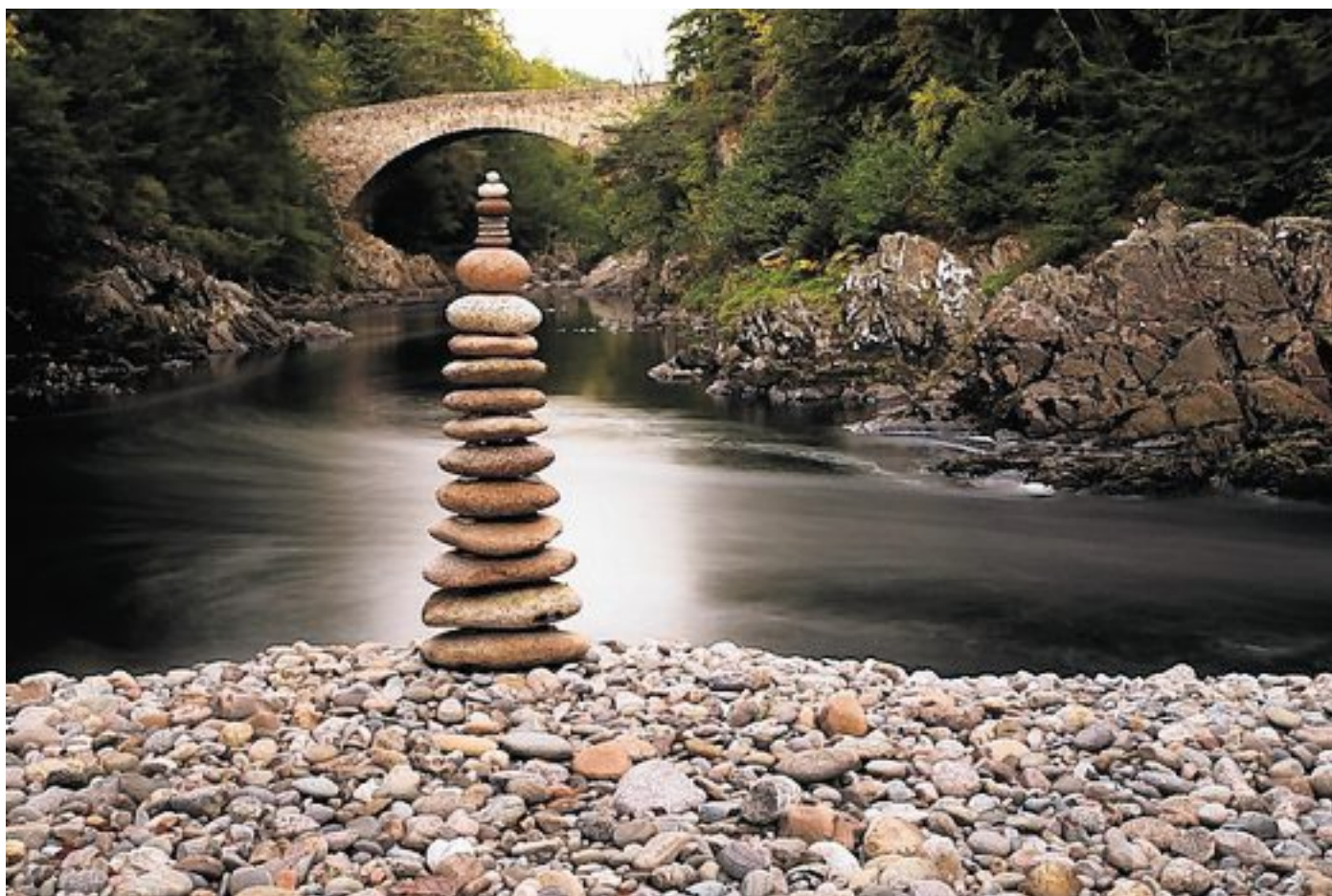
The former art therapist, now in his fifties, took up outdoor sculpting in 2002,

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and he said the Scottish wildness enchanted him and inspired some of his best work when he moved to Moray in 2008.

"When I came to Scotland, I found it spectacular because of the stones and the rocks," he said.

"The ocean, the dynamics of the tide and all the different colours along the coasts - all these were fascinating to me.



CREATIONS IN NATURE: Dietmar Voorwold received global recognition for his distinct environmental artwork



Dietmar Voorwold: environmental artist

"So very different from the landscape I grew up in around Germany.

"There is an untamed

wildness here in the north of Scotland.

"My work is an attempt to bring a sense of stillness

to those natural dynamics and tides that swirl and flow around me."

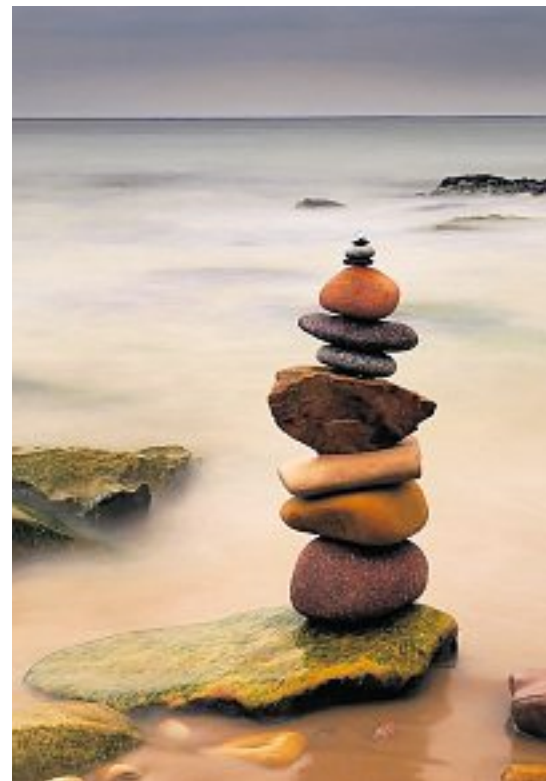
Mr Voorwold emphasised the importance of photography in his work, which allows him to preserve his creations long after the rhythm of nature disbands his work.

He added: "I freeze a little moment.

"The actual instillation will be gone within a few days or even seconds, depending on the rhythms of nature.

"Nature is the perfect stage and canvas for the beauty and lightness, that I like to express."

From September 24 to October 4, a major selection of Mr Voorwold's work will be displayed at the Moray Art Centre in Findhorn, as part of the new Bay Arts Festival.



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