

The Sheldon Sculpture Garden

Floating Figure

By Gaston Lachaise



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<http://www.a-r-t.com/lachaise/aboutlach.htm>

Lachaise loved his art and his
wife.
She was the inspiration for all his
work.

He immigrated to America
because of his love for Isabel who
lived here.



He not only made sculptures of women, he also was a glass carver and worked for a civil war monument maker in Boston. Lachaise's sculpture is known for its 'purposeful distortion.'





Lachaise was using his father's woodworking tools to make carvings before he was old enough to attend school.

He wished his sculpture to appear to 'float' in the

<http://www.tdg.si.edu/exhibitions/news/lachaise.htm>

air.

He excelled in his studies
and was headed for an
accomplished career in
France when he met and
fell in love with Isabel
Dutaud Nagle, who was
visiting from America.

<http://www.npg.si.edu/cexh/artnews/lachaise.htm>



Questions About *Floating Figure*.



Why do
artists
create
or draw
nudes?



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Lachaise is showing his passion for women, by raising his sculpture up in the air and balancing it in a light and exciting way.



Do you think this sculpture looks light and weightless? Why?

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Why do you think this sculpture is bald?



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What did
Lachaise do
to make his
work creative?



Here is a fun idea based on *Floating Figure*



Create a sculpture of a person out of clay that is asymmetrical.

Draw your mom or a woman who is important in your life.

Create a figure that is not proportionally correct.