

Phil Lichtenhan

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An accomplished artist of wide-ranging talents, Phil Lichtenhan constructs metal bird nests using as much variety in his found objects as birds do in their own searches. Lichtenhan selects such items as discarded fencing, barbed wire, and metal mesh to create his elegant, earthy pieces that can be hung on a wall or displayed on a table. "I find my nest materials every-where," the artist notes: "Along the roadsides, railroads, and alleyways, in the city or out in the desert are the discards of our world." Each metal's naturally aged patina stands in striking contrast to the delicate, high-fired ceramic eggs firmly affixed in every nest.