



## Laura Shults

Artist Statement

Too large to be toys too small to be functional, Laura Shults' sculptures hint at childhood fantasies of flight that play large upon our adult imaginations. Shults is a builder with a broad vocabulary of materials and techniques such as vinyl, lead, latex, barn wood and steel, and one gets the impression that whatever object lands in front of her begins a transformation into something that flies through the air. Idyllic fluffy clouds made out of white poly fiber stretched over steel armatures appear in her newest work. With their graceful curves of dark metal clearly showing through the fabric, Shults does nothing to hide their nature as constructed objects. Indeed, the underlying pathos of Shults' work derives from the naïve but inborn drive of mankind – so earthbound, so physical – to imitate the weightless