

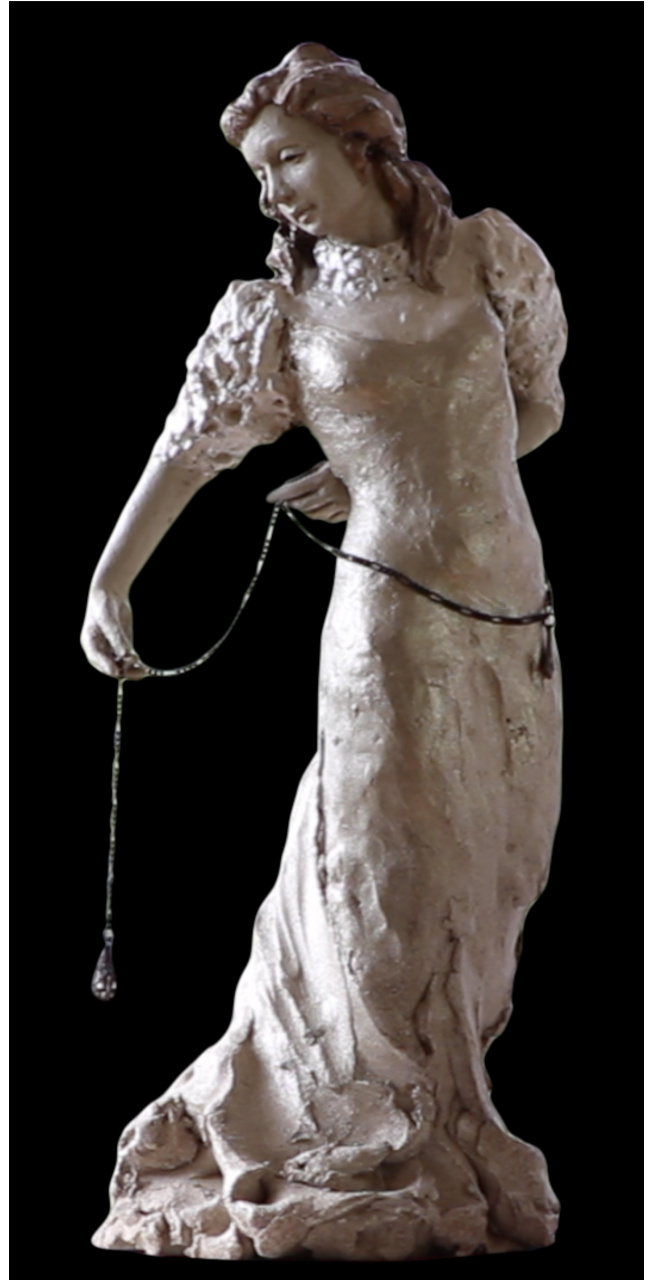


Tracy H Sugg Private Collection

*PURITY*  
*Female figure*

\$ 750

signed and dated: *Tracy H Sugg/2011*  
stoneware clay, bronze findings and simulated pearl  
13 x 5 in.



**PROVENANCE**

Private Collection of Sculptor Tracy H Sugg 2011 to present



## NOTES

*Purity* more than just allegorical figure, I was inspired by the creativity of the Art Nouveau to incorporate not only various media through the use of jewelry findings, but also through combining two different kinds of clay, and then using a painted patina after firing.

The body of *Purity* is sculpted from my standard clay body, but then I used white porcelain clay to create the sleeves and collar of the dress.

Her title is taken from the pearl that is enclosed in the filigree drop that suspends from her hand.

It was interesting to sculpt the figure without the chain and working out the composition mentally. The chain was added after the figure was fired.

Once I wrapped the bronze decorative chain around her waist, I added a fleur de lis drop to balance the composition of the pearl encased filigree drop.

I painted the skin tones, porcelain clay and hair in rich monochromatic colors, and also used some paints that have a hint of shimmer.

The end result is a captivating figure, with a beautiful spiral composition that has added interest in the jewelry used and the painted finish. Appearing as if captured in a moment of dance or pondering thought *Purity* is a beautiful figure I enjoyed creating.

The purchase of *Purity* includes a signed certificate of authenticity from the sculptor.