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When you hear the words "quantum physics," it usually isn't the first thing that comes to mind. Long, complicated mathematical equations, strange shapes, tiny molecules — maybe those are the things that come to mind. But art and sculpture? Not so much.

But to sculptor Julian Voss-Andreat, former quantum physicist, the two are not as separate as they seem. His new project, a traveling exhibit of sculptures inspired by quantum physics, is a testament to that.

"It's not just about the science and the math," he says. "It's about the beauty and the mystery of it."

Voss-Andreat, who grew up in the Pacific Northwest and attended Harvard University, has always been fascinated by the idea of exploring the unseen world of subatomic particles. His sculptures are meant to be a visual representation of that world, using materials like stainless steel and aluminum to create pieces that are both abstract and otherworldly.

"I think of my sculptures as a kind of portal, a window into another dimension," he says. "I want people to come away from my work with a sense of wonder and curiosity."