

Vancouver Icons: 217.5 Arc x 13'

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Vancouver has a wide selection of [public art](#) that is supported by various city or government branches, organizations, or private supporters. A few pieces that were installed around town during the [Vancouver Biennale](#) art campaign have since stayed on as legacy works. One of which is **217.5 Arc x 13'** by Bernar Venet of France, which is most commonly known as the “metal ribs at the beach”.

With its rusty metal arcs placed on the beach with soft ocean, mountain, and sunset-painted backgrounds the piece is frequently photographed — making it today’s [Vancouver Icon](#) photo feature:

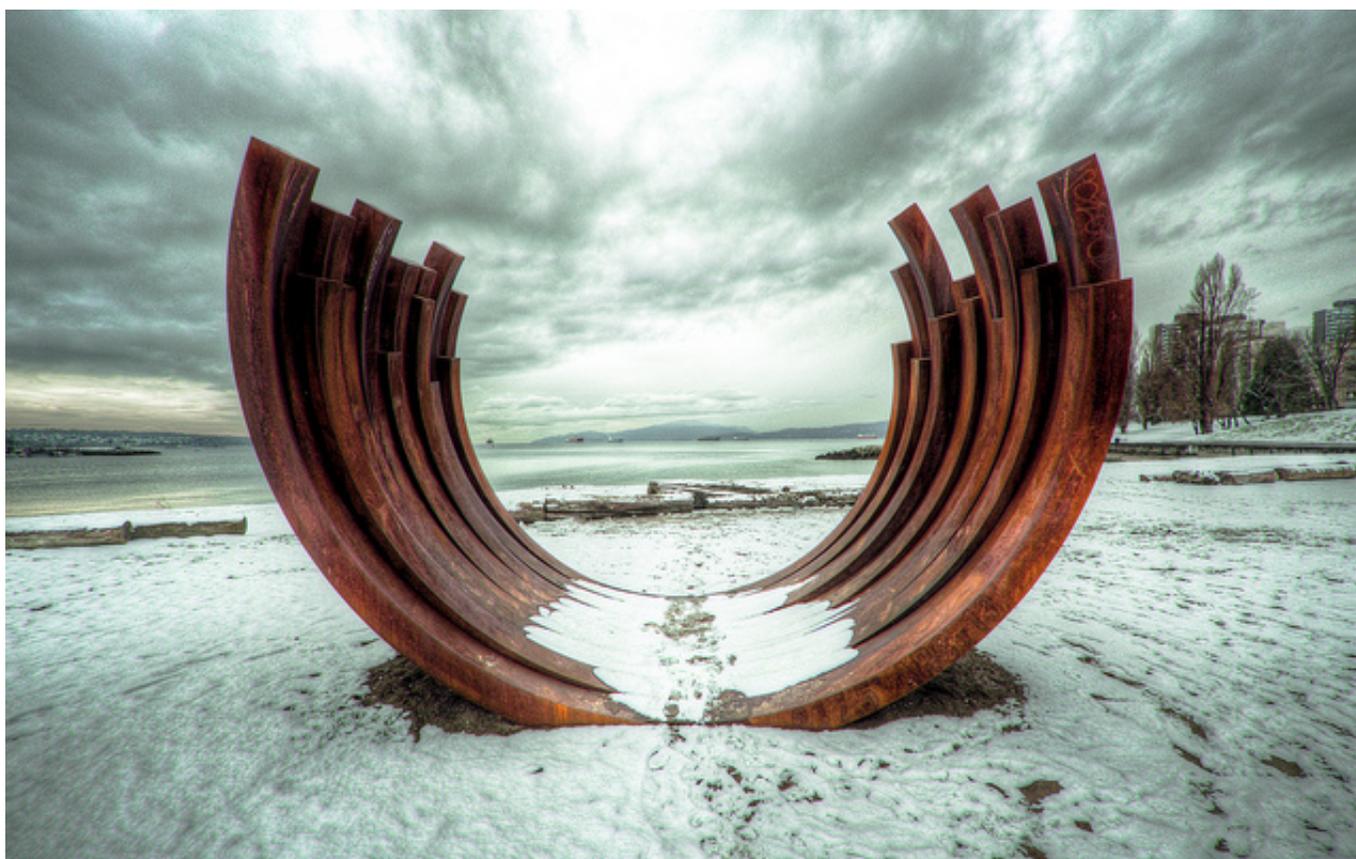


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From [Vancouver Biennale](#): “Venet illustrates the beauty, balance and plasticity of raw steel in his artistically mathematical manipulations of this industrial material. Nature, the universe, and life are all interconnected and explainable mathematically according to Venet. 217.5 X 13’ was acquired by the Vancouver Biennale as a Legacy work at the conclusion of the 2005–2007 Biennale.”



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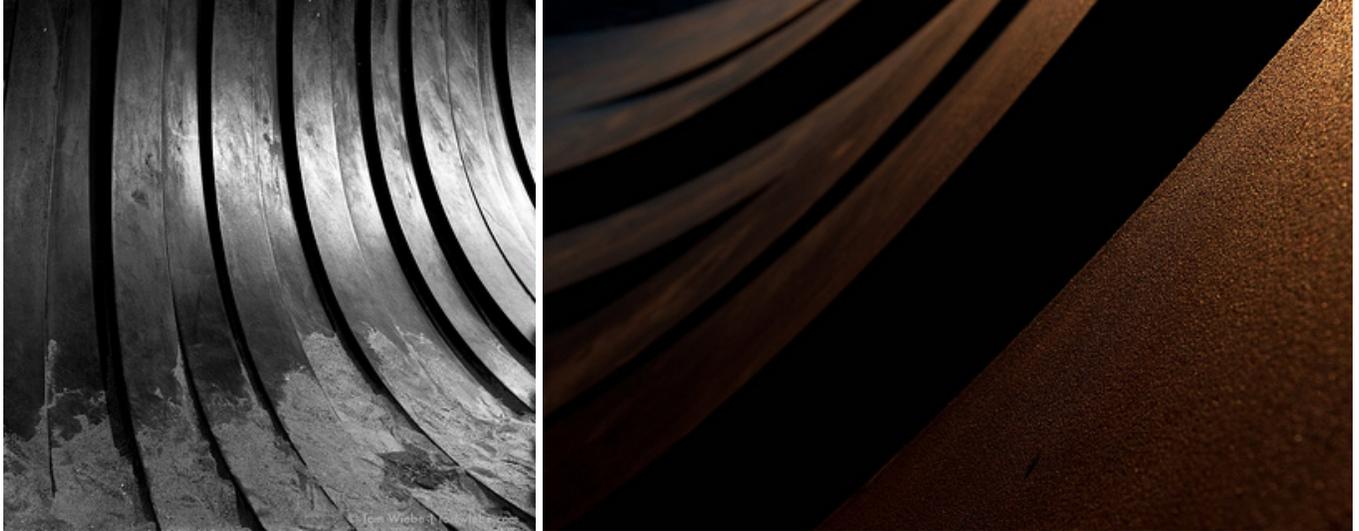


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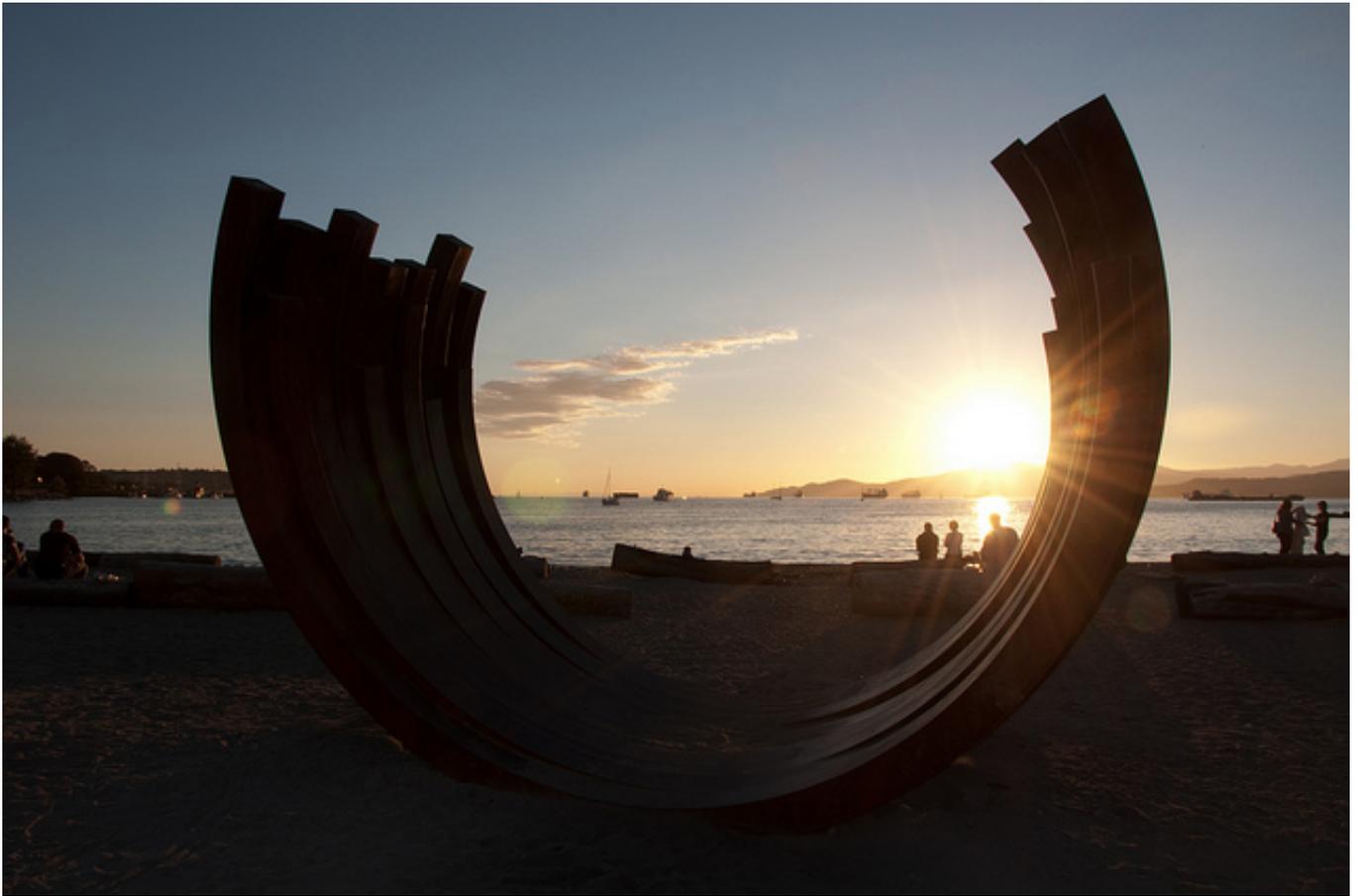


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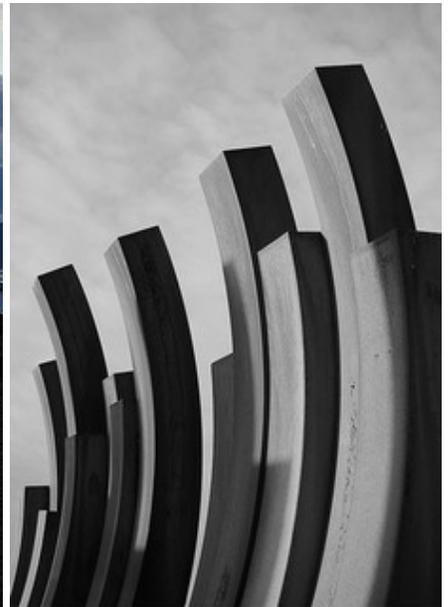


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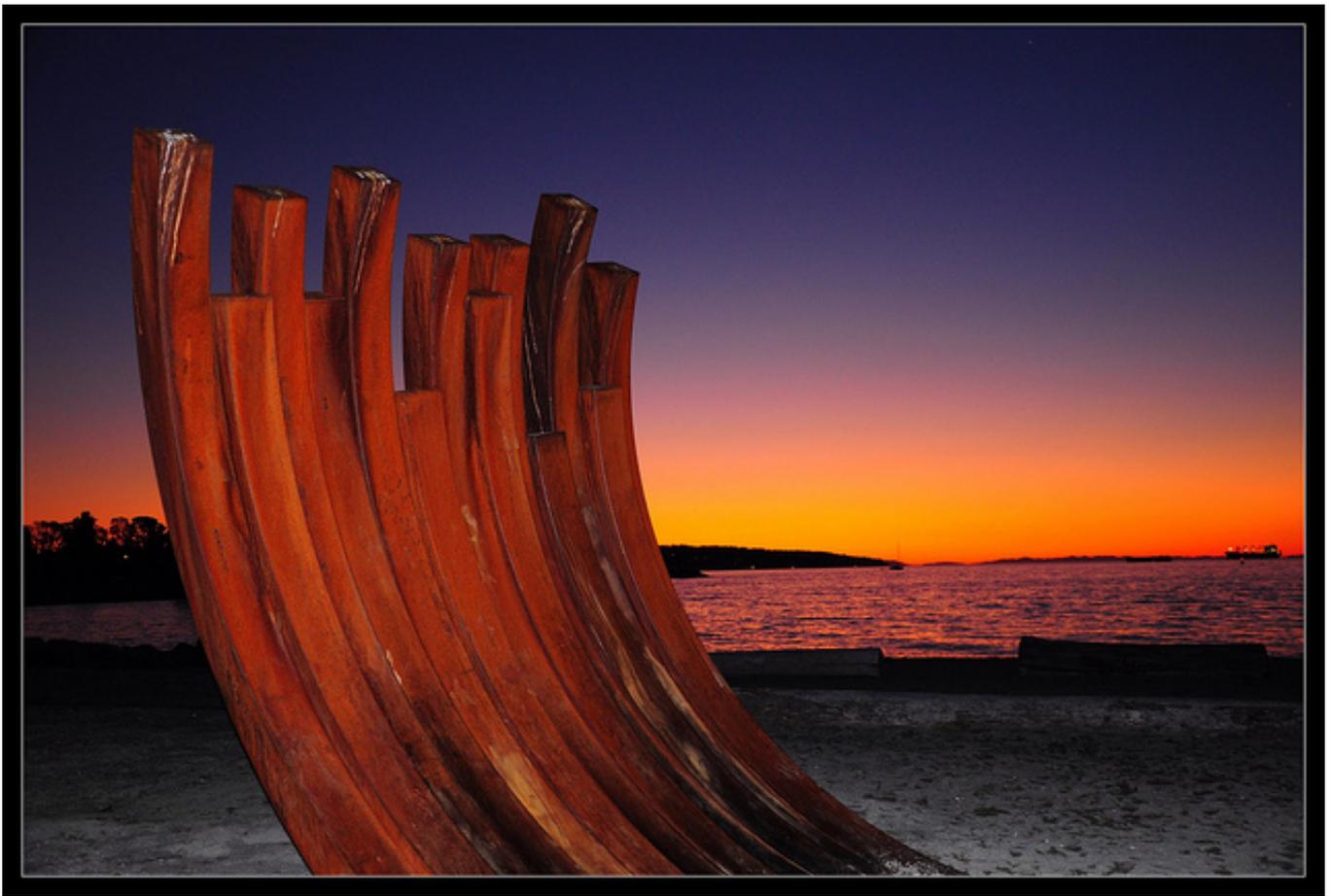


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