

## **SPIRAL YETI**

Every region on Earth has a similar legend. Some call them Batutut, Hibagon, Daeva, or Mande Barung. Here in the United States, they are known as Bigfoot (unless you are in the Everglades, in which case you know them as the less-flattering Skunk Ape). In the Himalayas they are called the Abominable Snowmen, or Yeti. According to legend, every year in mid-March the Yeti engage in a bizarre ice-based ritual.

(Cryptozoologists theorize that this ritual may be in anticipation of the vernal equinox.) The entire snowman clan congregates upon a frozen pond, the oldest member standing in the center, and the rest spiraling out from his pivot point. This behavior, dubbed Smirk Works by cryptozoologists, has confused and delighted onlookers for centuries. For MULTIPLES, we are creating a faithful scale model of this ritual performance by Abominable Snowmen, entitled SPIRAL YETI. SPIRAL YETI will be installed on a platform measuring approximately 4 x 5 ft. A reflective sheet of plexiglass will represent the frozen surface of a Himalayan pond. Atop this icy recreation will stand, frozen in time, a spiral of yeti figures built by Cara Kuball and Damon Bishop. Cara is crafting fiber-based Yeti costumes for found Kewpie dolls and Damon is building Yetis from scratch out of wood, glass, polymer clay and fake fur. Our goal: to delight and educate the viewer on this most captivating relic of Himalayan cryptid culture.

— Cara Kuball & J. Damon Bishop