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'Stainless' is made of clay, graphite, steel and wood (2012). Melissa Stern/Akron Art Museum

Figures of Speech

Akron Art Museum, Akron, Ohio, until July 6

For "The Talking Cure," artist Melissa Stern created 12 sculptures of simplified human figures and asked a dozen writers to interpret each work. Visitors to the show can listen to the resulting monologues, read aloud and recorded by voice actors.