

# Master Ice Carver Andrew Thistlethwaite



Hobby turned into obsession as Chef Andrew discovered the unique art of ice sculpting in 1996 as a culinary apprentice at the University of Notre Dame. Since then he has traveled tirelessly throughout the country honing his skills with a chainsaw creating awe-inspiring crystalline spectacles for winter festivals, parties, and demonstrations. Andrew is a Certified Ice Carver by the National Ice Carving Association, and is the Owner of Signature Ice Sculptures, LLC in San Antonio, Texas.

## Distinctions and Awards

- NICA Professional Division National Champion 2007, 2008
- 3rd Place 2016 World Ice Art Championships, Fairbanks, Alaska
- Awarded numerous Bronze, silver, and Gold Medals in NICA Competitions
- Certified Ice Carver
- Ivy Tech Instructor in Ice Carving
- Founded Hunter Ice Festival, Niles, Michigan



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