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Daily Pic: The Absolute Wurst

This is the *wurst* (I couldn't help it) sculpture I've ever seen. Titled "Kiss (Abstract Sculptures)", it's by the Austrian artist Erwin Wurm and is on view in [his solo show at Lehmann Maupin](#) gallery in New York. Wurm is most famous for his "One-minute Sculptures" – early crossovers between performance and sculpture in which he got live people to take on strange poses for brief moments on city streets. In these new so-called "Abstract" pieces, Wurm is asking lowly sausages to do similar work, then casting the results in bronze. Bronze always seems a perilously posh medium, but using it to immortalize animal intestines filled with ground pork just about keeps it humble.

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