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Brien J. Strancar

Education

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Digital Art, December 2007/

GlenOak High School, Canton, OH Graduation: June 2003
Major: College Prep (Fine Arts Specialization in Visual Arts)
PSEO: Kent State University, Stark Campus
Grade Point: 3.96

Glass Skills

Hot shop skills including blown vessel forms, sculpted forms and figures, team blowing, color overlay, use of frits and powders, encalmo, cup-stuff, graal technique, cane and murrini, recycled bottle blowing, goblet assembly, color application and manipulation, bit work, sand casting, ball and ladle casting, use of production blowmolds, and team production techniques.

Cold work skills including use of lapidary and diamond wheels, belt sander, lathe grinders and polishing units, cutting and engraving wheels, sand blasting, drill press, band and chop saws, and mold making processes.

Basic frameworking skills using soft glass and borosilicate.

Additional related skills include the use of castable refractory materials, building and repairing using soft brick, and metal fabrication including welding and forging.

Glass Experience

Selected Artist, Hot Shots. Arts Commission of Greater Toledo.
June 2016.

Featured Artist, Firenation Spring Open House. April 1, 2016.

Artist in Residence. The Works, Newark, Ohio. September
19-December 21, 2015. www.attheworks.org

Class Instructor. "Coldwork: not just for making things flat". July
22-23, 2013. Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion.

Presenter, PKN Toledo v3. Artist's Presentation. September
28, 2012.

Teaching Assistant - Jeff Mack and Fritz Dreisbach.
Pre-conference class, "Adventures in Glassblowing with Fritz
Dreisbach and Jeff Mack" Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion
June 9-11, 2012.

Presenter, PKN Cleveland v.15. Artist's presentation. May 11,
2012.

Featured Local Artist, demonstration. Toledo Museum of Art Glass
Pavilion. July 22, 2011.

Private Glass Tutor - Provided supplemental information and
training for student Richard Roberts. Spring 2010.

Hot Shop Teaching Assistant - Visual Arts Residency w/Matt
Paskiet at Springfield High School. Funded in part by the Ohio Arts
Council and the Springfield Foundation, I provided hot shop
instruction to students during their studio time. March 31-April 30,
2009. January 12-February 18, 2010. Beginners and Advanced
students March 9-April 1, 2010.

"Third Thursday Staff Demo", Featured Artist. Toledo Museum of
Art Glass Pavilion. August 21, 2009.

Drop-In Workshop Facilitator, Toledo Museum of Art Glass
Pavilion. 2009 - 2015.

Demonstrator, Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion.
2009 - 2015.

Private Glass Tutor - Provided supplemental information and training for students Marty Collum and Lisa Obish.
January 2009 - September 2009.

Teaching Assistant for Leonard Marty - Beginning Glassblowing for Adults, TMA. 10 weeks starting January 26 2009.

Teaching Assistant for Robin Schultes - Beginning Glassblowing for High School Students, TMA. 10 weeks starting January 26 2009. 5 weeks starting May 24, 2010.

Hot Shop Assistant - Thor Bueno, BGSU Visiting Artist, 2008.

Hot Shop Assistant - Steve Fellerman, BGSU Visiting Artist, 2006.

Galleries and Exhibits

Objects of Desire Artful Living. 214 W. Front St. Findlay Oh, 45840. www.desireltd.com

Hudson Gallery. 5645 N. Main St. Sylvania Oh, 43560.
www.hudsongallery.net

Brien Strancar: New Work. Solo show. Dec. 3-19, 2015. The Works. 55 S.1st St. Newark, Ohio.

“Variant, an Exhibition of Regional Glass”. Invitational. LeSo Art Gallery. 1527 Starr Ave. Toledo OH 43605. July 16 - August 20, 2015.

Cross Purposes - The Stations of the Cross. Invitational. Trinity Episcopal Church. 316 Adams St Fl 1, Toledo, Ohio 43604. (419) 243-1231. March 29 - April 3, 2015.

Michigan Regional Glass Exhibition. Juried. Janice Charach Gallery. 6600 W. Maple Rd. West Bloomfield Township, MI. (248) 432-5579. March 15 - April 29, 2015.

“Salon de Refuses” Sponsored by PRIZM. Parkwood Gallery, The Arts Commission 1838 Parkwood Ave. Toledo, OH 43604. (419) 254-2787. Nov. 21 - Jan.8, 2014.

Hot Glass 2014 Gala Auction. Juried. 300 Madison Ave. Toledo Oh, 43604. Presented by the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo. (419) 254-2787. October 30, 2014.

Studio Eleven Eleven. 1111 Adams St. Toledo Oh,43604. (419) 460-3239. October 11 - November 22, 2014.

“2014 Nude Attitude” Juried. Peoria Art Guild. 203 Harrison St. Peoria, IL 61602. (309) 637-2787. March 5-10, 2014.

“Young Toledo: A Survey of Toledo’s Emerging Talent Working in Glass” Curated by Jeff Mack. Michigan Hot Glass. 1604 Clay Ave. Detroit, MI 48211. (313) 871-1798. April 28-May 26 2013.

“Figurative; Artistic Metaphor and the Human Form” Gathered Art Gallery and Studios. 23 N. Huron St. Toledo, OH 43604. (419) 262-5501. April 19-May 17, 2013.

“Nude Night - Orlando 2013” Juried. Big Blue Warehouse, 639 W. Church St. Orlando, FL 32801. February 14-16, 2013.

“Salon de Refuses” Sponsored by PRIZM. Parkwood Gallery, The Arts Commission 1838 Parkwood Ave. Toledo, OH 43604. (419) 254-2787. Feb. 1 - Mar. 14, 2013.

Gathered Art Gallery and Studios. 23 N. Huron St. Toledo, OH 43604. (419) 262-5501.

“Art Works of the TMA Glass Studio Staff” Parkwood Gallery, The Arts Commission 1838 Parkwood Ave. Toledo, OH 43604. (419) 254-2787. June 8-July 6, 2012.

Mac Worthington Gallery. 749 North High Street Columbus, OH 43215. (614) 294-7790.

NOWOH 3rd Annual Northwest Ohio Community Art Exhibition. Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, BGSU, Bowling Green, OH July 16-25, 2010.

Lake Erie Artists Gallery. 13129 Shaker Boulevard Cleveland, OH 44120. (216)752-9960.

Firenation Studio and Gallery. 7166 Front St. Holland, OH 43528. (419) 866-6288.

Art Shows and Fairs

Arts in the Park. Lakeview Park, Port Clinton , Ohio. August 6-7, 2016.

24th Annual Art on the Mall. Juried. University of Toledo. Toledo Ohio. July 31, 2016.

5th Annual Sandusky County Arts and Music Festival. Fremont Ohio. May 20-22, 2015.

Handmade Toledo's Spring Maker's Mart, 2016. Juried. 1717 Adams St. Toledo OH 43604. May 7, 2016.

Handmade Toledo's Holiday Maker's Mart, 2015. Juried. 1717 Adams St. Toledo OH 43604. November 14, 2015.

DIYPSI Indie Art Fair, Summer 2015. Juried. Hosted by Corner Brewery, Ypsilanti MI. August 8-9, 2015.

Maker Faire Detroit. Juried. the Henry Ford, Dearborn, MI. July 25-26, 2015.

Kalamazoo Institute of Art Fair 2015. Invited as Emerging Artist. Bronson Park, Kalamazoo MI. June 5 and 6, 2015

Handmade Toledo's Holiday Maker's Mart, 2014. Juried. 1717 Adams St. Toledo OH 43604. November 21, 2014.

Toledo Art Walk Participant –
Displayed work at TRG Galley,
1 S. St. Clair St. Toledo, OH. 2nd floor. Fourth Thursday of every
month, May through August 2010.

Awards and Honors

First Prize, Glass. Arts in the Park. Lakeview Park, Port Clinton , Ohio. 2016.

“Holiday Gift Guide: Local Shoppers” The Blade. Toledo, OH. John Chavez, Blade Business Writer. Published November 28, 2015.

Tiffany Award - Artistic Merit in Glass. “Salon de Refuses” 2014.

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Winner, Artist Designed Bike Racks: Phase 2. December 2012, fabricated bike racks to be installed Spring 2013. Permanent Installation, Public Art. 2 designs submitted, 2 selected. Arts Commission, Toledo OH.

Estelle Augustine-Blackburn Scholarship Recipient 2012.
Bequeathed funds awarded to artists for use towards studio rental costs.

Work Experience

Self Employed. Owner, Strancar Studios LLC. Feb. 2014 to present.

- design and produce production line for online sales and craft/art shows

- sales, marketing, and social media

Studio Assistant/Instructor. Gathered Glassblowing Studio. May 2016-present.

- assist with production

- instruct workshops and other hotshop activities with the public

Fabricator. Toledo Twisted Iron. January to March 2016.

- materials receiving and organization

- materials preparation for fabrication including heat treating, cut list completion and preparations for welding

- use of abrasive cut-off saws, angle grinders, and plasma cutter.

- finishing of materials including polishing, sealing, painting, and packing for shipment or delivery.

- basic duties of shop upkeep, organization, and maintenance.

Artist in Residence. The Works, Newark, Ohio. September

19-December 21, 2015. www.attheworks.org

- Performed daily and special demonstrations
- Production for retail and special order
- studio upkeep
- developed limited edition production items

Assistant Glass Studio Manager. Glass Pavilion, Toledo Museum of Art. Jan.28, 2013 to September 18, 2015.

- Assists studio manager in the administration of studio operations
- Oversees special projects and delegates tasks to staff
- Engages with other museum departments
- Supports museum mission and goals

Freelance Coldworker, Spring 2012 to present

- Performs a variety of coldworking and finishing on client's work
- Specializing in battuto, inciso, punty removal, over-all surface treatments and glued assembly.
- Clients include: Davide Salvatore, Jeff Mack, Beverly Fishman

Production Team Member, Toledo Museum of Art Holiday Ornament Production, 2011 and 2012.

- Produced portion of flameworked ornament using borosilicate
- Responsible for quality control and meeting quotas and deadlines

Production Assistant for Joel O'Dorisio. Seasonally, 2010 to 2015.

Glass Technician, Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion, May 2008 to January 2013.

- Responsible for daily studio operations and preparations for demo artists and renters, including charging furnaces and keeping annealers on schedule
- Assist in the fabrication and maintenance of studio equipment
- Participates regularly in daily glassblowing demonstrations

Hot Shop Assistant and Instructor, Firenation Glass Studio and Gallery, May 2008 to present.

- Assists Gaffer Matt Paskiet in the creation of custom and production pieces
- Participates in open house and featured demonstrations
- Instructor to small group and private lessons
- Teaches the basics of glassblowing along with some advanced hot shop techniques

References available upon request