

Matt Durran

ARTIST STATEMENT

I work on large-scale installations and sculptural pieces which, at times, harmonize with their physical surroundings, and at other times, lie in uneasy conjunction. My practice strives to balance aesthetics with emerging technologies.

ARTIST BACKGROUND

Born Brighton, UK

Currently London, UK

Education/Training

1991 3D Design, Glass & Ceramics, University of Sunderland, UK

1990 Glass & Ceramics, Skolen for Brugskunst, Copenhagen, Denmark

Professional Experience

Trustee, Crafts Council, UK (from 2015)

Executive Board Member, Glass Art Society, USA (from 2015)

2020 Curator, *Glass Tech-Hack*, The Glass Factory, Boda, Sweden (from 2018)

2019 Curator, *British Glass Biennale*, International Festival of Glass, UK (and 2015, 2017)

2017 Curator, *Glass Heap Challenge*, various locations (and 2014 – 2016)

2016 Board Member, North Lands Creative, Scotland, UK (from 2014)

2010 Curator, *Recollect*, Burgh House and Hampstead Museum; The Lotus Foundation, UK (and 2009)

2007 Curator, *Liquid Projects*, Designersblock, UK (from 2005)

2004 Visiting Lecturer, Lviv National Academy of Arts, Ukraine (from 2001)

2000 Visiting Lecturer, Princeton University, New Jersey

Selected Exhibitions

2020 *Glass Tech-Hack*, The Glass Factory, Boda, Sweden (from 2018)

2019 *NGC 21*, National Glass Centre, Sunderland, UK

2019 *Art of Glass*, National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, UK and The National Centre for Craft & Design, Sleaford, UK (from 2018)

2019 *British Glass Biennale*, International Festival of Glass, Glasshouse, Stourbridge, UK (and 2006, 2008, 2010, 2015, 2017)

2018 *GlassJazz'18*, Panevėžys Civic Art Gallery, Lithuania

2017 *Hangzhou International Contemporary Glass Art Exhibition*, China Academy of Art

2017 *Ningbo International Glass Art Conference Exhibition*, Ningbo Glass Museum and Wuxi Greenwave Art Gallery, Ningbo, China

2015 *Clarity*, National Glass Centre, Sunderland, UK

2015 *Fresh Air Sculpture*, Quenington Old Rectory, Quenington Sculpture Trust, UK (from 2007)

2014 *The Art of the Possible*, PM Gallery, London, UK

- 2014 *Coburg Glass Prize Exhibition*, European Museum of Modern Glass, Rodental, Germany
- 2013 Video Installation, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Canada
- 2013 *Sincerely Yours*, Museum of New Art, Pärnu, Estonia
- 2012 *Glass AFloat*, Bodenham Arboretum, Kidderminster, UK
- 2012 *Green House*, Kestle Barton: Rural Centre for Contemporary Arts, Cornwall, UK
- 2011 *Power of Making*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
- 2011 4th International Glass Festival Luxembourg
- 2011 The Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Ockley , UK (from 2006)
- 2010 *Remarkable Glass*, Contemporary Applied Arts, London, UK
- 2010 *International Glass Festival Exhibition*, Sklada Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2010 *Glass Connections*, Centre Culturel Schongfabrik, Luxembourg
- 2010 *Glassfest 10*, Hot Spring Colonnade, Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic
- 2008 Bombay Sapphire Prize Exhibition, MyOwnGallery, Superstudio Più, Milan, Italy
- 2008 *Selective Memory*, M'ARS Centre for Multimedia Arts, Moscow, Russia
- 2007 *International Symposium of Glass Art*, Gus-Khrustalny, Russia (and 2006)
- 2005 *Le verre coule de source*, Pélussin, France
- 2005 *Climate of Change*, A.Sūnas Mākšlas Galerija, Riga, Latvia
- 2003 *Jerwood Applied Arts Prize Exhibition*, York Art Gallery, UK
- 2003 *Transfuse*, Great Eastern Hotel, London, UK
- 2002 *Connections*, Espai Vidre, Fundació Centre del Vidre de Barcelona, Spain
- 2002 *International Glass Exhibition*, All-Russia Museum of Decorative, Applied and Folk Art, Moscow
- 2002 *Solid Air: New Work in Glass*, Crafts Council Gallery, London, UK

Selected Collections

- Corning Museum of Glass, New York
- Museum of Decorative and Applied Art and Interiors, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Hungarian Glass Art Society Collection
- Museum Mencendorfa Nams, Riga, Latvia
- National Glass Centre, Sunderland, UK
- National Museum of Scotland, UK

Awards, Honors & Grants

- 2013 APDIG Parliamentary Design of the Year, House of Commons, UK
- 2008 Bombay Sapphire Prize Finalist (and 2004, 2005)
- 2004 Jerwood Applied Arts Prize
- 2001 EU Travel Bursary
- 2001 British Council Travel Bursary (and 1999)