

Jeff Zimmer

ARTIST STATEMENT

I create works that explore ambiguity, morality, and mortality in contemporary society and politics, and engage with the sensual experiences of mystery and light. I combine techniques of glass painting, laser etching, contemporary lighting, and the transparency of glass to create dynamic scenes that appear to shift, dissolve and transform depending on the position of the viewer.

ARTIST BACKGROUND

Born Minot, North Dakota

Currently Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

Education/Training

2005 M.Des., Glass & Architectural Glass, Edinburgh College of Art, Scotland, UK

Professional Experience

Glass Design, Office of Lifelong Learning & Architecture Departments, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK (from 2006)

2019 Bullseye Artist Residency, The Byre, Caithness, Scotland, UK

2017 Artist-In-Residence, Bullseye Glass Company, Portland, Oregon

2016 Wheaton Fellow, Creative Glass Center of America, WheatonArts, Millville, New Jersey

2014 Stephen Procter Fellowship, Australian National University, Canberra

2006 Gulbenkian Residency, North Lands Creative Glass, Lybster, Scotland, UK

Selected Exhibitions

2019 *Field Notes*, The Byre, Caithness, Scotland, UK

2019 *British Glass Biennale*, Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge, England, UK (and 2017, 2010, 2008)

2019 *Transparency: An LGBTQ+ Glass Art Exhibition*, Museum of Glass, Tacoma, Washington

2019 *Plain Sight*, Pilchuck Exhibition Space, Seattle, Washington

2019 *Alight*, Visual Arts Scotland, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK

2018 *Collect*, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK (Bullseye Projects, Portland, Oregon)

2018 *Open Exhibition*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK (and 2013)

2017 *Bild-Werk @ 30*, Galerie am Museum, Frauenau, Germany

2017 *Transparency: An LGBTQ+ Glass Art Exhibition*, Liberty Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2017 *Embracing Narrative*, Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center, Virginia

2016 *Fly*, Visual Arts Scotland, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK

2016 *Neues Glas – Junges Glas*, Galerie Handwerk, Munich, Germany

2016 *Elemental*, North Lands Gallery, Lybster; Coburg House Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

- 2015 *International Glass Symposium Exhibition*, Glass Museum, Novy Bor, Czech Republic
- 2015 *43rd International Glass Invitational Award Winners*, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Indiana; Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, Michigan
- 2015 *Clarity*, National Glass Centre, Sunderland, UK
- 2015 *Visual Arts Scotland*, Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, UK (and 2009)
- 2014 *Coburg Prize for Contemporary Glass*, Veste Coburg Art Collections & European Museum for Modern Glass, Germany
- 2014 *Absorb*, Canberra Glassworks, Kingston, Australia
- 2014 *UK Glass*, Het GlazenHuis, Flemish Centre for Contemporary Glass Art, Lommel, Belgium
- 2014 *Shattered: Contemporary Sculpture in Glass*, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 2013 *Light and Shadow*, Glasmuseet Ebeltoft, Denmark
- 2012 *Beyond Tradition: Contemporary Glass in a Museum Environment*, Caithness Horizons, Thurso, UK
- 2012 *Lüstern Wohnen: Lichter, Leuchten, Lüster, Lampen*, Galerie am Museum, Frauenau, Germany

Awards, Honors, and Grants

- 2015 Edinburgh Craft Makers Award
- 2014 Second Prize, The Coburg Prize for Contemporary Glass, European Museum of Modern Glass, Rodental, Germany
- 2010 Arts Trust Scotland Grant Recipient
- 2009 Scottish Arts Council, Professional Development Grant Recipient (and 2009)
- 2006 Celeste Arts Prize (Shortlist), Goldsmiths University of London

Selected Publications

- 2019 "Field Notes from the Byre," *Art North Magazine*, Issue 2, Summer 2019.
- 2014 Macmillan, Duncan. "Art & Architecture, Profile: Jeff Zimmer." *Neues Glas/New Glass*, Volume 1, May 2014.
- 2013 *New Glass Review 34*, Corning Museum of Glass.
- 2010 *New Glass Review 31*, Corning Museum of Glass.
- 2009 *New Glass Review 30*, Corning Museum of Glass.

Selected Collections

- Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
- European Museum for Modern Glass/Veste Coburg, Germany
- Glasmuseet Ebeltoft, Denmark
- Glasmuseum Frauenau, Germany
- Museum of American Glass, WheatonArts, Millville, New Jersey
- North Lands Creative, Lybster, Scotland, UK