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Ed Branson

American, b. 1957

Ed Branson creates glass vessels distinguished by their elegant and fluid shapes. In his early days working with glass, Branson attended the esteemed Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Maine, and the Pilchuck School of Glass in Washington State. Before launching his career, Branson also spent time as an assistant to glass artist, Josh Simpson.

Since 1981, he's worked professionally as a glass artist, and came to run his own studio by 1987. Today, his work is included in galleries and collections across the globe.

Since 1982 glass has had a constant presence in my life. Our relationship has been enhanced and explored with some of the world's glass masters, but predominantly my knowledge of this magic material is built on day-to-day experience and practice in my studio. This path has led me to a fairly simple artistic approach; trust the glass, have fun, accept mistakes, study nature and search for beautiful forms and colors inherent in glass' personality.

Personal

- Born, 1957, Greensboro, NC.
- Married, with two grown children.

Professional Experience

- 1987-present, self employed. Studio is a converted 80 year old apple barn.

Education

- 2008. Janusz Pozniak, Dave Walters, Pittsburgh Glass Center.
- 2004. Karen Willenbrink-Johnsen, Red Deer College, Red Deer, Canada.
- 2000. Lino Tagliapietra, The Studio, Corning, NY.
- 1999. Robert Carlson, Haystack School of Crafts, Maine.
- 1993. Martin Blank, Pilchuck Glass School, Washington.
- 1986. Dan Dailey & Lino Tagliapietra, Haystack School of Crafts, Maine.
- 1979. B.A. Earlham College, Richmond, IN.

Exhibitions

- 2008. Smithsonian Craft Show
- 2007 & 08. Martha's Vineyard Glassworks Gallery, MA.
- 2006. Sandwich Glass Museum, Sandwich, MA.
- 2005. National Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson Hole, WY.
- 2004. Vermont Artisans Designs. Brattleboro, VT.
- 1997. Dane Gallery, Nantucket, MA.

Honors

- 2004. - 'North American Glass 2004.' Mill Gallery, Guilford, CT.
- 2004. - Niche Award Finalist.
- 2002. -"North American Glass 2002." Third Place Prize, Mill Gallery, Guilford, CT.
- 2000. -"North American Glass 2000." Mill Gallery, Guilford, CT.
- 1996. -"North American Glass 1996" Mill Gallery, Guilford, CT.
- 1992. -New Glass Review XIII. Corning, NY.

Permanent Collections

- Ms. Anwar Sadat.
- Holyrood Palace, Scotland.
- Snoop Dogg.
- Northwest Airlines, Detroit Metropolitan Airport.
- Jordanian Airlines Corporate Headquarters.
- Westin Hotel lobby, Reston, VA.
- my parents, neighbors and friends.