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Seth Fairweather

American, b. 1982

Seth Fairweather was introduced to glass at Tulane University in 2001. He then transferred to Alfred University, where he graduated with honors and a BFA in Sculpture and Three Dimensional Studies. He went on to receive a MFA from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University, and has worked across the country, both fabricating for other people, and developing his own artistic work. He has taught at private studios, public access studios, and at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida. He is currently heading the glass program at Paradise Valley Community College, as well as furthering his own creative research.

Artist Statement

My work deals with solitude. My interest and focus is on the individual, without the definitions supplied, implied, or described by surroundings or society. My interest is in creating an object that houses within it a space for the viewer to explore, to lose him or herself and disconnect from their surrounds. The objects and installations that I create are referencing both the natural and the mechanical worlds that surround us, and using them as a way to access a deeper understanding of the self.

Connectivity has become a constant tangle of communication that weaves around us like a web. Rather than being able to see and experience and consider things for ourselves, we shout out our smallest thoughts into worldwide airwaves and wait to see how they are received. We form opinions based on how our others interpret what we say and feel, rather than on what we as individuals think and feel. Over time, our individuality becomes lost in the onslaught of mass communication. My work, and my interest, is reclaiming and resolving the question of the individual voice.

Education:

2008-2010: Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA. MFA

2007: New York State College of Ceramics School of Art and Design at Alfred University, Alfred, NY
Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Honors

2000-2001: Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Professional Experience:

2015-Present: Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix, AZ *Glass Faculty*

2014-Present: Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ *Artist in Residence*

2014: Arizona Glass Alliance, Mesa, AZ *Artist Lecture*

2012-2014: University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL *Lecturer/Artist in Residence*

2011-12: Holdman Studios, Lehi, UT *Glassblower and Stained Glass Fabricator*

2011: Prescott College, Prescott AZ *Visiting Artist Installation and Lecture*

2011: Sonoran Glass Academy, Tucson AZ *Artist Demonstration*

2011: Mesa Arts Center, Mesa AZ *Artist in Residence*

2010-2011: Susan Silver Brown, Phoenix AZ *Studio Assistant/Technician*

2010: Mesa Arts Center, Mesa AZ *Visiting Artist Demonstration*

2010: Hudson Beach Glass, Philadelphia, PA *Visiting Artist Demonstration*

2009: Goggleworks, Reading, PA *Visiting Artist Demonstration (Get It While It's Hot Live Auction)*

2009: Goggleworks, Reading, PA *Visiting Artist Demonstration*

2008: 38th Annual GAS Conference, Portland, OR *Artist Demonstration*

2007: New Orleans Creative Glass Institute, New Orleans, LA *Visiting Artist Demonstration*

2007-2008: Wet Dog Glass, New Orleans, LA/Star, NC *Glassblowing Equipment Fabricator*

2007: Buck's County Community College, Newtown, PA *Visiting Artist Demonstration and Lecture*

2007: New Orleans School of Glassworks and Printmaking, New Orleans, LA *Head Technician*

2007: American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York *Exhibitions Department*

2007: Goggleworks, Reading, PA *Visiting Artist Demonstration*

2007: 37th Annual GAS Conference, Pittsburgh, PA *Lecturer on the Glass Program at Alfred University*

2007: 37th Annual GAS Conference, Pittsburgh, PA *Gaffer for Alfred University Student Demonstration,*

2007: 37th Annual GAS Conference, Pittsburgh, PA *Assistant for Angus Powers Artist Demonstration,*

2006: Tulane University, New Orleans, LA *Visiting Artist Demonstration*

2006: 36th Annual GAS Conference, ST. Louis, MO *Gaffer for Alfred University Student Demonstration*

2005: Studio at Corning, Corning, NY *Roman Bottle Demonstration*

Exhibitions:

Upcoming:

2015: Dahl Arts Center, Rapid City, SD *Solo*

2015: Buckham Gallery, Flint, MI *Solo*

Past:

2014: Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL *Solo*

2014: Horizons, Nechs: Work by Seth Fairweather *Solo*

Art Space Vincennes, Vincennes, IN

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| 2013: | Faculty Show
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL | <i>Invitational</i> |
| 2013: | Please Read Carefully
Art Lofts Gallery, Madison, WI | <i>Juried</i> |
| 2013: | Green
A Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT | <i>Invitational</i> |
| 2013: | Territories Unknown
Castle Gallery, The College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY | <i>Juried</i> |
| 2012: | Faculty Show
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL | <i>Invitational</i> |
| 2012: | EDGE
Church, Los Angeles, CA | <i>Solo</i> |
| 2012: | Original Voices
Ken Saunders Gallery, Chicago IL | <i>Invitational</i> |
| 2012: | Materialscapes
Ormond Memorial Art Museum, Ormond Beach, FL | <i>Group</i> |
| 2012: | Flow
Mesa Art Center, Mesa, AZ | <i>Group</i> |
| 2012: | Solstice
A Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT | <i>Juried</i> |
| 2012: | Introducing
Kittrell-Riffkind, Dallas, TX | <i>Invitational</i> |
| 2012: | In Good Form
A Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT | <i>Juried</i> |
| 2011: | Seth Fairweather
Prescott College, Prescott, AZ | <i>Solo</i> |
| 2010: | October
CityFolk Gallery, Lancaster, PA | <i>Invitational</i> |
| 2010: | Handle With Care: Glass
Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO | <i>Juried</i> |
| 2010: | National Juried Sculpture Exhibition
Prince George Community College, Largo, MD | <i>Juried</i> |
| 2010: | Natural Mechanics
Crane Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA | <i>Solo</i> |
| 2010: | Ten Gallons to Freedom
Tower Projects, Philadelphia, PA | <i>Solo</i> |
| 2009: | Tyler Craft and Cheese
Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA | <i>Group</i> |
| 2009: | In Limbo | <i>Juried</i> |

Crane Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA

- 2009: Transgressions *Invitational*
Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2008: Glassjaw *Solo*
Tyler Gallery, Elkins Park, PA
- 2007: Alfred on the Record *Invitational*
Kathleen Cullen Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2007: Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition *Group*
Turner Gallery, Alfred, NY
- 2007: Embodiment *Invitational*
Turner Gallery, Alfred, NY
- 2007: GAS Student Membership Exhibition *Invitational*
Turner Gallery, Alfred, NY
- 2006-7: SUNY Student Exhibition *Invitational*
Albany, NY
- 2006: Red, White, and Blue *Juried*
Cold Spring Artworks Gallery, Cold Spring, NY
- 2006: Culmination *Solo*
The Terra Cotta, Alfred, NY
- 2005: 28th Annual Light Show *Group*
Alfred University, Alfred, NY

Honors and Awards:

- 2014: Artist in Residence: *Mesa Art Center, Mesa, AZ*
- 2012: Artist in Residence: *University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL*
- 2011: Artist in Residence: *Mesa Art Center, Mesa, AZ*
- 2009: Honorable Mention: *39th Annual GAS Conference Student Exhibition*
- 2008-9: Graduate Assistantship *Tyler School of Art*
- 2007: Omicron Delta Kappa (*National Leadership Honors Society*) Induction
- 2006: Phi Kappa Phi (*Honors Fraternity*) Induction
- 2000: Eagle Scout Award

Publications:

- 2013: "Skin and Earth, Suddenly Unrecognizable" *New York Times* (March 3, 2013)
- 2012: "Masterworks/Original Voices" *Glass* (#129)
- 2012: Work featured on episode of Chicago Fire
- 2011: New Glass Review 32

2010: New Glass Review 31

2007: Student Profile Publication in the Glass Art Society Newsletter *March 2007 (Vol. 18, issue 2)*