

Curriculum Vitae

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Selected Recent Exhibitions

(***Solo***National Juried Show, **Regional Juried Show, *Invitational Show)

2008

"Second Street Gallery" *** Charlottesville, VA, to be announced 2008
"Sculpture Walk Sioux Falls 2008" (Indoor and Outdoor Exhibitions) ***Sioux Falls, SD (2008-2009)
"The Old Town Art Festival" *** Chicago, IL
"The 18th Annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival" ***Denver, CO

2007

"Bemidji Sculpture Walk 2007-2008" (Outdoor Exhibition) ***Bemidji, MN
"Festival of Appropriation 2007"*, The Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN,
"The Seventh Annual American Iron Sculpture Competition" (Outdoor Exhibition)* Minneapolis, MN
"Des Moines Art Festival" *** Des Moines, IA
"The Old Town Art Festival" ***Chicago, IL
"Group Show" *Chelsea River Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI
"Double Take" **Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington, MN

2006

"Sculpture Walk – Pavilion to the Falls 2006" (Outdoor Exhibition) ***Sioux Falls, SD (2006-2007)
"Play and Purpose: An Examination of Culture Through Toys" ****Central Illinois University, East Peoria, IL
"Playing in the Scrapyard: The Fabricated Toys of Kyle Fokken"****Normandale Comm. College, Bloomington MN
"The Uptown Art Festival" ***Minneapolis, MN
"The Sixth Annual American Iron Sculpture Competition" (Outdoor Exhibition)* Minneapolis, MN
"Contemporary Sculpture Exhibit" * Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, TX
"The 16th Annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival" ***Denver, CO
"Lakefront Festival of the Arts"***Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
"Flying Solo" (Solo Exhibition) *Marshall Arts Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
"Toys, Resins, Oils, Drawings" *Frank Stone Gallery, Minneapolis
"Toys, Animals, Fairy Tales and Dreams Not Just for Kids Anymore" ***The Old Firehouse Art Center, Longmont, CO
"Contemporary Reflections of the Great War" *Cornucopia Art Center, Lanesboro, MN
"Shrines to the Enviroment" *Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, Salem, OR
"CRAFTBOSTON" ***Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA

2005

"The Metris Uptown Art Fair" ***Minneapolis, MN
"The 15th Annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival 2005" ***Cherry Creek, Denver, CO
"32nd Annual Toys Designed by Artists" ***Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR

2004

"The 14th Annual Cherry Creek Arts Festival 2004" ***Cherry Creek / Denver, CO
"Turbulence" (Two Person Show) **Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hopkins, MN
"Der Fluegehund and Other Tales" (Two Person Show) ***Ezair Gallery, New York, NY

2003

"Playthings" *Calhoun Square Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
"Art Smith/Kyle Fokken" *** Rosewood Gallery, Dayton OH
"First Biennial Invitational Multi-Media Exhibit" ** Minnetonka Center for the Arts, Minnetonka, MN
"Grand Opening Exhibit" * Outsiders and Others Gallery, Minneapolis MN
"Lift Off" *** Buckham Gallery, Flint, MI

Awards

Finalist – City of Minneapolis Art in Public Places "Reinvigorate the Common Well", Minneapolis, MN
Best In Show – Other Material (non bronze) "Sculpture Walk 2006", Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Sioux Falls, SD
Grand Prize – Cover Art and Article "2nd Annual Art/Literary Competition", Sculptural Pursuit Magazine, Littleton, CO
Merit Award - Sculpture (2006 & 2007) "The Art of Recycling", Minneapolis, MN
First Place – Sculpture "2003 NEMAA Fall Fine Arts Show", Minneapolis, MN
Third Place-Sculpture "92nd Minnesota State Fair Exhibition", 2004 St. Paul, MN
First Place – Sculpture "2002 NEMAA Fall Fine Arts Show", Minneapolis, MN
Fourth Place- Sculpture Minnesota State Fair 2003, St. Paul, MN
1989,1990 Maybowle Arts Scholarship St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

Press, Publications and Media

- +++ "The Art of Being Robyne Robinson"– artwork featured in collection in **Midwest Home Magazine**, February 2008
- +++ "Artists find new uses for old things" (**Otherworldly War Machines**) review on **Minnesota Public Radio** - 2007
- +++ "2007 Festival of Appropriation" review in **Minneapolis Star/Tribune's Vita.MN Magazine** - 2007
- +++ "2007 Festival of Appropriation" review in **METRO - Twin Cities Metropolitan Magazine** - 2007
- +++ Featured artwork on brochure cover "**11th Annual Corporate Collections 07**"-Denver, CO - 2007
- +++ Artist Feature in "**Rake Magazine: 10,000 Arts Magazine Premier Issue**" 2006
- +++ "**State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition has upped the ante**" Minnesota State Fair review-**Minneapolis Star/Tribune** 2006
- +++ Live interview on "**KARE 11 News Saturday With Belinda Jensen and Erik Perkins**" - Uptown Art Fair - 2006
- +++ Artwork featured on "**The Art of Recycling**" **WCCO 4 Morning and KSTP 5 News** - 2006
- +++ "**Art-A-Whirl- Featured Artists**" **The Current/Minnesota Public Radio** - 2006, St. Paul, MN
- +++ "**Seeworthy Events Around Town**" **Minneapolis Star Tribune** - 2006, Minneapolis, MN
- +++ Featured interview in **The Pulse of the Twin Cities** - 2006, Minneapolis, MN
- +++ **Cover Article** and 6 page interview in **Sculptural Pursuit Magazine** – 2006, Littleton, CO (International Distribution)
- +++ **The Pulse Magazine "Pick Hits"** – Review of 2nd Annual North East Sculpture Show, 2005, Minneapolis, MN
- +++ **The City Pages "A List"** – Review of the "Festival of Appropriation", - 2004, Minneapolis, MN
- +++ **American Art Collector, Midwest Artists Edition 2004** Alcove Books, Berkeley, CA
- +++ **The Dayton Daily News ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT "Art strolls about town"** - 2003, Dayton, OH
- +++ **The Dayton City Paper "Nature v. Synthetics-Midwestern Landscapes & Monumental Toys"** - 2003, Dayton, OH
- +++ "**The Rake Recommends**" **The Rake Magazine** - 2003 Minneapolis, MN
- +++ "**Flights of Fantasy**" **The Flint Journal** - 2003 Flint, MI
- +++ The "**Word of Mouth**", **Minnesota Public Radio Online** - 2001, St. Paul, MN
- +++ **The St. Paul Pioneer Press, "Artist Highlights"** - 2001, St. Paul, MN
- +++ **The Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine Online, "Arts Highlights"** - 2001, Minneapolis, MN
- +++ **The St. Paul Pioneer Press, "Artist Highlights"** - 2001, St. Paul, MN
- +++ **The Pulse Magazine, "Not Your Typical Art Opening"** - 1997, Minneapolis, MN

Noted Public and Private Collections

- +++ **JohnstonWells Public Relations Corporate Art Collection, Denver, CO**
- +++ **Cherry Creek Arts Festival Mobile Art Collection, Denver, CO**
- +++ **The House of Balls Collection, Minneapolis, MN**
- +++ **Robyne Robinson, KSTP/Fox 29 News Anchor, Minneapolis MN**
- +++ **James Dayton Design Architecture, Minneapolis, MN**

Teaching and Related Experience

- Edina Art Fair Juror**, Edina, MN 2008
- Visiting Artist Sculpture Workshop and Lecture** 2007
- Normandale Community College Art Department, Bloomington, MN**
- Derby Car Construction Class** 2005
- Children's class teaching how to design a working soap box derby race car.
- Extreme Marble Roller Coaster Class** 2005
- Children's class teaching innovative approaches to designing a "roller coaster" for a marble involving found objects.
- Adult Education Ceramics Class, Winter Session** 2000 - 2001
- Taught handbuilding, throwing, and sculpture techniques in addition, to glazing and decoration of clay.
- The Great Soapbox Derby** 1996 - 2002
- Originated and coordinated event, organized artists and engineers to teach class on building soap box derby racers.
- Sculpture Demonstration, Delano High School** Fall 2003
- Demonstrated alternative sculpture techniques via styrofoam carving and construction with everyday, non-traditional art materials.
- Set Designer – "The Sea-Wolf"** - Hardcover Theater, Minneapolis, MN May 2005
- Juror - 2005 Minnesota Sculpture Society Art Exhibition**, Minneapolis, MN February 2005
- The Northeast Minneapolis Sculpture Invitational- Curator**, Minneapolis, MN November 2004/2005
- Studio Assistant – Foster Willey Jr. Bronze Sculpture Studio** August 2004
- Juror - 2003 Religious Art Exhibition**, Minneapolis, MN April 2003
- Set Designer -"For What"** World Premier Play, The Red Eye Theater, Minneapolis, MN February 2003
- Treasurer - North East Minneapolis Artists Association (NEMAA)**, Minneapolis, MN 2001 – 2003
- Spearheaded budgeting for NEMAA. *Technical Advisory Committee Board –Arts Action Plan* to create Arts District
- Curator/Volunteer -No Name Exhibitions at the Soap Factory**, Minneapolis, MN 1995 - 2002
- Aided internationally recognized organization in renovating a soap and chemical factory into exhibition space. Worked with international artists in conjunction with the Walker Art Center and local and national artists and arts organizations.

Education

- Minnesota Museum of American Art**, Saint Paul, MN 1991-1992
- Internship- Liaison to the Board of Directors to coordinate meeting schedules and aid meeting flow. Surveyed member opinions on diversity, Tax Increment Financing dollars, the St. Paul Creative Corridor, and the fate of the Historic Jenne Building.
- Potter's Apprentice Aka Hige/Rock Hard Stoneware**, Champlin, MN 1988-1991
- St. Cloud State University**, St. Cloud, MN Graduated 1991
- Bachelor of Fine Arts** - Ceramic sculpture with a business emphasis +- *Cum Laude Graduate +Twice Nominated for Excellence in Leadership*, University Program Board, Fine Arts Coordinator/ Director, Atwood Center Gallery, St. Cloud, MN