



JOHN K MELVIN is an international artist nurturing community dialog on a meaning of ecology relevant to society

Education

- 2009 Masters of Fine Arts, San Francisco Art Institute, California, USA
- 2005 Post Baccalaureate in Studio Arts, Pont Aven School of Contemporary Art, FRANCE
- 2004 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Grants, Awards, Honors, Residencies.

- 2021 Multi-year artist contract 2021-2025, for a monumental art project with the City of Quimper, Finistère, FRANCE
- 2021 Artist Talent Passport (renewed until 2025), Préfecture de Finistère, FRANCE
- 2019 Qualified Artist Pool, City of Phoenix, AZ, Choice Neighborhood project
- 2019 Project Fellowship, part of "Racconti dal Margine" sponsored by Regione Toscana GiovaniSi, Siena Art Institute, ITALY
- 2019 Biennale Artist Residency, I-Park Foundation, Connecticut, USA
- 2019 Wurlitzer Foundation Fellowship, Taos, New Mexico, USA
- 2018 Artist in Residence, I-Park Foundation, Connecticut, USA
- 2018 Inspired Artist Fellowship at Elsewhere Studios, Arts in Society Grant, Colorado, USA
- 2018 Artist in Residence, Siena Art Institute, ITALY
- 2018 Talent Passport, Carte Sejour, Prefecture de FINISTERE, FRANCE
- 2018 Sculpture Space Artist in Residence, funded in part by New York State Council on the Arts, USA
- 2018 Artist in Residence, Escape to Create, Florida, USA
- 2017 Artist Grant, Chenven Foundation
- 2017 Permanent Installation, Buffalo Creek Art Center, Nevada, USA
- 2017 Artist in Residence, Brickyard Fellowship, Mutainyu, CHINA
- 2017 Artist in Residence at 108, New York, USA
- 2016 Residency with World Monuments Fund (Plastic Pollution), Siem Reap, CAMBODIA
- 2016 Artist Stipend, Château de la Napoule, FRANCE
- 2016 Sculpture Fellowship, The Bascom, A Center for the Visual Arts, North Carolina, USA
- 2016 Artist in Residence, Jentel Foundation, Wyoming, USA
- 2015 Artist in Residence, La Napoule Art Foundation, Napoule, FRANCE
- 2015 U.S. Embassy Funded Artist in Collaboration, Gogol Fest, Kiev, UKRAINE.
- 2014 Artist Stipend, HUMUS PARK, Land Art Biennale 2014, Pordenone, ITALY
- 2013 Juror for Fairbanks 64th Parallel Annual Art Show, Alaska, USA
- 2008-9 San Francisco Arts Commission, Stipend for Temporary Projects in Natural Settings, USA
- 2007-9 San Francisco Art Institute, Graduate Study Grant, USA
- 2005 Aven Project Grant from the Chaney Foundation, Carnation, Washington, USA
- 2005 Fellowship for the Pont Aven School of Contemporary Art, FRANCE
- 2004 Graduated with Distinction & Departmental Award, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston USA
- 1996-97 National Juried Student Art Competition, National Merit, League of Innovation

Teaching & Lectures:

Host of Film Screening and Q&A, of "A Plastic Ocean" at: The REP Theater, Seaside, Florida, USA, 2018; The American Center, US Embassy, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 2017. "Normal is Over", Paonia Public Library, Colorado, USA, 2018.

Artist Talks at: San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco State University, Pont Aven School of Art, San Francisco Arts Commission, Fairbanks Art Association, Friends of Lake Merced Association, Ukrainian arts Festival (Gogolfest), Southwest University of Visual Arts, Chateau de la Napoule, The Bascom Center for the Arts, Java Gallery Phnom Penh, Inspired Symposium in Paonia, Arkansas Recycling Coalition 2019 Conference; ALIVE Web Conference, 2021, 2022; Juror, Wurlitzer Foundation, 2019, 2022; Panelist, Worldwide Climate/Justice Teach-in, MassArt, ZOOM, March 30, 2022

Solo Exhibitions:

- 2021 Atelier Expo, Gallery Studio, July-August, Pont Aven, FRANCE
- 2019 VOCI DAL VENTO, Site Specific Installation, University of Siena, Santa Chiara FabLab, Siena, ITALY
Plastique Fantastique, Pop-Up retrospective and Upcycling Workshop, Siena, ITALY
EvoGyre Unveiling, commissioned exhibition, The Conrad Maldives, Ranglai Island, MALDIVES
EntroTree, Public Unveiling, Permanent Sculpture, Sculpture Space, Utica, NY, USA
- 2018 It is what it is, Public Art Sculpture, alley adjacent to Elsewhere Studios, Paonia, Colorado, USA
- 2017 Curbing Entropy, June - December, Siem Reap International Airport, Arrivals Lounge, CAMBODIA
ROCK TRACE, Brickyard Retreat at Mutianyu Great Wall, CHINA
Curbing Entropy, 1961 Art Hotel, Siem Reap, CAMBODIA
- 2016 EvoCrawler, Site Specific Installation, Château de La Napoule, FRANCE
Truth with Lies, Gallery E23, Naples, ITALY
Mountain Top, 2016 thru 2018, The Bascom Center for the Visual Arts, North Carolina, USA
- 2015 CancerUS v1, Multiple Site-Specific Installations, Mandilieu-La Napoule, FRANCE
- 2013 Aven Redux, America's Cup, 7 on Locust, Mill Valley, California, USA
Ice Pods, Madrone Art Bar, San Francisco, California, USA
- 2011 Alpha Omega Monument, Grand Rapids Public Museum, ArtPrize 2011, Michigan, USA
Prints, Ramp Gallery, SOMArts, Curator: Justin Hoover, San Francisco, California, USA
- 2008 CloudV2, Swell Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2007 18v5, site-specific install above US HWY 101, San Francisco, USA
- 2006 MAC 2006, Contemporary Art Fair, Paris, FRANCE
- 2006 Aven Project, 29 Scrims on 2km of river & solo expo at CIAC, Pont Aven, FRANCE
- 2005 Les Jardins de Rospico, In-Situ Installation, Nevez, (collaboration with France 3 TV), FRANCE
- 2004 3000 Décisions, Site-Specific Installation, 2004 – 2008, MassArt Kennedy Building Atrium, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Curatorial

- 2009 RAW, Root Division, curator & exhibitor, San Francisco, California, USA
- Wonderland, Project Director & CENTS, Curator: Lance Fung, San Francisco, California, USA
- 2007 4 in 1, Swell Gallery, San Francisco, California, USA

Group & Collaborative Exhibitions >>

- 2022 CHANGWON Sculpture Biennale, Oct-Nov, SOUTH KOREA
KER PONT-AVEN, installation, FRANCE
CACTUS, Sans DEJA, Oct-Nov, Quimper, FRANCE
- 2020 A4, Exposition Collective, Mars – Septembre, Pont Aven FRANCE
Artistes au Jardin, CACTUS, 2 venues, Quimper, FRANCE
- 2019 I-Park Site Responsive Art Biennale, I-Park Foundation, CT, USA
- 2018 Old Growth Memorial, Semi-permanent installation, I-Park Foundation, CT, USA
Division, pop-up exhibit, Concierge Library, Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, PUERTO RICO
Golf Triennial, arte_FITS.FOUNDATION, Dorado Beach, a Ritz Carlton Reserve, PUERTO RICO
John Melvin & Anna Macleod, Pop-up exhibit, Elsewhere Studios, Paonia, CO, USA
Arts & Society, Redline Contemporary Arts Center, Denver, CO, USA
SART Spring Show with Open Studio of John K Melvin, Siena Art Institute, ITALY
Mohawk Valley Mini Maker Faire. After Party, EntroTree, Sculpture Space, Utica, NY, USA
Works in Progress Reception, Sculpture Space, Utica, NY, USA
- 2017 How Many Trees, with Anna Norton, Old Edwards, Highlands, North Carolina, USA
Green Festival, Meta House Gallery, Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA
RESIST, Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, Arizona, USA
- 2015 Senza Confini, Campi Flegrei Land Art Festival, Lago Averno, ITALY
KYDA, Collaboration for GogolFest, Kiev, UKRAINE
Anacortes Juried Art Show, Juror: Stefano Catalini (BAM), Washington, USA

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Group & Collaborative Exhibitions - Continued >>

- 2014 [DARK](#), Arc Gallery, San Francisco, California, USA
[SANTORINI BIENNALE, 2nd edition](#), Curator: Kikos Papadopoulos; GREECE
[HUMUS PARK](#), Land Art Biennale, Pordenone, ITALY
- 2012 [SUVA Faculty Show](#), Florence Quater Gallery, Tucson, Arizona, USA
[LaGrange National Biennial XVII](#), LaGrange Art Museum, Georgia, USA
[Gallery 110 Annual Juried Exhibition](#), Curator: Nora Atkinson, Seattle Washington, USA
- 2011 [Museum of Pocket Art 1st Retrospective](#), Bruno David Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- 2009 [Fresh Young Things](#), Jay Jay Gallery, Sacramento, California, USA
[Transformations Fragiles](#), L'Atelier de la Gare, Locminé, FRANCE
[SFAI MFA Vernissage](#), Herbst Pavilion, Ft. Mason, San Francisco, California, USA
[Z-Axis](#), Curators: Eric Araujo & Ross Campbell, Lobot Gallery, Oakland, California, USA
[Everything for Nothing or Something](#), Curator: Stephanie Dodes, Ever Gold Gallery, San Francisco, California, USA
[Aurora Borealis Art Experience](#), Curator: Nick Miller, SFAI Courtyard, San Francisco, California, USA
[Soft Transgressions](#), Curator: Donald Daedalus, 2565 3rd St, San Francisco, USA
- 2008 [Dream On!](#) Mission 17, San Francisco, USA
[Weather Reconnaissance](#), Garage Biennale; The Garage, San Francisco, USA
[Art for Kid's Sake](#), Charity Auction, San Francisco, USA
[Y-Axis](#), Collaborative Installation, Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco, USA
[Root Division's 7th Auction](#), Root Division, San Francisco, USA
[Drawing Show](#), Curators: Claire Jackel & Robert Minervini, Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco, USA
[Continuing MFA Show](#), Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco, USA
[Transformations](#), Curator: Barry Beach, Clara Street Projects, San Francisco, USA
[Lucky Number 7, Santa Fe Biennale](#), Hiroshi Fujisan's Opera Project participant, New Mexico, USA
[Art&Language](#), Group Show curated by Laura Poppiti, Swell Gallery, San Francisco, USA
[Wilderness](#), Group Show curated by Ben Echeveria, Swell Gallery, San Francisco, USA
[Reflection\(s\)](#), Collaborative Installation, Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco, USA
- 2007 [City Traffic](#), group show, Swell Gallery, San Francisco, USA
[Printmaking Currents 2007](#), national juried exhibition, Print Arts Northwest, Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2006 [Pont Aven Group Show](#), Mack B Gallery, Sarasota, Florida, USA
[Convergence](#), curated by Nana Gregory; Tolbooth Art Gallery, Kirkcudbright, SCOTLAND
- 2005 [Telethon](#), Nationwide Charity Fundraiser, FRANCE, www.telethon.fr
[Obsessions](#), curated by Nana Gregory; CIAC Gallery, Pont Aven, FRANCE
[Chez Yannig](#), Artistes Collective, Quimper, FRANCE
[Spartz of Arts](#), CIAC Gallery, Pont Aven, FRANCE
[ENCORAGE](#), Drawing Marathon & Expo, L'Association CONTREPOIDS, Duarnenez, FRANCE
[Expo PSCA – Post Bac Group Show](#), CIAC Gallery, Pont Aven, FRANCE
- 2004 [South Boston Open Studios](#), The Distillery, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
[Massachusetts College of Art Senior show](#), group show, Boston, USA
[Massachusetts College of Art All School show](#) (juried exhibition), group show, Boston, USA
[Perspectives Gallery](#), two-person show, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- 2003 [South Boston Open Studios](#), The Distillery, Massachusetts, USA
[Massachusetts College of Art Final Show](#), group show, Boston, USA

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Selected Publications

McArthur, Claire, Sculpting in the Sierra: Artist residency hosts sculptors from around the world, Tahoe Magazine, Summer 2020 Print & Online, <https://www.tahoe-daily-tribune.com/news/sculpting-in-the-sierra/>

Hasani, Maysa, P-LAST-IC, Destination KSA, Saudi Arabia, SEPT/OCT 2019

Zhu Lin, Travel with Purpose, Noblesse Magazine, China, September 2019

Dao, Dan, Climate Week 2019: This Artist's Eco Sculptures Are Sending A Powerful Message To Global Travel Industry, Forbes, September 23, 2019, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/dandao/2019/09/23/john-k-melvin-eco-artist-conrad-maldives/#6497c0384832>

Lester, Jennifer, How A Hotel In The Maldives Is Fighting Plastic Pollution, Forbes, September 2019, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbestravelguide/2019/07/24/how-a-hotel-in-the-maldives-is-fighting-plastic-pollution/#3d33f3fa4687> and <https://stories.forbestravelguide.com/how-a-hotel-in-the-maldives-is-fighting-plastic-pollution>

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Frank, Peter. "At the Reopened Dorado Beach Resort in Puerto Rico, Themes of Ruination and Rebirth", Surface Magazine, December 17, 2018, <https://www.surface-mag.com/articles/dorado-beach-reopens-in-puerto-rico/>

Eldridge, Davin. "Art Imitates Life In Highlands: Public Installation Raises Awareness Of Environment." BPR (National Public Radio Affiliate). N.p., 10 July 2017. Web. 09 Aug. 2017.

Marshall, Alli. "Old Edwards Hospitality partners with visual artists for eco-awareness project, "How Many Trees?"." Mountain Xpress. N.p., 14 June 2017. Web. 09 Aug. 2017.

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Mark Tilly, Art to show environment problems, The Khmer Times, April 21, 2017

Michelle Vachon, Artist Upcycles Trash Dumped at Angkor Into Sculptures, The Cambodia Daily, April 4, 2017, Artist Recycles Bottles into Decoration, ENN 20/3/2017, <http://enn-news.com/archives/14500>

Hang Savyout, American man recycling plastic bottles to become a decoration, Radio Free Asia , 2017-03-20,

GILLES MASSÉ, Vernissage de l'EvoCrawler, Nice-Matin (Cannes), July 19th, 2016, CAN B1, p22

Sculpture Resident Artist Announced at The Bascom in Highlands, NC, Carolina Arts, April 2016, p28

Land Art: le opera nella natura diventano un evento sociale, IL-MATTINO, Nazionale, October 4, 2015, p43

HUMUS PARK, Undo.net, May 31, 2014, <http://www.undo.net/it/mostra/177902>

Prime Visite guidate a Humus Park, Messaggero di Pordenone, June 7th, 2014, p26

Anna Castellari, HUMUS Park, NEURA MAGAZINE, #69, June 2014, p20

Erica Marson, DALLA NATURA ALL 'UOMO ALLA NATURA, OTTAGONO, 272 – 7/1/2014, p16-25, p21

"ArtPrize 2011 begins", Wood TV, Sept. 22, 2011

Matt Gade, "Nailing an entry for Artprize", AP / Detroit News. Sept. 17, 2011: front page, Metro Final

Heather Knight, "Wonderland brightens Tenderloin, artists' spirit", San Francisco Chronicle. Nov. 8, 2009, C1&2

Foster, Tim., "Fresh Young Things: New Talent from Northern California", Midtown Monthly. July 2009: 24

Shafiee, Shoka, "Getting Fresh", Sacramento News and Reviews, d'art picks section. July 9, 2009: 3

"Picked Fresh from the Field of Fine Art: Seeds of Major Talent on Display at JAYJAY Show for Recent Grads"., The Sacramento Bee, Weekend Ticket Section. July 17, 2009: 8-9

Beltran, JD., "Freshly Varnished and Ready for Their Close Up", SFGATE: City Brights, Art and Culture Fix, May 20, 2009: www.sfgate.com

Ewart, Nancy., "MFA and Morandi", Bay Area Art Quake: MFA and Morandi, May 25, 2009: baartquake.blogspot.com

The Kowbott Workshop: John K Melvin Artworks; marcusprize.blogspot.com, 2008

Ann Albrighton, Sculpture, September 2007, Aven Project Review

Cyrille Maguer, Chroniques du Pays de Pont-Aven, Editions Alan Sutton 2007

France 3, June 16th, 2006, Television documentary on the Aven Project

« Art. Un rêve Américain flotte sur Pont-Aven », Le Télégramme, 26 Janvier 2006, SUD, page 10

France 3, January 15th, 2006, Television program on Breton culture, and Artists working with nature (Rospico Installation)

Internships

2009 Artist Assistant to Patrick Dougherty, Upper Crust, California, USA
2008 Lance Fung curatorial Intern for Lucky Number 7, SITE 2008 Biennale, New Mexico, USA

Employment History (abbreviated)

JKMBUILT

Sole Proprietor, Creative Design Services

Jan 2005 – Present

JKMBUILT is Melvin's Creative Design Service Company. Specializing in custom design, fabrication services, exhibition logistics, curatorial services, art commissions, consulting and portfolio website management.

Artech

Art Handler

2015

Full time position transporting, installing, and preparing fine art works for private clients, art fairs, and museums in the Pacific Northwest region of the US.

Southwest University of Visual Art

Core Faculty Position

2013- 2014

Full time faculty position responsible for full credit teaching load in addition to academic administration needs, curriculum, facility improvement, advising, team management, staffing, etc. Classes taught were in photography, graphic design, illustration, sculpture, foundations, and graduate seminars.

Farrow Fine Art

Chief Fabricator/Artist Assistant/Assistant Conservator

June 2009 – July 2012

Chief fabricator for artist Al Farrow; <http://alfarrow.com/reliquaries/>. Craftsmanship required museum quality metal and mixed media fabrication skills. Additional responsibility included restoration of notable sculptural works such as Sol Lewitt, Tony Smith, Anselm Kiefer and George Rickey.

Fung Collaboratives, 140 Sullivan St, NYC, NY

Project Director

September 2008 – December 2009

Fung Collaboratives is an international curatorial organization with experience such as: the Snow Show at the 2006 Winter Olympics; Lucky Number Seven, Santa Fe's 2008 Biennial; and Wonderland SF, 2009. As Project Director, the position managed and coordinated Wonderland SF in addition to planning, organization and installation of other projects, national and international.

San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI) Teaching Assistantships:

Teaching Assistantships, multiple and concurrent

Jan 2008 – May 2009

Overlapping assistantships with different professors (Richard Berger, Lance Fung, & John Roloff) and pedagogies, position required an intense level of coordination and management. Graduate and Undergraduate levels were taught independently under supervision of the professor. Pedagogies ranged from basic sculpture foundation studies (metal, wood, plaster, etc) to conceptual and collaborative exercises at the graduate level. Typical to art education, actively leading critiques, lectures and workshops were delivered to the high standards expected by San Francisco Art Institute.



JOHN K MELVIN

Pont Aven School of Contemporary Art

Teaching Assistant / Printshop Studio Manager

John Kenneth Melvin
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May 2005 – Dec 2006

Teaching Assistant and Facility Management at an American art school located in Pont Aven, France. Responsibilities included: teaching assistant in all classes; gallery assistant; curating/placing group expositions; internal graphic design/illustration; facility maintenance; workshops, demonstrations, and technical advice in the printmaking and sculpture studios.

Prior Experience

1994-2004

Executive Asst, Engineer Asst, Law Clerk, Campaign Associate, Marketing Representative, Office Associate, Line Supervisor, Material Handling, Construction

Professional References:

Barry Beach, barry@barrybeach.com, 510 725 2780; 2106 5th Ave, San Rafael, CA, 94901, USA; friend and colleague since 2007.

Colleen Collett, colleen.collett@yahoo.com, 714 609 4350; 18711 Oriente Dr., Yorba Linda, CA 92886, USA; friend and colleague since 2005.

Will Barclift, director@tryonartsandcrafts.org, 373 Harmon Field Rd, Tryon, NC 28782, USA; 205 835 9975, friend and colleague since 2007.

Steve Hardy, steve@hardyinvestmentsllc.com, 760 346 1787; sponsored installation of Helix by John K. Melvin at Buffalo Creek Art Center, Nevada, 2017.

Additional experience and references available upon request