

Resume of Sculptor Jeff Owen

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ABOUT JEFF OWEN

I began direct metal sculpting in 2001 when, during a move, I discovered an unused welding set in the back of my father-in-law's garage. I asked if I could use it, he agreed. I have been in love with sculpting metal since that day. Steel sculpting allows me to express my emotions, dreams, and visions.

ARTIST STATEMENT

My art is about life. My sculptures are a combination of the past and present.

I have a deep affinity toward the materials I work with, a sense of emotion for what the material was originally used for and now what it will become in my hands. These thoughts direct me on my path as I work. My sculptures emerge with patterns. I take one piece of steel, add to it, delete from it, add to it. I am constantly discovering. When a sculpture contains all of my creative energies, I am done.

My technique is brute force, decide-at-the-moment. The interesting shapes and textures of metal; the patterns and grains; all entice me. I am fascinated with form. My aspiration is to make sculpture that is completely unique, to resist conformity and mass production.

My art is as individual as I am.

TECHNIQUE and PROCESS

I use metal that I find throughout the western US from metal scrap yards. I also find interesting pieces of metal along the highways and byways. Each piece of metal I collect may spend years in my studio, on a shelf or in a pile, until I “rediscover” it while searching for just the right piece for the next sculpture.

I am a “direct metal” welder. I use a wire-feed welder and plasma cutter to cut and weld the pieces of metal together into the forms I desire. I work continuously on each piece until I decide it is finished. It may take me only hours or many days to finish a sculpture. Once a piece is finished, I often immediately name it, usually the first name that comes to my mind when I look at the finished piece.

Often I will coat a sculpture with a clear powder-coat, or paint it to preserve its appearance, as often, I will simply leave the piece to patina on its own in the weather – bringing out its natural beauty.

EDUCATION

I am a self taught direct metal sculptor. I began sculpting in metal in 2001.

CAREER TIMELINE

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| 10-15-2023 | 1-7-2024 | Exhibition | Triton Museum of Art | Solo exhibition of Jeff Owen sculpture in the Triton Museum of Art Rotunda - Exhibited 23 wall, pedestal, and free standing sculptures | Curated by Elke Groves. Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA |
| 9/1/2023 | 9/31/2023 | Exhibition | Sausalito Center for the Arts | Finding the Form: Bay Area Sculpture - Meridian | Sausalito, CA |
| 10/1/2022 | 12/1/2023 | Exhibition | Pajaro Valley Art Center - Sculpture IS sculpture exhibition | Monolith, Reeds | Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville, CA |
| 6/1/2022 | 7/15/2022 | Exhibition | Ruth Bancroft Sculpture in the Gardens Exhibition | Together VI | Ruth Bancroft Foundation, Danville, CA |
| 5/9/2022 | 6/30/2022 | Curator | Los Gatos Art Association (LGAA), New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU) | Co-Chair - 2023/24 Greater Bay Area Open (GBAO) art exhibition | Los Gatos, CA |
| 4/21/2022 | 4/21/2021 | Invitation | Saratoga Rotary | Artist talk to Rotary members | Saratoga Rotary, Saratoga, CA |
| 4/20/2022 | 5/31/2022 | Exhibition | Pacific Rim Sculptors: 2022 EcoSculpt | Terra Incognito | Rim Gallery, Santa Cruz, CA |
| 9/20/2021 | | Exhibition | Commonwealth Club: Sculpture of the Pacific Rim | Illusion, Captured, Nobody Knows Where We Are Going | Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, CA |
| 12/15/2020 | | Curator | Founder: Greater Bay Area Open (GBAO) art competition and exhibition | | GBAO, New Museum Los Gatos (NUMU), Los Gatos, CA |
| 6/15/2020 | 7/15/2020 | Juror | Marin Society of Artists | Juror: Marin sculpture exhibition | Marin, CA |
| 3/9/2020 | | Commission | Commission: Foster Square - Lenar Homes | Five monolithic nautical sculptures | Foster Square complex, Foster City, CA |
| 10/1/2018 | | Exhibition | Pajaro Valley Art Center - Sculpture IS sculpture exhibition | Balancing pyramids | Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville, CA |
| 7/1/2017 | | Public Art | Napa Riverfront building | Rio Verde, Inverse, Cerchio, Synthesis II, Pop-out | Napa Riverfront building, Napa, CA |
| 1/4/2017 | 3/15/2017 | Exhibition | SLATE Art: Public art | Socorro, Injection 4, Other Side of Midnight, Domino, Walkabout, Boggle II | Oakland, CA |
| 9/1/2016 | | Public Art | Willow Glen district of San Jose public art | San Jose city purchased - Installed five permanent sculptures in downtown Willow Glen | Willow Glen Downtown Business Association |

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| 6/1/2016 | 6/30/2016 | Exhibition | International Sculpture Center (ISC) - Pacific Rim Sculptors | Avoidance of Chastity | Art Object Gallery, Japantown, San Jose, CA |
| 5/1/2016 | 7/30/2016 | Exhibition | Solo | 14 sculptures throughout the grounds of Filoli Estate | Filoli Estate, Woodside, CA |
| 5/1/2016 | 11/1/2016 | Public Art | Various art events | | California, Arizona, and Washington State |
| 10/12/2015 | 10/15/2015 | Commission | 2015 World Steel Association convention | Created 220 small sculptures and one large sculpture for presentation to worldwide steel executives | World Steel Association convention, Chicago, IL |
| 10/12/2015 | 10/15/2015 | Commission | Steelies | Created 20 small sculptures presented to United States Senators and Congress persons for their support of the United States steel industry. | World Steel Association convention, Chicago, IL |
| 7/1/2015 | 5/15/2017 | Public Art | Napa Art walk | Your Cube Sir sculpture installed on Second Street bridge | Napa Art walk association, Napa, CA |
| 7/1/2015 | 12/1/2016 | Public Art | Jewish Community Center | Installed six sculptures in outer area of campus | Jewish Community Center, Palo Alto, CA |
| 6/3/2014 | 9/7/2014 | Exhibition | Filoli Summer Sculpture Show | Specially created Filoli series I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX | Filoli Foundation, Filoli Estate, Woodside, CA |
| 6/1/2013 | 12/10/2013 | Exhibition | Santa Clara Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibition | Gia | City of Santa Clara Arts Commission, Santa Clara, CA |
| 5/1/2013 | 5/8/2014 | Exhibition | Cloverdale Sculpture Trail | Balance | City of Cloverdale, CA |
| 5/1/2013 | 5/5/2014 | Exhibition | Geyserville Sculpture Trail | Man | City of Geyserville, CA |
| 2/1/2013 | 3/15/2013 | Exhibition | Pacific Rim Sculptors Exhibition: Beyond Gaga | Diva | Works San Jose gallery, San Jose, CA |
| 9/1/2012 | 12/31/2012 | Exhibition | The Fine Art of Recycling Sculpture | Keymaster | City of Santa Clara Arts Commission, Santa Clara, CA |
| 9/1/2012 | 10/1/2012 | Exhibition | The Poetics of Disposability | Assemblages: Collector of Noise and Silence, Pail Retriever, Stop Motion | Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA |
| 6/1/2012 | 7/12/2012 | Exhibition | Blackhawk gallery | Joy series | Blackhawk, CA |

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| 6/1/2012 | 7/15/2012 | Exhibition | Sculpture in the Gardens Exhibition | Together VI | Ruth Bancroft Foundation, Danville, CA |
| 5/1/2012 | 5/10/2012 | Exhibition | Filoli Flower Show - "The Secret Garden, Discover the Magic" | Multiple sculpture exhibition behind mansion. | Filoli Foundation, Filoli Estate, Woodside, CA |
| 2/1/2012 | 2/28/2012 | Donation | Donate commissioned sculpture: Habilitat | Surfer | Habilitat Inc, Kanehoe, HI |
| 12/2/2011 | 12/4/2011 | Invitation | Truckee Meadows Community College | Artist talk | Reno, NV |
| 9/1/2011 | 9/1/2016 | Public Art | Downtown Los Altos | Danseuse, Arches, and Tiempo | Los Altos Village Downtown Association, Los Altos, CA |
| 5/5/2011 | 5/11/2011 | Exhibition | Filoli Flower Show | Super Hero's - Man of Steel | Filoli Foundation, Filoli Estate, Woodside, CA |
| 4/1/2011 | 9/31/2011 | Exhibition | Santa Clara Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibition | Past Post, The Key Master, Amazing Wonder Flying Jitney | City of Santa Clara Arts Commission, Santa Clara, CA |
| 4/1/2011 | 4/5/2011 | Invitation | Davies After Hours, single artist art exhibition at San Francisco Symphony | Displayed six sculptures, post performance of Charles Dutoit and Gautier Capuçon | Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco, CA |
| 11/5/2010 | 11/12/2010 | Invitation | Selected sculpture and sculptor: Desperate Landscapes TV series. Broadcasted 2011 | Joy | Las Vegas, NV |
| 1/10/2009 | 1/12/2009 | Invitation | 2009 Golden Globes gift suit. Commissioned for Golden Globes party | Custom sculptures for celebrities at Golden Globes | GBK Productions, Hollywood, CA |
| 12/7/2008 | 4/1/2009 | Exhibition | Santa Clara Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibition | Obelisk, Backbone | City of Santa Clara Arts Commission, Santa Clara, CA |
| 6/30/2008 | 9/15/2008 | Exhibition | City Windows Gallery | Top Hat with Marc Demian, fused glass / metal | San Jose City Hall, San Jose, CA |
| 5/15/2008 | 5/20/2008 | Public Art | Carmel Sculpture in the Park | Statewide invitation - Mask, First Place, Emerging Artist award, presented by sculptor Albert Paley | Carmel Art Association, Carmel, CA |
| 3/1/2008 | 3/1/2008 | Invitation | Artist talk to students | Los Gatos High school | Los Gatos High school, Los Gatos, CA |
| 11/1/2007 | 11/31/2007 | Exhibition | 39th National Juried Exhibition | Roadside Attractions | Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA |

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| 4/1/2007 | 9/1/2007 | Exhibition | Santa Clara Biennial Indoor Sculpture Exhibition | Smoke, Twister, Dreamcatcher | City of Santa Clara Arts Commission, Santa Clara, CA |
| 12/1/2006 | 12/1/2008 | Curator | Los Gatos Art Association - President | | Los Gatos, CA |

PUBLIC ART

- Created five, 10 foot tall marine themed sculptures for Lenar Homes project in Foster City California. Willow Glen district of San Jose – Installed five permanent sculptures in downtown – with support from Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio and Willow Glen Downtown Business Association. *Nirvana, Stormcatcher, Pharaoh, Aria, Desire*
- *You Cube Sir* – Napa Artwalk 2015 – Second Street bridge installation, Napa, CA
- *Balance I*, abstract sculpture. Cloverdale Sculpture Trail, Cloverdale Arts Alliance, Cloverdale, CA
- *Danseuse, Arches, and Tiempo*, abstract sculptures, Public Arts Commission, City of Los Altos, CA
- *Spire I*, 15 ft commission. The Shops at Los Lagos, Corona, CA
- *Man*, abstract sculpture, Geyserville Sculpture Trail, Geyserville Chamber of Commerce, Geyserville, CA
- "Garden Angel" abstract sculpture. Mercy Medical Foundation, Sioux City, IO
- "Green Bay Super bowl sculpture". Gerdau Ameristeel, Miami, FL

CORPORATE COMMISSIONS

- "Global", "Fluency" wall sculptures, "Grid" and "Colours" paintings. Global Fluency, San Jose, CA
- "Paths", "Puzzles" sculptures. Parrish Hansen, Inc., Clovis, CA
- Mouth Man logo, Mouth Man
- "Madam Lisa" representational sculpture. Meyer, Olson, Lowry & Meyers, LLP., Los Angeles, CA
- "Gambler" wall sculpture. Marmot Home Design, Lake Tahoe, CA
- "Kaizen", "Blue Paper Clip" wall sculptures. Suhr Risk Services, San Jose, CA
- Semantic XML model, Top Quadrant, Mountain View, CA
- "New York City Skyline", "Empire State Building" wall sculptures. Rosie's New York Pizza, San Jose, CA
- "Santa Cruz" glass-metal sculpture with Demian Glass. Glasshouse building, Dallas, TX
- Wavecrest award trophies, Clearwater Film and Music Festival, Clearwater Beach, FL

REFERENCES

- Suzanne Legallet – Woodside, CA – 650-365-9820
- Ann Ford – Napa, CA – 415-920-9212
- Donovan Neale May – San Jose, CA – 650-222-5260
- David Bashore – San Juan Cosala, Jalisco, MX – 760-218-7191

SELECT AWARDS

- 3rd Place, *O. Indian Wells Art Festival*, Indio, CA
- Honorable Mention, *Roadside Attractions*. Palm Springs 39th Annual Exhibition, Palm Springs, CA
(*Juror: Susan Parke, Museum of Southwest Art*)
- Newsworthy: Jeff Owen at the VIP Suite for the Golden Globes
- Guest Artist. Blackhawk Gallery
- Bid Invitation. U.S. State Department, G20 International Summit Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- Visiting Artist. Triton Museum, Santa Clara, CA
- First Place, *Vein*. Los Gatos Open Member Juried Show, Los Gatos, CA
- Selected by DIY Desperate Landscape, *Ballet*, Las Vegas, NV
- Sunset Magazine layout. *Celebration* and *Eclipse*, Hinderdesign, San Jose, CA
- Honorable Mention, *Shout*, Los Gatos Open Juried show, Los Gatos, CA
(*Juror: Marian Parmenter, SFMOMA*)
- Rated #2, Top Ten Steel Sculpture Websites, Capital Steel and Wire, Dewitt, MI

PUBLICATIONS

- Air Tran Magazine – *Go*, “Small Wonders”, by Tony Ware, December 2011
- Los Altos Patch, “Danseuse installed in downtown Los Altos”, Los Altos, September 14, 2011
- Los Gatos Weekly Times newspaper, “Emerging Artist”, Los Gatos, CA
- San Jose Mercury News – Eye section, *Joy sculpture article*, San Jose, CA.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Sculpture.org
- Pacific Rim Sculptors Group
- NUMU – New Museum, Los Gatos, CA
- Kinetic Sculpture Organization
- Los Gatos Art Association, Los Gatos, CA
- Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA