



KAREN WILLENBRINK-JOHNSEN

Resume

Born 1960, Cincinnati, OH

AWARDS

Contestant on Netflix's Blown Away Season 4, 2024
Museum of Northwest Art: Luminaries Legacy Award, La Conner, WA 2018
Award of Excellence, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, MI 2013
Acquisition, Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA 2006
Artist Trust and the Washington State Arts Council Grant, Seattle, WA 1999
Poncho Scholarship, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1999
General Scholarship, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1998
Newcomb Women's Art Grant, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 1995
Corning Award/Outstanding Student, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1994
Louis Comfort Tiffany Award, Nominated, New York, NY 1994
General Scholarship, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1993

EXHIBITIONS

2024 William Traver Gallery, 3 person show, Seattle, WA
51st International Invitational, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, MI
2022 49th International Invitational, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, MI
2021 Fluid Forms, Whatcomb Museum, Bellingham, WA
2019 Habatat Galleries Solo Show West Palm Beach, F
2019 Soneva Fushi Solo Show, Soneva Art & Glass, Kunfunadhoo Island, Eydhafushi, Maldives
Schack Art Center, Connections, Everett, WA
2018 Smith and Vallee Group Show, Edison, WA 2015 Morris Crew , Dane Gallery, Nantucket, Ma
2014 Collaboration : Jason Pfol, Jasen Johnsen, Karen Willenbrink- Johnsen, Gorilla Glass Gallery, Oxaca, Mexico
2013 Convergence Zone, Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue, WA
2012 Alive, Dead: 28 Artists' Interpretations, Center of Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA
SOFA Chicago, Wexler gallery. Philadelphia, PA
Felines and Canines, William Traver Gallery, Tacoma, WA

2011 Museum of Northwest Art - La Conner, WA
2009 SOFA WEST : Santa Fe, Represented by Habatat Galleries, Santa Fe, NM
37th International Invitational, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, MI
Ashes to Ashes: Life and death in contemporary art, Contemporary Art Center of Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA
2008 Glorious Glass - Group Exhibition, The Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL
SOFA : Chicago, Represented by Habatat Galleries, Chicago, IL
36th International Invitational, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, MI
2008 Collaboration: Karen Willenbrink & Jane Rosen, Traver Gallery, Seattle, WA
Owls & Trees, Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX
Birds in Art - Exhibition, Everhart Museum, Scranton, PA
2007 Pilchuck Staff & Alumni Show, Northwind Arts Center, Port Townsend, WA
S.O.F.A., represented by William Traver Gallery, Chicago, IL
25th International Glass Invitational, Habatat Galleries, Boca Raton, FL The Surrealist Impulse - New Acquisitions, Tacoma Museum, Tacoma, WA Owls & Trees, Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX
Owls, William Traver Gallery, Tacoma, WA
2006 Best in Show, Kimble Art Center, Park City, UT International Glass Invitational, Habatat Gallery, Deerborn, MI Glass Invitational, William Traver Gallery, Tacoma, WA Northlands Glass, Pismo Gallery, Denver, CO
Glass Invitational, Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, TX
S.O.F.A. represented by William Traver Gallery, Chicago, IL
2005 Best in Show, Tacoma Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA S.O.F.A, represented by Thomas R. Riley Galleries, New York, NY Group Invitational, William Traver Gallery, Tacoma, WA
2004 Fiery Influences, Hanson Gallery, New Orleans, LA
National Glass Invitational, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS
S.O.F.A., Thomas R. Riley Gallery, New York, NY
S.O.F.A. Thomas R. Riley Gallery, Chicago, IL Vitreous Matter, Silvia Smidt Gallery, New Orleans, LA
2003 S.O.F.A., Thomas R. Riley Gallery, Chicago, IL Selected Artists, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH
Glass Weekend, Wheaton Village, Millville, NJ
Glorious Glass: Form and Color, Sea-Tac Airport, Seattle, WA
2002 Sea Life Installation, Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA
Morris Crew, Houston Center For Contemporary Art, Houston, TX
2001 Flora & Fauna Installation, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA
Honey I Shrunk the Art, History of the World Gallery, Camano Island, WA
Landscapes, Braidsen Gallery, Tampa, FL
1999 S.O.F.A., Duane Reed Gallery, Chicago, IL
Select Pilchuck Artists, Jenkins-Johnsen Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Gardens, Chapel Gallery, Boston, MA
1998 International Movements in Glass, Auckland Museum, Auckland, New Zealand/ Dowse Art Museum, Wilmington, New Zealand
Contemporary Northwest Glass, Port Townsend Art Center, Port Townsend, WA
S.O.F.A., represented by Grand Central Gallery, Chicago, IL Glass: Italian Influences, Grand Central Gallery, Tampa, FL From Fire to Ice, Simon Edwards Gallery, Yakima, WA Pilchuck Glass, History of the World Gallery, Stanwood, WA
1997 Blooms in Glass, Ovedskloster Castle, Sjobo, Sweden
Blooms in Glass, Ascer Maarlensson Gallery, Lund, Sweden Pilchuck Glass, History of the World Gallery, Stanwood, WA New Work, Grand Central Gallery, Tampa, FL
Northwest Glass, William Traver Gallery, Seattle, WA
Survey of Contemporary Glass, Tustin Renaissance Gallery, Tustin, CA

TEACHING AND RESIDENCIES

2024 Pilchuck Glass School, Workshop Instructor, Stanwood, WA
2023 Corning Museum of Glass Workshop Instructor, Corning, NY
2022 Penland School of Craft Workshop Instructor Penland, NC
Glass Furnace Workshop Instructor Istanbul, Turkey Pilchuck Glass School Workshop Instructor Stanwood, WA Berlin Glass Workshop Instructor Berlin, Germany
Aya Glass Workshop Instructor Kawasaki, Japan
2021 Pilchuck Glass School Residency Stanwood, WA
Southern Illinois University Workshop Instructor Carbondale, Illinois
2020 Gorilla Glass Residency Oaxaca, Mexico YAYA Glass Workshop Instructor New Orleans, LA Public Glass Workshop Instructor San Francisco, CA
2019 Soneva Fushi Residency Kunfunadhoo Island, Eydhafushi, Maldives
Pilchuck Glass School Workshop Instructor Stanwood, WA
2018 Palomar College Workshop Instructor San Diego, CA
Cal Fullerton Demonstration Los Angeles, CA
San Bernardino Demonstration San Bernardino, CA
2017 Public Glass Demonstration/Workshop San Francisco, CA Emporia State University Workshop Instructor Emporia, KS Norfolk GAS Conference Demonstration Norfolk, VA Pittsburgh Glass Center Workshop Instructor Pittsburgh, PA
2017 Corning Museum Residency Corning, NY
University of Nebraska Workshop Instructor Kearney, NE
2016 Corning Teaching, Corning NY
Tacoma Museum of Glass Residency Tacoma, WA University of Hawaii Workshop instructor, Oahu, HI Aya Glass, Workshop instructor, Kawasaki, Japan
2015 Tulsa Glass School residency, Tulsa
Pilchuck Glass School "Gaffer Olympics" residency, Stanwood, WA
Palau De Vidre Glass Festival, featured artist and demonstrator, Palau De Vidre, France
Klart Studios, Featured artists and Demonstrations, Tjura, Norway Penland School of Crafts, Workshop instructor, Penland, NC Bay Area Glass Institute, Workshop instructor, San Jose, CA
2014 International Flameworking Conference, Featured Artist and Demonstrator, Salem County Community College, Carney's Point, NJ Ignite Studios, Workshop instructor, Chicago, Ill
Pratt Fine Arts, Workshop instructor, Seattle, WA
2014 Glass Furnace, Workshop instructor, Istanbul, Turkey
2013 Public Glass, Workshop instructor, San Francisco, CA Pittsburgh Glass Center, Workshop instructor, Pittsburgh, PA Bild-Werk Art School, Workshop instructor, Frau-Nau, Germany The Glass Furnace, Workshop instructor, Istanbul, Turkey
Jam Factory, Workshop instructor, Adelaide, Australia
University of Nebraska, Workshop instructor, Kearney, NE
2012 Pilchuck Glass School, Instructor, Stanwood, WA The Glass Furnace, Workshop instructor, Istanbul, Turkey Chrysler Museum, Workshop Instructor, Norfolk, VA
2011 Glass Art Society, Conference Demonstrator, Seattle, Wa
Penland School of Crafts, Instructor, Penland, NC Toledo Museum of Art, Residency, Toledo OH FOCL, Workshop, Minneapolis, MN
University of Hawaii, Workshop, Oahu, HA
2010 Corning Museum, Workshop, Corning, NY
Elements Glass, Workshop, Portland, OR
Bowling Green University, Workshop, Bowling Green, OH
2009 Penland School of Crafts, Instructor, Penland NC
Pratt Fine Arts, Workshop, Seattle, WA Eugene Glass School, Workshops, Eugene, OR Aya Glass, Workshop, Kawasaki, JAPAN
2009 More Fire Glass Studio, Workshop, Rochester, NY
2008 Pilchuck Glass School, Gaffer, Stanwood, WA
Glass Art Society Conference, Demonstrator, Portland, OR

2008 Red Deer College, Workshop, Alberta, CAN
Eugene Glass School, Workshop, Eugene, OR
2007 Eugene Glass School, Workshop, Eugene, OR
Red Deer College, Workshop, Alberta, Canada
2006 Haystack Mountain School of Craft, Workshop/Lecture, Deer Isle, Maine Glass Art Association of
Canada, Conference Demonstrator, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Eugene Glass School, Workshop, Eugene, Oregon
2005 Tacoma Museum of Glass, Residency/Lecture/Demonstration, Tacoma, WA
Pittsburg Glass Center, Workshop/Lecture, Pittsburg, PA
Red Deer College, Workshop/Lecture, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Penland School of Crafts, Workshop/Lecture, Penland, NC
Ox-Bow Summer School of Arts, Workshop/Lecture. Saugatuck
2005 Eugene Glass School, Workshop, Eugene, OR
2004 Eugene Glass School, Workshop/Lecture, Eugene, OR
Glass Art Society, Demonstration, New Orleans, LA Vella Vetro Glass, Workshop, New Orleans, LA
Pilchuck Glass School, Sculpting Ideas, Stanwood, WA
Red Deer College, Sculpting Ideas, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
2003 Australian National University, Workshop/Lecture, Canberra, Australia
Jam Factory, Workshop/Lecture, Adelaide, Australia Corning Museum, Demonstration, Corning, NY
Glass Art Society, Demonstration, Seattle, WA
2003 Museum of Glass, Artist in Residence, Tacoma, WA
North Lands Creative Glass, Conference Lecture: "Education Through Perseverance"
Masters Workshop, Demonstration, Lybster, Scotland Glassworks, Demonstration/Lecture, Louisville,
KY Pittsburg Glass Center, Sculpting Ideas, Pittsburg, PA Pilchuck Glass School, Sculpting Ideas,
Stanwood, WA
Red Deer College, Sculpting Ideas, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada San Jose State University,
Workshop/Lecture, San Jose, Ca Bay Area Glass Institute, Workshop/Lecture, Oakland, CA
2002 Toyama City Institute of Glass, Workshop/Lecture, Toyama, Japan
Big Island School of Glass, Workshop/Lecture, Honakaa, HI
University of Miami, Workshop, Miami, FL
Lowe Art Museum, Lecture, Miami, FL
2002 Pilchuck Glass School, Solid Glass Sculpture, Stanwood, WA
Emporia State University, Workshop/Lecture, Emporia, KS
Red Deer College, Workshop/Lecture, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Pittsburg Glass Center, Workshop/Lecture, Pittsburg, PA
Houston Center for Contemporary Crafts, Demonstrations, Houston
2001 Eugene Glass School, Workshop/Lecture, Eugene, OR
Big Island Glass, Workshop/Lecture, Honakaa, HI
Penland School of Crafts, Sculpting Ideas, Penland, NC
Red Deer College, Sculpting Ideas, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
1999 Glass Art Society, Conference Demonstration, Tampa, FL
Pratt Fine Arts Center, Advanced Solid Working, Seattle, WA
1998 Red Deer College, Ideas in Glass, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
Pacific Light Conference, Workshop/Lecture, Auckland, New Zealand

EDUCATION

Raptors of the Pacific Northwest, Padilla Bay Center, Bow, WA 2001-02 2013
Mosaic/Felice Nittolo, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1998
Apprentice to Maestro Bruno Zanetti, Fournasier Chandelier Studio, Murano, Italy 1993
Glass Sculpture/Pino Signoretto, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1993-99
Bachelor of Fine Arts/Sculpture, Ohio University, Ath

PUBLICATIONS

Glass Art Magazine, "Next Chapter for William Morris Collaborators", Victoria Josslin, Winter Issue, 2010
New Glass Review 28, Pg 24, Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY 200
City Dog Magazine, "Artist Profile: Hot Stuff", Cathy Herholdt, Spring 2006
Glass Art Magazine, "The Nature of Karen Willenbrink-Johnsen", Shawn Waggoner Jan./Feb. Issue 2005
Glass Art Society Journal, "About My Art," Julian Lewis, Fall Issue 1995
Glass Magazine, Cover & Article, "Hot House Flowers," Fall Issue 19, OH 1984

WORK EXPERIENCE

Core Member of Glass Artist William Morris' Team, Stanwood, WA 1987 –2007

Gaffer, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1994-2004

Apprentice to Maestro Bruno Zanetti/Fabio Fournasier, Chandelier Studio, Murano, Italy 1993

Assistant to Glass Artists Flora Mace/Joey Kirkpatrick, Stanwood, WA 1989- 93

Hotshop Technician/Coordinator, Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA 1987-94