

Artist statement

"I use heavily textured hot glass and patinaed materials to explore impressions of landscape, culture and technology through artifact and object. My goal is to convey a history, a sense of simultaneous recognition and discovery within the viewer through incorporating gritty details that are at once familiar and strange. I see glass as a critical material of this process, astounding in nature and possibility."

Bio

Benjamin Kikkert is an artist and designer working in hot glass and mixed media sculpture. He is a graduate of the Sheridan College Craft & Design Program and a former resident of the Harbourfront Centre Craft & Design Studio. He is the president of the Glass Art Association of Canada and the recipient of the 2012 RBC Glass Award. His studio is on Granville Island in Vancouver BC, today known as Vancouver Studio Glass.

education

2005 Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, Craft & Design Program, Diploma, Scholar With Honor

exhibitions

- 2018** *Trajectories*, group, Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Waterloo ON
- 2017** Canadian Craft Biennial, Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington ON
- 2016** *Into the Deep*, Tacoma Museum of Glass, group, Tacoma WA
Celestial Accumulations, Craffthouse Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2015** *Enchanted Nights*, Bloedel Floral Conservatory, Vancouver BC
- 2014** *Best in Show*, *Toronto Outdoor Award Exhibition*, Toronto ON
- 2013** *Canadian Art Exhibition*, Sandra Ainsley Gallery, Toronto ON
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, juried, Toronto ON
Sunnyside Art Show, group exhibition, Toronto ON
Best in Show, *Toronto Outdoor Show Award Exhibition*, Toronto ON
Boxed In, The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery, St Johns ND, group, January

- 2012** Pop up Shop! Huddle Studio, Toronto ON
The Last Glass Show, curated group, Toronto ON
Homeus Domesticous, Harbourfront Centre, group show, Toronto ON
Toronto Outdoor Show, Toronto ON
- 2011** Shop @ Elevator Art Lab, Toronto ON
Reflective Natures and Transparent Landscapes, group show,
Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo ON
Earthy Inspirations: the Process and Expression of Craft, group show,
Pearson International Airport, Toronto ON
Fête de Verre: Futur, Urban Glass Auction, Brooklyn, NY
- 2010** *One Of A Kind Show*, Toronto, ON
Edgewater, solo show, New-Small & Sterling Gallery, Vancouver, BC
Respond, group show, Full-Tilt Creative Centre, McIvers NL
GAAC Members Exhibition, Montreal QC
- 2009** *Winter's Edge*, solo show, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
Unity and Diversity Exhibition, juried group show, Canadian Pavilion of the
Cheongju International Biennale, South Korea
Fundival Art Auction, Christina Lake Art & Artisan's Society, Christina
Lake BC
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, juried, Toronto, ON
Glass Fashion Extravaganza, Corning Museum of Glass, Corning NY
37th Annual International Invitational, Habatat Gallery, Royal Oak, MI
All Canadian Glass Show, group show, Hodgell Gallery, Sarasota FLA
- 2008** *Rockin' For Research 2008* Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Fundraiser, Vancouver BC
2 x 6, group show, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
Glass + Light = Magic, British Columbia Glass Art Association Members
Show, Roundhouse Arts & Recreation Centre, Vancouver BC
Series Staff Exhibition, Red Deer College AB
- 2007** *Captured Light*, 8th Biennial BC Glass Art Exhibition, juried group show,
Vancouver BC
Lucent – A Survey of Contemporary Canadian Glass, juried group show,
Calgary & Edmonton, AB
Series Staff Exhibition, Red Deer College AB

- 2006** *Medicine Hills Arts Festival*, Lacombe AB
GAAC Member's Exhibition, Red Deer AB
Bunnies and Bon Bons, group show, New-Small and Sterling Gallery, Vancouver BC
Enlightenment, group show, Ayden Gallery, Vancouver BC
Robots and Monsters, group show, Ayden Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2005** *POPULAR*, juried group show, Art Gallery of Calgary, Calgary AB
Pilchuck Glass School 27th Annual Auction, juried, Seattle WA
downtown 2005, collaborative project, New York NY
news, group show, Sandra Ainsley Gallery, Toronto, ON
National Glass Graduate Exhibition, group show, Material Matters, Toronto ON
Breathing Room, collaborative installation, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo ON
Interior Design Show, juried booth member, Toronto ON
Glass Fashion Show, Surrealist Ball, Seattle WA
Glass Studio Exhibition, group show, Sheridan House Gallery, Oakville ON
- 2004** *GAS Student Exhibition*, New Orleans LA
Glass Fashion Show, New Orleans LA
Design Exchange, collaborative project, Toronto ON
Glass Studio Exhibition, group show, Sheridan House Gallery, Oakville ON
- 2003** *Glass Fashion Show*, Toronto ON
GAAC Member's Exhibition, Toronto ON

upcoming exhibitions

2020 Solo Show, Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Waterloo ON

grants & awards

2017 Canada C3 Visual Artist, Leg 11 participant, Nunavut

2013 Canada Council for the Arts, *Fine Craft Grant to Artists: Project Grant*
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, *Best In Glass*
Sunnyside Art Exhibition *People's Choice runner-up*
Ontario Arts Council, Individual Craft Project Grant

- 2012 RBC Award for Glass
Toronto Outdoor Show, Best in Glass, honorable mention
Ontario Arts Council, Individual Craft Project Grant
- 2011 RBC Award for Glass, Second Prize
Ontario Arts Council, Individual Craft Project Grant
- 2010 Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance Grant
Ontario Arts Council, Individual Craft Project Grant
- 2009 One Of A Kind Show, Glass Award for Excellence
- 2005 Sheridan College, William and Mary Corcoran Award, Oakville ON
Interior Design Show, Gold Medal for Booth Design, Sheridan booth
member, Toronto ON
- 2003 BC Arts Council Award
Canada Millennium Scholarship for Excellence Award

collections

Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo ON, public
Ringling College of Art and Design, donation of Dr. Richard and Barbara
Basch, Sarasota FL, permanent
Warren & Margo Coleville, Sarasota FL, private
Sea Lion Point Resort, Sonora Island BC, corporate
Bruce Bradburn & Megan Fairweather, Quadra Island BC, private

artist residencies

- 2008-2012 Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
- 2010 Pouch Cove Foundation, Pouch Cove, NL
Full Tilt Creative Centre, McIvers, NL
- 2007-2008 I Blew It Studio, Quadra Island, BC

teaching experience

- 2013-present Private Instructor, Vancouver Studio Glass, Vancouver BC
- 2016 North Vancouver School District Work Experience Program

- 2014 *Spectrum Mentorship Program*, Vancouver, BC
CBIB Industry Internship Program, Vancouver, BC
- 2013 *Splish Splash, Shaping Liquid Glass*, Red Deer College, Red Deer AB
- 2012 Substitute Glassblowing Instructor, Sheridan College, Oakville, ON
Glass Cha Cha Cha! Red Deer College, Red Deer AB
- 2008-2012 Introductory Glassblowing, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, ON
- 2011 Toronto District School Board Student Workshop
- 2008 Substitute Glassblowing Instructor, Sheridan College, Oakville, ON
Artworks Flameworking Instructor, Red Deer, AB
- 2007 Beginner's Glassblowing, Red Deer College, AB
Science Camp Instructor, Red Deer College AB
- 2006 Beginner's Glassblowing, Red Deer College, AB
- 2005 Teaching Assistant to Laura Donefer, Pilchuck School of Glass WA
Flamework Instructor and Technician, Sheridan College ON
- 2004 Teaching Assistant to Laura Donefer, Red Deer College AB

professional experience

- 2016 Owner, Vancouver Studio Glass, Vancouver, BC
- 2013-2016 New-Small & Sterling Glass Studio, partner, Vancouver BC
- 2005-2008 Studio Technician, Red Deer College AB
- 2007 Production glassblower, Bavin Glassworks, Invermere BC
Nix, by The Only Animal, glass prop designer, Vancouver BC
- 2006-2007 Production Gaffer, New-Small & Sterling, Vancouver BC
- 2005 Graduate Association Member, Sheridan College ON
Sheridan Craft & Design Program Student Ambassador

2004 Poleturner, Pilchuck School of Glass WA
lectures & demonstrations

2017 *Re:Do* conference, Glass Art Association of Canada, Oakville ON

2016 RBC Award for Glass Past Recipient, Waterloo ON
Guest Artist And Lecturer, Pilchuck School of Glass

2015 *A Career in Glass*, Glass Art Society, San Jose CA. panelist

2014 *Guest Artist And Lecturer*, Pilchuck School of Glass
East Van Culture Crawl, Terminal City Glass Co-op, Vancouver BC

2013 Glass Gathering lecture, demo, judge, Sheridan College, Oakville ON
East Van Culture Crawl, Terminal City Glass Co-op, Vancouver BC

2012 Guest Artist and Lecturer, Terminal City Glass Studio, Vancouver BC

2011 *Independent Development*, Sheridan Institute, Oakville ON

2010 *Viva Voce*, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON

2009 Ringling School of Art and Design, Sarasota FL
Art Alliance Chapter Meeting, Sarasota FL

2008 United Nurses of Alberta Demonstration, Red Deer, AB

2007 Summerscapes, Red Deer College AB

2006 Circle Craft Fair, Vancouver BC
Summerscapes lecturer, Red Deer College AB

2005 Circle Craft Fair, Vancouver BC
Alberta College of Art and Design guest lecturer, Calgary AB

2002 Assistant to Laura Donefer, Corning Trailer, SOFA, Chicago MA

press

- 2017 *Into the Deep Review*, The Daily world, Puget Sound WA
<http://www.thedailyworld.com/life/art-review-going-deep-into-undersea-glass-world-at-museum-of-glass/>
- 2015 *The Exhibitionists*, CBC television, December
Shaw Communications, Vancouver BC
- 2014 Megaphone, October, Vancouver BC
- 2013 Shaw Communications, Red Deer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sidZvgJWjB8>
- 2010 “Love the Artist” One of A Kind Show ad campaign, Toronto ON
Daily Art Muse, online blog,
<http://dailyartmuse.com/2010/12/08/>
Current, October 29 2010, St John’s, NL
- 2009 Harbourfront Centre Blog
<http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/upfront/2009/12/a-chat-with-harbourfront-centre-glass-artist-benjamin-kikkert/>
Western Living Magazine, May 2009
Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass Summer 2009 Newsletter
Contemporary Canadian Glass, Spring 2009
Vancouver Sun, Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass Winter 2009 Newsletter
- 2008 Breakfast Television spot, Tuesday Dec 16, 2008
- 2007 Vancouver Sun, Sat, Aug 11, 2007
- 2006 Fall, Contemporary Canadian Glass Magazine
- 2005 Summer, Contemporary Canadian Glass Magazine
- 2004 Glasswire Online Magazine

attended workshops

- 2014 Robert Geyer, Terminal City Co-Op
- 2012 De La Torre Brothers, Pilchuck School of Glass, WA
- 2010 Tyler Rock, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
- 2009 Michael Massey, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
Motherbrand, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
- 2005 Pilchuck 2nd Annual Artist Forum participant, Seattle WA
- 2004 Pipaluk Lake, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto ON
- 2003 Ed Schmidt, Red Deer College AB
- 2002 Laura Donefer, Red Deer College AB
Bandhu Scott Dunham, Red Deer College AB
- 2001 Malcom McFadyen, Vancouver BC

associations

- Glass Arts Association of Canada
 - 2016 – current President
 - 2010 - 2016 Board Member
 - 2003 – 2005 Student Representative
- Craft Council of British Columbia
- Granville Island Business & Community Association
- Vision Committee member (GIBCA sub-committee)
- Glass Art Society
- Terminal City Glass Co-Op