

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2023- Master of Fine Arts, University of Gothenburg, HDK-Valand campus Steneby (ongoing)
- 2019 Journeyman's certificate, blacksmith
- 1996 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta Georgia USA

MEMBERSHIP

Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts
Norges Husflidshåndverkere
Handverkslaget
Norwegian Blacksmithing Association
Swedish Artist Blacksmiths's Association
British Artist Blacksmiths Association
Artist-Blacksmith's Association of North America
National Heritage Ironwork Group

EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Be:ing*, Projektraum Streitfeld, Munich, Germany, joint exhibition
- 2023 *I det minste ting du gjør*, Kunstpunkt Lista, group exhibition
- 2023 *With Love to Ukraine*, Stiftelsen Ringeby Prestegard, Ringeby, Norge; Oorlogsmuseum, Overloon, Netherlands (thereafter Belgium and UK)
- 2023 *Relations*, Næs Ironworks Museum
- 2022 *International Metal Design Today*, Schönwald Im Schwarzwald, Germany (juried)
- 2022 *Forging through Time*, Schönwald Im Schwarzwald, Germany
- 2022 *Extended Family*, Das Streitfeld, Munchen, Germany (juried)
- 2019 *Husflidsutstillinga i handverk og design*, Dyrsku'n, Seljord
- 2019 *Measured Making*, Hereford, UK
- 2018 *Guestland, Nordic Lands*, Kolbermoor, Germany (invited)
- 2018 *Anno 2018*, Hamar (invited)
- 2017 *Særutstilling*, Husflids exhibition in handcraft and design, Dyrsku'n, Seljord (invited)
- 2016 *Transition*, Ypres, Belgium and Hereford, UK (juried)

PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICIAL COLLECTIONS

- 2020 *VRVL*, Grenstøl, Tvedestrand
- 2020 *Ere the Revenant*, HDK-Valand Campus Steneby, permanent collection
- 2016 *Peace Monument*, selected panel design Langemark-Poelkapelle, Belgium
- 2015 Handverksskolen på Hjerleid, Dovre, wall sculpture with students

2014 *N for Norge*, Torup, Danmark

STIPEND

2024 Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts, Travel grant, Munich, Germany
2023 Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts, Travel grant, Sweden, various destinations
2022 Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts, Travel grant, Schönwald Im Schwarzwald, Germany
2022 Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts, Travel grant, Munich, Germany
2022 Agder County, Development Grant in Traditional Handcraft
2017 Regional Business Fund, Establishing Grant
2015 Adult Education Association, Travel grant, Yorkshire and Thirsk, England

AWARDS

2023 First prize, blacksmithing work, Husflidstevlinga, Dyrsku'n
2022 Innovation Prize, Husflidstevlinga, Dyrsku'n
2022 First prize, blacksmithing work, Husflidstevlinga,
2019 First prize, second prize and third prize, blacksmithing work, Husflidstevlinga, Dyrsku'n
2017 Norwegian Champion, master category, Norwegian Championship in Blacksmithing
2015 Norwegian Champion, master category, Norwegian Championship in Blacksmithing

RESIDENCIES AND COURSES

2020 Visiting Artist, HDK-Valand Campus Steneby, University of Gothenburg
2015 Restoration and preservation of forged and cast iron, NHIG, North Yorkshire, UK
2014 Chip carving, Senter for Bygdekultur, Dovre
2008 Air hammer techniques, Potosi, Missouri, USA
2004 Forge welding, Traditional joinery, and Damascus steel, Auburn, Maine, USA

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/ACTIVITIES

2024 Panel Discussion Moderator, Kolbermoor blacksmithing festival , upcoming
2024 Judge, Norwegian Championship in Blacksmithing, upcoming
2022 TREFF talk, invited lecture for Blacksmiths without Borders
2021 Forging through Time, International invited digital blacksmithing event
2018 Workshop with master smith Jake James, Ratho Byres Forge, Edinburgh, Scotland
2017 Dovre Lesja Art Association member's meeting, invite lecture Hjelle Seter
2017 XXII Biennale Europea d'Arte Fabbriale, Stia, Italia
2016 Ypres2016, international juried blacksmithing event
2016 og 2017 Judge and Responsible party for task, WorldSkills School Norwegian Championship
2015-2018 Judge, Husflidstevlinga, Dyrsku'n

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2023-. Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts, central, Substitute board member
2023-. Selection committee, Norwegian Association for Arts and Crafts southern chapter
2021-. Journeymen's certificate tribunal, Blacksmithing
2019-. Journeyman's certificate, theoretical exam, Blacksmithing (Creating and evaluating)
2019-2021 Curriculum committee, Blacksmithing
2018-2023 Selection Committee, Norsk Smedforening
2020-2023 Leader, Work group, Norske Husflidhåndverkere, medlem from 2018
2015-2019 Leader, Norsk Smedforening, Board of directors member from 2013