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## artist bio

Meghan Q. McCook has been pursuing her art career since she graduated from the University of Illinois' School of Art and Design in 2001. Since graduating with dual BFA's in Art Education and Crafts (specialization in Glass), McCook has pursued her career as a working artist. She has exhibited her work at a variety of galleries, cafes, and high-end art and craft shows in the Midwest. Currently, McCook maintains a studio space in the West Town neighborhood of Chicago at the Feather Loft Building. McCook has studied under such artists as William Carlson, José Chardiet, Henner Schröder, Katherine Gray, John Miller, Greg Fidler, Brent Cole, Damon McNaught, and Holly Wolf-Mattick. In the summer of 2005, McCook started her own company, Glashjärta Glass, in which she sells her functional and wearable art. McCook finds value and gratification in balancing the art and craft of glass as a medium. Meghan Q. McCook currently resides in the Lincoln Square neighborhood of Chicago with her daughter, husband and two cats.

## artist statement

Inspired by observations made of forms, textures and patterns found in the natural world, from a micro to macro level, my work focuses not only on surface textures and colors, but also interior textures, colors, and spaces. The use of media such as photography, metal, wire and wood, compliment and contrast the smooth and often shiny tendencies of the glass components. The fluid, sensual, and calming qualities of my work come from an intuitive sensibility of the material and its possibilities. I am very interested in the similarities between the nature of glass and the nature of the human condition. I am fascinated by the memory left behind in touched glass. Treatment of the glass as a skin is evident of my process, and created through surface manipulation and scarring. I approach much of my work by exploring the relationships between memory, reality, personal histories, and physical tangibilities. The awareness of the intimate relationship between my art and the viewer never escape the ultimate solution and realization of any problem I approach.

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## education

### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – School of Art + Design** [1995–2001]

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art Education – Illinois State Board of Education Certificate: Art K-12

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Crafts, Specialization in Glass

\*\*\*Received the competitive Merit Tuition Waiver (\$500) for incoming A & D students

### **Parkland College, Champaign IL – Fine and Applied Arts** [FALL 2004–SPRING 2005]

Nine credit hours Graphic Design

### **Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA – Sandcasting Intensive with Henner Schröder** [SUMMER SESSION 1999]

\*\*\* Won and awarded the \$1000 U of I Glass Program Pilchuck Scholarship

\*\*\* Received the highly regarded nomination from Henner Schröder for the Corning Award.

## job experience

### **Glashjärta Glass / Artist & Owner / Chicago, IL** [NOV 2005–PRESENT]

This is my full-time glass art + design business. I design and create glass art at my studio, located at the Feather Loft Building in Chicago. I run and maintain all aspects of the business, including creating and teaching workshops.

### **David Weinberg Gallery / Education Program Director / Chicago, IL** [NOV 2007–DECEMBER 2010]

Developed and managed all educational programming including curriculum creation and implementation, teaching, outreach and partnership development, assessment, marketing, and budgeting supplies and materials. The beneficiaries of the programs included students from Chicago Public Schools, area colleges (Columbia, SAIC, Wright, DePaul, etc), not-for-profit organizations such as Marwen, 826CHI, Open Books, Horizons for Youth, in addition to other educational organizations.

### **Making Glass Studio / Free-lance and Office Manager / Highland Park, IL** [NOV. 2005–DECEMBER 2006]

Most recently I worked as an independent contractor at this studio. My duties included graphic design, teaching glass classes and private lessons, production, and paperweight parties. From November 2005-April 2006 I worked full-time as the office manager. My responsibilities involved all aspects of the business including graphic design, managing and scheduling classes, answering the phone, payroll, accounts receivable and payable, appointment scheduling, marketing, everything involving the gallery, and signing up renters.

### **Chicago Hot Glass / Shop Technician & Teaching Assistant / Chicago, IL** [AUGUST - NOV. 2005, JUNE 2006-DECEMBER 2006]

At this glass blowing studio I worked part-time as a shop technician and teaching assistant for workshops. My responsibilities included monitoring people blowing glass, T.A.ing and teaching glass blowing students, signing up renters and new students for classes, answering the phone, keeping the shop clean, and maintaining safety.

### **Art Attack Gallery / Co-Partner & Collaborator / Urbana, IL** [2002–2003]

Created, opened, and maintained a not-for-profit, pop-up art gallery with colleague Lew Darnaur. Responsibilities included curating and hanging exhibits, promotion (press announcements, designing ads and posters), recruiting and managing volunteers, budgeting finances, and operating the gallery. Overall, I was involved in every aspect of the running and maintenance of this experimental gallery/art-space.

## recent exhibitions

**Open Studio / Chicago Sculpture Works / Chicago, IL** – [APRIL 2010 & MAY, 2009]

**Full Circle, two-person show with Marta Shumylo / Marwen / Chicago, IL** – [JUNE-JULY, 2009]

**Open Studio / Fulton Street Collective / Chicago, IL** – [APRIL 25, 2008]

**'Inflorescence' Group Exhibition / David Weinberg Gallery / Chicago, IL** – [MARCH-MAY, 2007]

**Solo Show, Boneyard Arts Festival / Cafe Paradiso / Urbana, IL** – [APRIL - JUNE 2006]

## recent sales & festivals

**Coterie Chicago / Pitchfork Media Festival, Union Park / Chicago, IL** – [JULY, 2011 & JULY, 2009]

**Coterie Chicago / Post 27 / Chicago, IL** – [DECEMBER, 2009]

**Spring Show / Architectural Artifacts / Chicago, IL** – [APRIL 2009]

**Department / AV-Aerie / Chicago, IL** – [DECEMBER 2008]

**DIY Trunk Show / Pulaski Park / Chicago, IL** – [DECEMBER 2008]

**Department / Pitchfork Media Festival, Union Park / Chicago, IL** – [JULY 2008]

## computer applications + programming

Adobe Suite, Acrobat, Microsoft Office, Dreamweaver, Basic HTML + CSS