

HOLLY HUNT ART

ABOUT

ERIC GUSHEE

Eric Gushee's works consist of large, metal and wire sculptures constructed through fiber, weaving, and textile techniques. His most recent work consists of abstract variations on mimetic traditions – adapting figures from concepts in nature and employing a conceptual and researched based methodology. Each sculpture is a rigorous dedication to complex systems that arrive through repetition of a single act or gesture. Using common construction and engineering materials, these original sources are wholly transformed –emerging into a more ephemeral organism while maintaining industrial qualities, commenting on the relationship between industry and nature. The sculptures integrate and reflect themes found in architectural design and the natural and social sciences. The work resides in both the micro and macro realms acknowledging that the smallest compositional elements are capable of profound gesture.

Since moving to Chicago, Eric has built strong relationships with the art and design community. Eric is very hands on with his clients and their spaces. His unique sculptural process allows him to tackle any space from weaving around corners to rounded walls. His work becomes part of the environment

He is a cofounder of Red Gate Studios and Stairway Studios, two Chicago based art collectives. His work has been featured nationally and abroad, from private collections to public spaces and institutions. Born and raised in New York City, Gushee graduated from Marlboro college in Vermont, continuing education and graduating from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He currently resides and works in Chicago.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Education:

2010 BFA The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, Sculpture
2008 BA Marlboro College, Marlboro, VT, Sculpture, Art History

Awards/Scholarships:

2010 Grand Prize Winner, The Next Wave Art Salon, Elgin, IL
2009 Merit Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
2008 Helen Clark Award, Best Plan of Concentration in the Visual Arts, Marlboro
2007 Wolf Kahn Scholarship, Marlboro College

Selected Exhibitions:

2018 Upcoming Solo: Thomas Masters Gallery, Chicago, IL
 Upcoming Group: River North Design Walk, Chicago, IL
 Currently on Display at all Holly Hunt Showrooms in the USA

2017 Solo: Thomas Masters Gallery, Ind(distill), Chicago, IL
 Group: Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia University, Over & Over, Chicago, IL
 Group: Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chornobyl: Artists Respond, Chicago, IL
 Group: Pavilion 20thc, Process in the Creation of Myth, Chicago, IL

2016

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- Group: Pavilion 20thc, Process: 5 Artist in Discussion, Chicago IL
Group: Governors State University, Pitchpoling, Chicago, IL
- 2015
- Solo: Pavilion 20thc, The Product of the Moment, Chicago, IL
Group: River North Design Walk, Chicago, IL
- 2014
- Group: Holly Hunt, Neocon, Chicago, IL
Group: Tent London, London, UK
Group: Holly Hunt, Dallas, TX
Group: Design Harvest, Chicago, IL
Group: Glass Art Society Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2013
- Group: Holly Hunt, New York City, NY
Group: Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Made in Chicago, Chicago, IL
Group: Beethoven Festival, Love, Chicago, IL
Group: Dock 6, Design and Art #6, Chicago, IL
- 2012
- Group: Ukrainian Institute of Modern, Process of Scale, Chicago, IL
Group: Las Manos, Dystopia, Chicago, IL
Group: Hair Pin Art Center, Extended, Chicago, IL
Group: Art Expo, 6x6, Chicago, IL
Group: Holly Hunt, West Week, Los Angeles CA
Group: Holly Hunt, Miami, Florida
- 2011
- Group: West Supply, Versus, Chicago, IL
Group: Art Chicago, Next, Chicago, IL
Group: Sullivan Gallery, Thesis Show, Chicago, IL
Group: Next Wave Art Salon, Elgin, IL
- 2010
- Group: Flat Iron, Beyond The Coyote, Chicago, IL
Group: Milwaukee Arts Festival, Chicago, IL
Group: Next Wave Art Salon, Elgin, IL
Group: 914 Gallery, Illumination, Chicago, IL
- 2009
- Group: Buoy Gallery, Abstract Friends, Kittery, ME
Group: TTM Gallery, Re-Union, Brattleboro, VT
- 2008
- Solo: Weathervane Music Hall, Vitamin Water: The True Story, Brattleboro, VT
Group: TTM Gallery, R.I.P.H.D. (Rest In Peace Home Depot), Brattleboro, VT
Solo: Drury Gallery, Controlled Risk, Marlboro, VT
Group: TTM Gallery, Winter Collective, Brattleboro, VT

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Professional Experience:

2013-Present Co-Founder of Stairway Studios, Chicago, IL

2015-Present Elected to the Art committee for the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art

2011-2013 Fabricator and Designer for West Supply

Fabricator for Chicago Crucible

2010 Fabrication and design work for artist Lynn Basa

2010-2013 Co-Founder of Red Gate Studios Chicago, IL

2008 Assistant photoshop teacher at Marlboro College

2004 Artist Assistant for Donald Sultan

Press and Publication (publications marked by*):

- Luxe Interiors + Design Magazine: Style Makers, Mimi Faucett, June, 2017.
- Luxe Interiors + Design Magazine, Trends. January, 2016.
- Modern Luxury: Climbing High, Jessica Cochran, April 11th, 2014.
- Sixty Inches Form Center: Up The Stairs, Reuben Westmaas, October 7th, 2013.
- Public Art in Chicago, Jyoti Srivastava, November 11th, 2010.
- New city Arts, Eye Exam: Opening The Floodgates, Jaime Calder, September 20th, 2010.
- Helen Jones and Sarah Rice, Drawn In Through the Pages, 2009, pg. 12,13,62*
- The Dog who Marked His Own Territory, Undergraduate thesis on Piero Manzoni in the context of 60's and 70's art movements with a focus on the artists of Arte Povera, Marlboro College*
- Brattleboro Reformer, Emerging Artists Make the Most of Their Youth, Paula Melton, 2007.