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QUALIFICATIONS

2006-10: B.A. (Hons) Fine & Applied Arts, First Class Honours, University of Ulster, Belfast
2008-09: Diploma in Area Studies (Business Education Initiative), College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ
2005-06: Foundation Studies in Art and Design (Pass with Commendation), University of Ulster, Belfast

ARTISTIC EMPLOYMENT

2012- Current: Part time lecturer, University of Ulster, Belfast
2010- Current: Visiting Textile Artist at the University of Ulster, Belfast
2011- Current: Workshop Facilitator, Dromore Nursery School, Dromore
2012: Workshop Facilitator, St Aloysius PS, Lisburn
2012: Workshop Facilitator: 6 week program. Oakwood Integrated PS, Lisburn
2010-2012: Weave Workshop Facilitator, Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Cultra
2011: Director of Development - UmeU
2011: Textile Workshop Facilitator, Irish Linen Centre, Lisburn
2007-2011: Art Facilitator, Friendly Faces, Lurgan
2008-2009: Gallery Assistant, Malony Art Gallery, College of Saint Elizabeth, NJ
2007: Art Workshops: Individually Themed Projects, 6 week program. Pineview Day Nursery, Lurgan
2007: Art Workshop: Mixed media. Individual Themed Projects, 6 week program. Drop Inn Ministries, Richill
2006: Art Workshops: Drawing Projects, Lisnally Special Needs School, Armagh
2004: Art Classroom Assistant, Lurgan Junior High, Lurgan

SELECTED PROJECTS

2013: "Digital Textile Trial", Dromore Nursery School, Dromore
2013: "Yarn Bomb Your City", working with eight community groups through the Island Arts Centre, Lisburn
2013: "Techno Textiles", incorporating basic textile skills with modern technology to create digitally formed textiles in eight schools. Island Arts Centre, Lisburn
2012: "Collaborative Textiles", community arts facilitation. Large scale textile Installation. Participants included Harmony Hill Craft Group and selected students from the BA Fashion and Textiles Degree at the University of Ulster, Belfast

RESIDENCIES

2011-2013: *Making IT* Program, Artist in Residence, R-Space Gallery, Castle Street, Lisburn
2010-11: Artist in Residence (Teaching one day a week), University of Ulster, Belfast
2007: Arts Care, Belfast City Hospital.
Publications accompanied the residency:
"Moment by Moment: A Pilot Arts Programme at the Cancer Centre for Northern Ireland" DVD and Information pack. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust in association with Artscare. 2007
"Moment by Moment: A collection of writings and artworks created by patients and staff of the Cancer Centre." Belfast Health and Social Care Trust in association with Artscare. 2007

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012
"Woven Structures", Lisburn City Library, Lisburn
"T3: Textile x Technology x Technique", R-Space at the Linen Rooms Lisburn, Lisburn

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2012

“RDS National Crafts Exhibition”, RDS, Dublin

“(work in progress)”, Craft NI Gallery, Waring Street, Belfast

“Elementals”, R-Space at the Linen Rooms Lisburn, Lisburn

2011

“Material Messages”, R-Space at the Linen Rooms Lisburn, Lisburn

“A Christmas Trilogy”, SpaceCRAFT, Belfast

“Making Christmas Special”, Craft NI Gallery, Belfast

“Xmas Art at the Ivory”, Victoria Square, Belfast

“130th Annual Exhibition”, RUA, Ulster Museum, Belfast

“Fragments”, Craft NI Gallery, Waring Street, Belfast

“RDS National Crafts Exhibition”, RDS, Dublin

“+1 Residency Show”, University of Ulster, Belfast

2010

"The Christmas Exhibition", Waterfront Hall, Belfast

"Christmas 200", Canvas Gallery, Belfast

"RUA Annual Artists' Exhibition", Ulster Museum, Belfast

"CRAFTFEST 2010", Tower Gallery, Castle Ward

"RDS National Crafts Exhibition", RDS, Dublin

"Common Thread", Arts Care gallery, Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast

"Degree Show 2010", University of Ulster, Belfast

2008

"Fusion II", SpaceCRAFT gallery, Belfast

"Going Green", Touring Exhibition, SpaceCRAFT, Belfast and The County Museum, Dundalk

2007

"Fusion", SpaceCRAFT gallery, Belfast

TENDER

2012-2013: Allianz Arts and Business Awards NI 2013. Design and Construction of 18 CNC milled and laser engraved awards

COLLECTIONS

2012

“Basket Weave”, purchased by private collector, Dublin

“Embossed Print Series”, purchased by The Drawing Rooms, Belfast

2011

“Composition I-III”, purchased by private collector

2010

“Crepe Weave Series”, purchased by Open University Art Collection, Belfast

2008

"Yellow", purchased by private collector

2007

"Look A Little Closer", purchased for private collection

"Recycled and Reused Fragments I", purchased by Irish News Collection

"Untitled I", purchased by private collector

AWARDS

2012: Arts Council SIAP Award, ACNI, Belfast

Young Artist of the Year, LAAC, Lisburn

1st Prize Multimedia Textiles, RDS Crafts Competition, RDS Dublin

2011: Arts Council SIAP Award, ACNI, Belfast

Murial Gahan Scholarship Nominee

1st Prize Multimedia Textiles, RDS Crafts Competition, RDS Dublin

2010: Murial Gahan Scholarship Nominee

1st Prize Multimedia Textiles, RDS Crafts Competition, RDS Dublin

Shortlisted for Future Makers 2010

PUBLICATIONS

2012

Ulster Tatler, June 2012

Ulster Star, June, July and August 2012

Belfast Telegraph, July and August 2012

Newsletter, August 2012

RDS National Crafts Catalogue, RDS, Dublin

2011

RUA Exhibition Catalogue, 130th Annual Exhibition, Ulster Museum, Belfast

RDS National Crafts Catalogue, RDS, Dublin

2010

RUA Exhibition Catalogue, 129th Annual Exhibition, Ulster Museum, Belfast

RDS National Crafts Catalogue, RDS, Dublin

2008

Going Green: An exhibition of Craft, Applied Art and Design by 13 selected Arts/Designers/Makers, CRAFTMARK, pp. 30-31

Robinson, J. Northern Ireland Homes and Lifestyle, May 08, Issue 21, pp. 99-102

MEMBERSHIPS

The 62 Group of Textile Artists

Craft and Design Collective

Crafts Council of Ireland

Visual Arts Ireland