Carla Christenson - CV

CONTACT INFO

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Artist and maker with focus in glass and sculpture. 3 years experience in working with glass and the same for working with sculpture. I am also an avid lithographer, having 3 years of experience with that form of printmaking. My work focuses on my interest in materiality and how different materials work together in communicating an idea.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison – BFA, focus in glass and sculpture

Graduated May 2021

GPA - 3.7

Recent graduate of UW-Madison with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Focused degree in glass and sculpture, as an overarching theme in my studies has been how I can use different materials in conjunction with each other in sculptural work. I have experience in technical glassblowing, cold glassworking, metal fabrication, lithography and also some foundry experience. I was also a teaching assistant within the glass program.

WORK EXPERIENCE

UW-Madison Glass Lab – Classroom Assistant

September 2020 - May 2021

Facilitated practice sessions for beginning glass students and taught skills such as solid hot glassworking, glass blowing, surface working, coldworking, and flameworking. Was the students' first point of contact for technical instruction outside of class time.

UW-Madison Division of Information Technology – Student Team Lead

January 2018 - May 2021

Managed and led 80+ student workers to ensure a cohesive, enjoyable workplace. Spent time as our primary hiring manager and scheduling manager, allowing me to substantially build my management skills and my love for leading others efficiently. Provided customer support for software and technical services.

LEADERSHIP

Mad Gaffers, UW-Madison - President

September 2019 - may 2021

Led the UW Glass Lab's student organization. Organized meetings, fundraisers, the purchasing of new shop equipment/materials, public outreach, and many other glass lab functions.

Art Club, UW-Madison - Officer

September 2017 - November 2018

AWARDS & HONORS

- Dean's List Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- Porter Butts Purchase Award Awarded for my piece *Putting it Back Together* in Spring 2020, piece was purchased by the Wisconsin Union.
- Art Board of Visitors Scholarship, awarded Spring 2020
- Art Department Faculty & Staff Scholarship, awarded Spring 2020
- Class of 1930 Purchase Award Awarded for my piece *Bite Down* in Spring 2021, piece was purchased by the Wisconsin Union.

EXHIBITIONS

- + AND & UW Glass Lab Annual Exhibition (2018)
- See Through UW Glass Lab Annual Exhibition (2019)
- 91st Annual Student Art Show through the Wisconsin Union Directorate (2019)
- 92nd Annual Student Art Show through the Wisconsin Union Directorate (2020)
- We Have Questions UW Sculpture Annual Exhibition (2020)
- UW Advanced Printmaking Pop-Up show (2020)
- Solo exhibition at the UW-Madison Arboretum (2020)
- Acedia UW Glass Lab Annual Exhibition (2020)
- 93rd Annual Student Art Show through the Wisconsin Union Directorate (2021)
- Hand Held (2021)