
Stephan Duerst

Stefan Duerst is a sculptor working predominantly in fabricated and forged steel, designed for domestic and outdoor installation. His pieces are abstract, exploring archaic forms, space/non-space relations, and the use of colour. Surface treatments are varied, from epoxy primer with polyurethane top coat, spray paint, natural patina to simply oiled. Originally from Germany, Duerst has devoted his idyllic piece of the Canadian shield to a sculpture park, located in in Godfrey, Ontario.

Education/ Career

- 2011 Opened "duerst - Metal Nature Spirit" metal sculpture studio and sculpture park on 60 acres Canadian Shield, Godfrey, ON
Received Gold Award for piece "White Zombie" in the forged gate category from NOMMA (National Ornamental Metal & Miscellaneous Association)
- 2009 Public Art Commission for City of Kingston
- 2003 Opened "duerst -Custom Metalwork" metal studio and gallery in Kingston, Ontario 2000
Received Master Certificate as Architectural Blacksmith/ fabricator in Munich, Germany (with distinction)
Opened "Duerst Kunstschmiedemeister" studio and gallery
- 1998-2002 Assistant and fabricator to Artist and Metal Sculptor Julia Mangold in Munich, Germany
- 1997-98 Assistant to Master Blacksmith and Metal Sculptor Herbert Elflein in Achrain, Germany
- 1997 Opened "Duerst Metallbildhauer" studio and gallery in Munich, Germany
Apprenticeship as Architectural Blacksmith/ Fabricator in Munich, Germany (with distinction)

Selected Exhibitions

2023 SCULPT, Oeno Gallery, Bloomfield, ON
 2023 20th Anniversary Celebration: Summer Group Show, Oeno Gallery, Bloomfield, ON
 2023 Stella Ripley Contemporary, Quebec City
 2022 Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, BC
 2018 Roan & Black Contemporary, Saugatuck, MI
 2016 San Juan Island Sculpture Park, WA
 Elora Sculpture Project, Elora, ON
 Canadian Society of Artists
 Godfrey Sculpture Park, Godfrey, ON
 OENO Gallery, Bloomfield, ON
 2015 L.A. Pai Gallery, Ottawa, ON
 OENO Gallery, Bloomfield, ON
 2014 Verb Gallery, Kingston, ON
 Wellington Street Art Gallery, Toronto, ON
 2014 Group Exhibition, Oeno Gallery, Bloomfield, ON
 2013 Verb gallery, Kingston, ON
 2012 Modern Fuel Gallery, Kingston, ON
 Union Gallery, Kingston, ON
 Kiwi Garden sculpture project, Perth, ON
 2011 Studio exhibition, Duerst Studio and Sculpture Park, Godfrey, ON
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 2009 Public Art Commission, City of Kingston, ON
 Sandra Whitton Gallery, Kingston, ON
 Chameleon Nation Gallery, Kingston, ON
 2008 Kiwi Garden, Perth, ON
 IIDEX, Toronto, ON
 Interior Design Show, Toronto, ON
 Designers Walk, Toronto, ON
 2007 Object Toronto, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON
 IIDEX, Toronto, ON
 Interior Design Show, Toronto, ON
 2006 Object Toronto, Gladstone Hotel, Toronto, ON
 IIDEX, Toronto, ON
 Kiwi gardens, Perth, ON
 Interior Design Show, Toronto, ON
 2005 John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, ON
 Mill Street Gallery, Almonte, ON
 NGB Studios, Kingston, ON
 Kiwi Gardens, Perth, ON
 2004 verb Gallery, Kingston, ON
 Interior Design Show, Toronto, ON
 Kiwi Gardens, Perth, ON
 Art in the garden, Bracebridge, ON
 Interconnected Art, Kingston, ON

- 2003 Mine Metal Art Gallery, Williamsburg, NYC, USA
Senseffect studio, Cologne, Germany
Gallery Daniel Martinez, Munich, Germany
Interconnected Art, Kingston, ON
- 2002 Walter-Trier-Galleries, Munich, Germany
BDS Personalkonzept, Munich, Germany
- 2001 National Ornamental Metal Museum, Memphis, Tennessee, USA
Gallerie Sager, Switzerland
Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Gallerie Pappberger, Munich, Germany
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- 2000 Gallerie Pappberger, Munich, Germany
Studio exhibition, Munich, Germany
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- 1998 Virus Gallerie, Munich, Germany
- 1997 Studio Exhibition, Munich, Germany
- 1996 Raum 15 Gallerie, Munich, Germany
Studio exhibition, Munich, Germany
- 1994 Eigenart, Munich, Germany

Collections

National Ornamental Metal Museum, Memphis, Tennessee, USA
City of Kingston, ON
Queens University, Kingston, ON

Publications

- 1999 "Anvils Ring" (Publication of Artist Blacksmith Association of North America),
showcase of new work
- 2000 "Anvils Ring", showcase of new work
- 2001 "Munich Found", Iron man
- 2001 "Hephaistos", Das Morgen der handwerklichen Ehrbarkeit
- 2002 "Hephaistos", Im Raederwerk der Metall Kuenstler
- 2002 "Fireplace accessories", Dona Meilach
- 2003 "The Kingston Whig Standard", Forging his own path
- 2008 "Kingston Life Magazine", Duerst - Master craftsman in iron
- 2009 "untitled", The metal metamorphosis on Brock Street
- 2011 "Anvils Ring", story about duerst metal artist

Awards and Grants

2004 Exhibition Assistance Grant