# BETH GALSTON



September 29 - November 13 1315 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA

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North Adams, MA.....Beth Galston, a conceptual artist based in Boston, is exhibiting site-based installations and original works on paper at CYNTHIA-REEVES, September 29 – November 13 at the gallery's venue on the campus of MASS MoCA in the Berkshires. The gallery is open Wednesday – Sunday, 11-5, and by appointment.

For her projects, Galston collects, preserves, and transforms twigs, thorns, acorns, seedpods, a process that is the catalyst for her current sculptural series, *Recasting Nature*. The word "recast" means, "to cast again or anew," and for Galston, this means creating works that are moments of magic and transformation. She writes: "I don't know the final form when I start; it develops through a process of improvisation. I spend a lot of time getting comfortable with materials. A cast resin rose stem was suspended in my studio for a year until I finally envisioned how to use it to create *Ice Forest*. Casting in resin alters the stem and makes it magical."

The artist directs our attention to the small, almost invisible clues of the unceasing – and unceasingly beautiful – natural world. The small, often missed details of the woodland form the underpinnings for the overt spatial concerns of her work: rhythm, density, movement — knitting these natural elements within the broader concerns of a space and its attendant movement of light.

Immersive installations, such as *Ice Forest*, shift the viewer's spatial perceptions while evoking memories of our childhood wanderings in nature. In Galston's words, she is looking to create "a relationship between the installation and the environment that is seamless, harmonious...I let the forms evolve organically. I want them to appear as if they had grown into, and conformed to the space. As each piece evolves, I give a great deal of thought to the space between things, leaving open space, letting the forms breathe."

"I call myself a sculptor and installation artist," she writes, "but draw from many sources, including science, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering and nature." Influenced by important movements in art-making, including Minimalism, Environmental Art and the California Light and Space Movement, she has taken up the challenge of pioneering innovative materials and processes, and melded that inquiry with her sensitivity to architecture and space.

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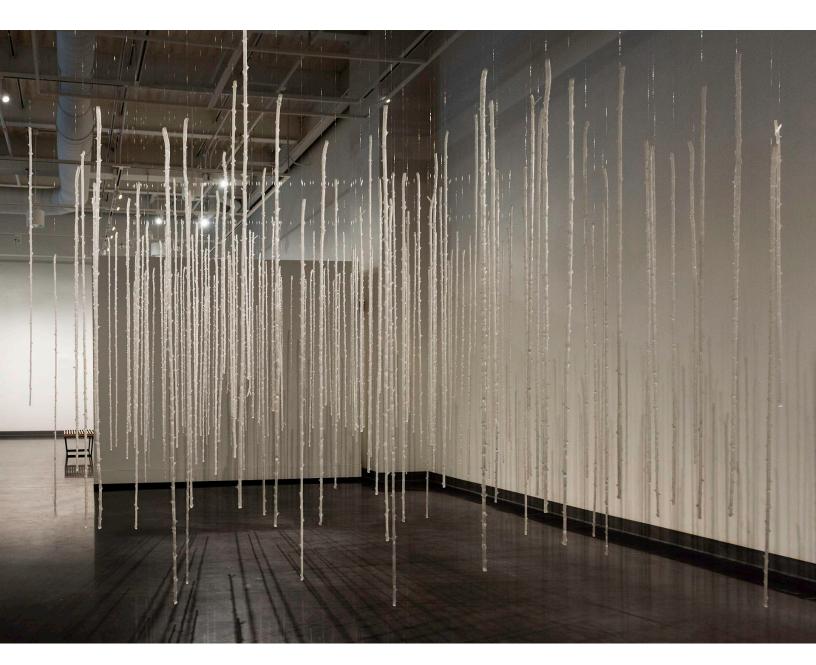
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Galston maintains her studio in Somerville MA, and is active as both a studio and public artist. She received a M.S. from MIT's Center for Advanced Visual Studies, where she was also a Fellow for five years. A recent retrospective exhibition at the Susquehanna Art Museum included sculptures from the last twenty years. Her sculptures were recently featured in the yearlong exhibition "Branching Out: Trees as Art" at the Peabody Essex Museum. Ongoing explorations include her noted sculptural series, *Luminous Garden*, immersive environments made of LEDs, cast resin forms, and wire.

Recent public works include *Sound Wave*, a computer-controlled light sculpture for Music City Center in Nashville, TN; *Prairie Grass*, a sculpture inspired by wild grasses for Northwest Service Center in San Antonio, TX: and *Serpentine Fence*, an undulating translucent sculptural fence in Jamaica Plain, MA. Awards include a 2013 Massachusetts Artists Fellowship in Sculpture/Installation; a two-year fellowship from the Bunting Institute, Radcliffe; an NEA InterArts award and residencies at Yaddo and MacDowell. Beth has recently developed a design for a public art project for Gilman Station on the Green Line Extension in Somerville, MA.

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Beth Galston, *Ice Forest*, 2001 (reconfigured in 2016), cast resin rose stems and monofilament *Photo Credit: Elizabeth Stene* 



Beth Galston, *Ice Forest*, cast resin rose stems and monofilament (detail) *Photo Credit: Stewart Clements* 



Beth Galston, Water Chestnut Sphere, 2000, water chestnut seedpods Photo Credit: Frank Nye

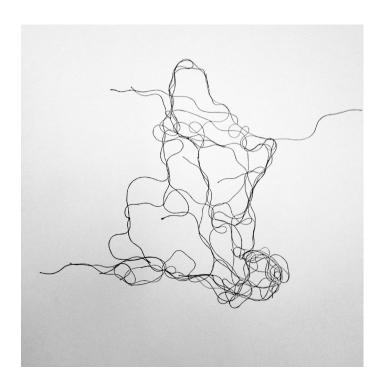


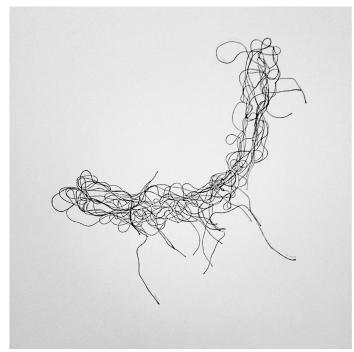
Beth Galston, Tangle, 2002, acorn caps and monofilament



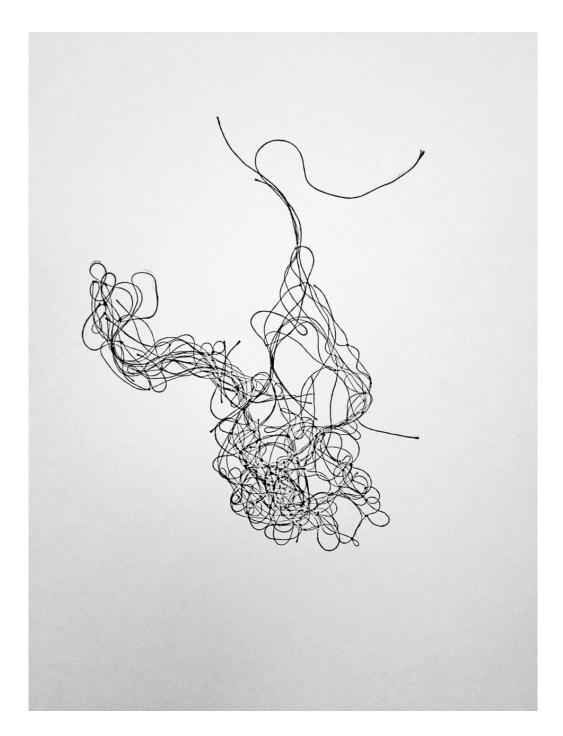


Beth Galston, Tangle, 2002, acorn caps and monofilament (details)

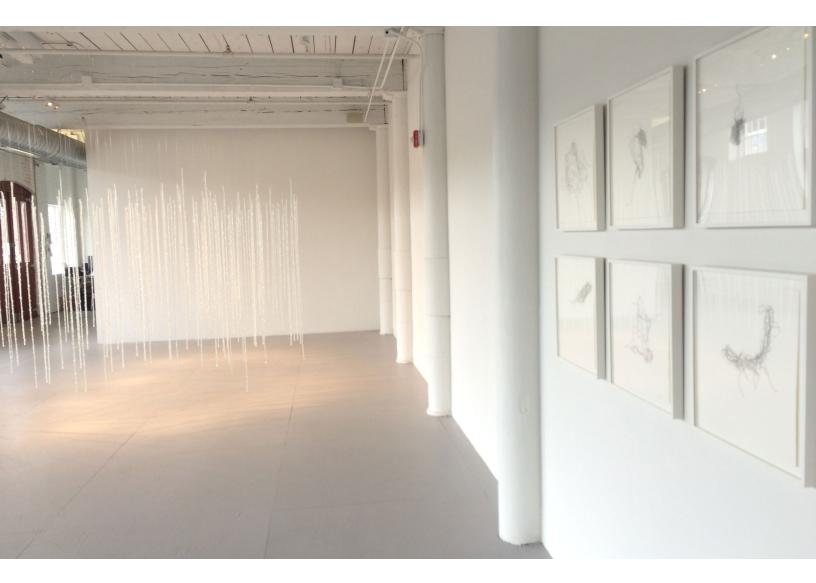




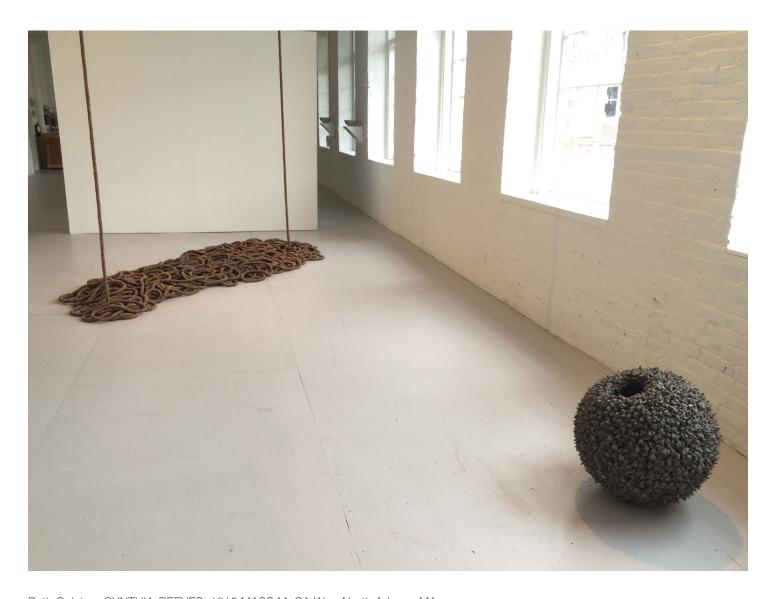
Beth Galston, Untitled (String Series), 2011, Akua ink on Reeves paper



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Beth Galston, CYNTHIA-REEVES, 1315 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, MA



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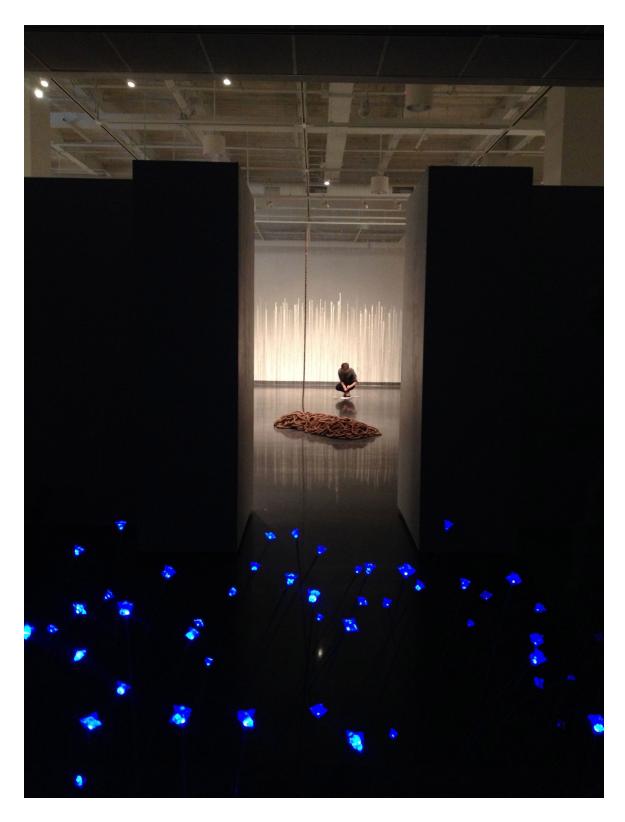
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## PAST EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

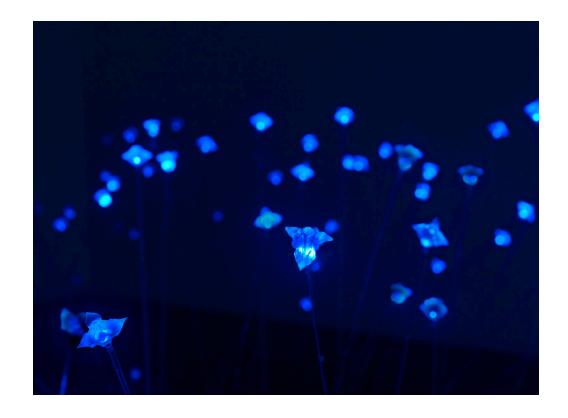


Beth Galston: Recasting Nature, 2016, Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA

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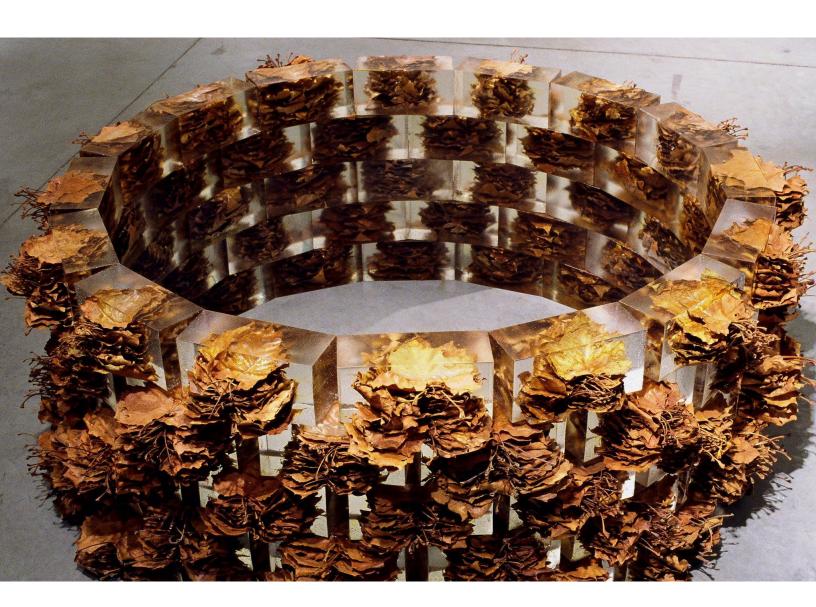




Beth Galston, *Luminous Garden (Wave)*, 2016, urethane resin, LED lights, wire, wood, and electronics, *Photo Credit: Stewart Clements* 



Beth Galston: Recasting Nature, 2016, Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA



Beth Galston, Sycamore Circle, 2003, cast urethane resin and sycamore leaves, 20 x 54 inches





Beth Galston, *Luminous Garden (Aerial)*, 2009, Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA *Photo Credit: Stewart Clements* 



Beth Galston, *Luminous Garden (Aerial)*, 2009, Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA *Photo Credit: Stewart Clements* 

### **BETH GALSTON**

#### **EDUCATION**

M.I.T., Cambridge, Massachusetts, M.S. in Visual Studies, 1981 Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, B.F.A., 1978 Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, B.A., 1970

#### SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

SOLO AN	ID TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS
2017	Solo Installation, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT (Forthcoming)
2016	"Beth Galston: Recasting Nature, Selected Sculptures, 1998 – 2015," Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA
2011-12	"Suspended: Installations by Beth Galston and Nathalie Ferrier," Provincetown Art Museum, Provincetown, MA
2009	"Luminous Garden (Aerial)," Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA
2008	"Luminous Garden (Origins)," Reeves Contemporary, New York, NY
2006	"Fragilities," Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA
	"Beth Galston and Yitzak Elyashiv," Spheris Gallery, Bellows Falls, VT
2005	"Beth Galston, Ice Forest, and Yitzak Elyashiv, Prints and Drawings from Ireland, "Reeves Contemporary, New York, NY
2003	"Luminous Garden," Christopher Brodigan Gallery, Groton, MA
2000	"Recasting Nature," Boston Sculptors at Chapel Gallery, West Newton, MA
1998	"Still/Life: Acts of Collection, Preservation and Transformation," Boston Sculptors at Chapel Gallery, West Newton, MA
1996	"Leaf Dreams," Boston Sculptors at Chapel Gallery, West Newton, MA
1992	"Translucent Garden," Bunting Institute, Cambridge, MA
1991	"BodyHouse," Bunting Institute, Cambridge, MA
1990	"Pathways," Huntington Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA "farmHouse," Sculpture Space, Utica, NY
1989	"Structure/Nonstructure," LeSaffre Wilstein Gallery, Boston, MA
1988	"Aviary," multi-media performance with Ellen Sebring, video; Sarah Skaggs, dance M.I.T. Media Lab, Experimental Theater Facility, Cambridge, MA
1987	"Black on Black," M.I.T. Museum, Cambridge, MA
1986	"Geometries," Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Beverly, MA "Tepee," Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
1985	"Appearances/Disappearances," installation with performance by Laura Knott Dance, Mobius, Boston, MA
	"Overlay," Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
1983	"Lightwall," Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
	"Mirror Light," M.I.T Center for Advanced Visual Studies, Cambridge, MA
1981	"Grid Environment," M.I.T Center for Advanced Visual Studies, Cambridge, MA

#### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS/PERFORMANCES**

2016	"Lovely as a Tree", Louisiana Art and Science Museum, Baton Rouge, LA
2015	"KCAI Foundation 50th Anniversary Exhibition," Leedy-Voulkos Gallery, Kansas City, MO
	"Botanica," Dedee Shattuck Gallery, Westport, MA
2014-5	"Branching Out: Trees as Art," Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
2014	"Dreaming Gardens," Suffolk University Gallery, Boston, MA
	"Place Value: place as inspiration," Wood Gallery, Middlesex School, Concord, MA
2013	"Connectivity," Curated by Cynthia Reeves, McColl Center for Visual Arts, Charlotte, NC
	"Animals: Dreamed & Dreaming," Concord Art Association, Concord, MA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS/PERFORMANCES (continued)		
2013	"ReThinkINK: 25 Years at the Mixit Print Studio, Cantor Art Gallery, Worcester, MA	
	"Height, Width, Depth, Time: Boston Sculptors Celebrates 20 Years, "Boston Sculptors Gallery, MA	
2012	"TechnoCraft: Where high tech meets handmade," Jamestown Art Center, Jamestown, RI	
	"CultureNOW - BostonNOW Maps to Apps," Boston Society of Architects, Boston, MA	
	"Rethink Ink: Mixit Print Studio @ 25: A 25th Anniversary Exhibition," Boston Public Library, Boston,	
	MA	
	"Boston Sculptors Celebrates its 20th Anniversary," UMass Lowell University Gallery, Lowell, MA	
2011	"Back Forty: Forty Years of Exhibiting Contemporary Artists," Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA	
	"Strands," Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA	
	"Dialogues," Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA	
2010	"Scoop," Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA	
2009	"H20: Film on Water redux," Cynthia-Reeves, New York, NY	
2007-08	"In Residence: Artists and the MacDowell Colony Experience," Thorne Sagendorph Art Gallery, Keene,	
	NH and The Art Gallery at UNH, Durham, NH	
	"Complex Women," Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA	
2006	"Celebrating Winter through Nature," Wave Hill, Bronx, NY	
	"360° in Fitchburg," Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA	
	"Beth Galston, Kelvy Bird, Lou Jones," Gallery at 38 Cameron, Cambridge, MA	
	"Site/Insight," Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA	
2004	"Enchantment," Wave Hill, Bronx, NY	
	"2004 DeCordova Annual Exhibition," DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA	
	"Presence of Light," Berkshire Museum, Pittsfield, MA	
2003	"Collection Connection," Art Complex Museum, Boston, MA	
	"Plant Matter," New Art Center, Newton, MA	
	"Gallery Artists Exhibition," NAO Project Gallery, Boston, MA	
	"Elements of Nature: Selected works by New England sculptors," Concord Art Association, Concord,	
	MA	
0000	"Apokalypsis," in collaboration with Prometheus Dance, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA	
2002	"SITE Endicott," David Broudo Gallery, Endicott College, Beverly, MA	
	"150 x 150," The Gallery @ Green Street, Boston, MA	
	"Terrain: Sculpture Today," Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, ME	
0001	"September 11 College Fund Exhibition," Rothschild Gallery, Cambridge, MA	
2001	"Celebration," Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, Cazenovia, NY, Acacia Gallery, Gloucester, MA	
2000	"modernMODULAR," Gallery Bershad, Somerville, MA  "Payred" in collaboration with Payrett Payret Carter for	
	"Bound," in collaboration with Bennett Dance Co., Emerson Majestic Theatre and Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama, Boston, MA	
	"Amulets and Talismans," Starr Gallery, Newton, MA	
1999	"In View of Nature," Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY	
1999	"Bronze Portfolio II," Chapel Gallery, West Newton, MA	
1999	"Windows Art Project," Goodwill Industries window, Somerville, MA	
	"Material Connection: Boston-Paris: Sculpture/Fiber," Federal Reserve Gallery, Boston, MA	
1998	"Form, Space and Imagination," Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, NH	
1990	"The Garden Path: Mediating Nature and Culture," Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, Cazenovia, NY	
	"Recent Acquisitions from the Permanent Collection," DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA	
	"Biennale Internationale de Tapisseries Contemporaines et de Sculptures," Cité Internationale des Arts,	
	Paris, FRANCE	
1997	"Verdant Eyes," Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro, VT	
1001	"1997 Forest City Annual," Deering Oaks Park, Portland, ME	
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"Watching the Detectives," outdoor installation/performance, Somerville, MA

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1996	"More Specific," The Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA
	"Dream House," interactive performance/installation, Somerville, MA
1005	"Bronzes: 18," Boston Sculptors at Chapel Gallery, West Newton, MA
1995	"Wrapped Grove," Connemara Conservancy Foundation, Dallas, TX
	"Convergence VIII," Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI
	"Ghost Factory," an outdoor performance/installation, Linear Way, Somerville, MA
1994	"Influenced by Architecture: 10 Artists," Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
	"Light-Space-Time: CAVS/MIT 25 Years," MIT Museum and CAVS, Cambridge, MA
1993	"Outdoor Sculpture 1993 at Manhattan Psychiatric Center," Ward's Island, NY
	"Contemporary Sculpture at Chesterwood 1993," Stockbridge, MA
1991	"Present Bunting Fellows: Past Work," Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA (also 1990)
1990	"Visiting Artists Exhibition," Cantor Gallery, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
	"Massachusarts: Installation and Place," Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA
	"5 Proposals for Public Art in Union Square," Somerville Museum, MA
1989	"Creative Collaborations: Artist/Architect," University Place, Cambridge, MA
	"Hanukkah Windows 1989," Starr Gallery, Newton, MA
1988	"Lights Orot," Center for Advanced Visu al Studies at Yeshiva University Museum, New York NY
1987	"Brockton Triennial," Brockton Art Museum, Brockton, MA
	"Antarctica," with Nancy Compton Dance Theatre, Cambridge, MA
	"Beyond Ornamentation," New England Institute of Business Designers, Cambridge, MA
1985	"Urban Light at the Limelight," Limelight Club, New York, NY
	"Highlights from Kansas City Art Institute Alumini," Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, MO
1984	"Worlds Apart: 8 Sculptors," Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA
	"Light on Light," Boston Visual Artists Union, Boston, MA
	"Five Sculptors," Northeastern University, Boston, MA
1983	"Major Works," New England Artists Festival, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
	"Group Members Exhibition," Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA (also 1984,85)
1982	"Browne Fund Initiative: Proposals for Public Art," Boston City Hall, Boston, MA
	"15 Somerville Artists," Gallery 11, Tufts University, Medford, MA
1981	"Collaborations One," Connecticut College, New London, CT
PUBLIC	C ART PROJECTS & OUTDOOR SCULPTURES
2015	MBTA Green Line Extension, Gilman Station, Somerville, MA (in progress)
	"Women in Movement," Finalist for Red Line/Silver Line Concourse, Boston, MA
	"Kip Tiernan Memorial Project" Finalist, Boston, MA
2014	"Prairie Grass," Northwest Service Center, San Antonio, TX
	"Color Rhythms," Finalist for Baltimore Redline Art-in-Transit, Baltimore, MD
2013	"Sound Wave," computer-controlled light sculpture, Music City Center, Nashville, TN
	"Musical Garden," Finalist for Symphony Park Public Art Project, Boston, MA
2011	Intermediate School 311 Public Art Project Finalist, Queens, NYC
2010	"Serpentine Fence," sculpture of steel, metal mesh and lights, for South Street Mall, Jamaica Plain, MA
2007	"Aviary," Finalist for Denver Zoo Public Art Project, Denver, CO
	"Desert in Bloom," Finalist for City of Phoenix Public Art Project, Phoenix, AZ
2006	"Color Walk," colored glass sculpture for a pedestrian bridge, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ
2002	Central Square Garage Public Art Project Finalist, Cambridge, MA
2000	"Thunderbird Bridge," vehicular bridge on the Piestewa Peak Parkway, in collaboration with BRW, Inc, Phoenix, AZ
	"Gateway to Boston," Finalist for MBTA Airport Station Public Art Project, Boston, MA
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"Waterwheel," landscape sculpture of stone and mist, Phoenix, AZ (unrealized project)

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#### PUBLIC ART PROJECTS & OUTDOOR SCULPTURE (continued)

"Intersections," Finalist for Boston Arts Academy Public Art Project, Boston, MA

1995 "Translucent Fence," private residence, Orange, CT

"Wrapped Grove," Connemara Conservancy Foundation, Dallas, TX

"Tree/House," Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY

1984/96 "Shadow Walk," light and shadow sculpture, Greene Rose Heritage Park, Cambridge, MA

#### **COLLECTIONS**

DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA; Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA; Danforth Museum, Framingham, MA; City of Mesa, AZ; City of Phoenix, AZ; Music City Center, Nashville, TN; City of San Antonio, TX; Duke Energy Corporation, Charlotte, NC; City of Boston, MA; City of Cambridge, MA

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2013	2013 Massachusetts Cultural Council Artist Fellowship in Sculpture/Installation
2011	Serpentine Fence, 2011 Les Grube Memorial Design Award, Chain Link Fence Manufacturers Institute,
	Columbia, MD
	Serpentine Fence, Award of Merit, Boston Society of Landscape Architects, Boston, MA
2010	Nominee, The 2010 James and Audrey Foster Prize, ICA/ Boston, MA (also 2008)
2008	Browne Fund Grant, for South Street Mall Public Art Project, Jamaica Plain, MA
2003	Mudge Fellow, Groton School, MA
1999	Artist's Resource Trust Grant, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, MA
1998	Massachusetts Cultural Council, Professional Development Grant, Boston, MA
1995	Residencies at The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH and Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
1994	Puffin Foundation, Project Grant, New York, NY
1990-92	Bunting Institute Fellow, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA
1991	Massachusetts Cultural Council, Environmental Issues Grant, Boston, MA
	Boston Society of Architects, Design Collaboration Award, with Kennedy Violich Architects, Boston,
	MA
1990	Sculpture Space, two months funded residency, Utica, NY
1988	Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, New Works, Boston, MA
1987	National Endowment for the Arts, InterArts Grant
	Fellow, M.I.T. Center for Advanced Visual Studies, (also 1981-85), Cambridge, MA
1984	Massachusetts Artists Fellowship in Sculpture, Boston, MA
1983	The Artists Foundation, Project Completion Award, Boston, MA
	M.I.T. Council for the Arts, Project Grant (also 1984,86,87), Cambridge, MA
	Somerville Arts Council, Project Grant (also 1985,87,88,90,93), Somerville, MA
1982	Cambridge City Arts, Grant for Art in Public Places, Cambridge, MA
1981	St. Botolph Club Foundation, Grant for Sculpture and Public Art, Boston, MA
	Finalist, Massachusetts Artists Fellowship in Sculpture, Boston, MA

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	and photo, November 19
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2014	Guest Lecturer, Boston University, Lesley College, and Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
2012	Artist-Teacher, Vermont College, Montpelier, VT (also 2010, 2007, 2004)
2008	Lecturer in Art and Design, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
	Artist-Mentor, Lesley College at Art Institute of Boston, Boston, MA (also 2006)
2002	Visiting Artist: Kansas City Art Institute, MO; Boston University, MA; and Endicott College, MA
2000-01	Instructor, Inter-Arts, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
2000	Visiting Artist, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA
1998	Artist-in-Residence, Public Schools: Pittsfield and Newburyport, MA
1997	Critic, Harvard Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA
	Artist-in-Residence, Public Schools: Sudbury, Lincoln, Boxborough and Pepperell, MA
1995	Visiting Artist, Museum of Fine Arts School, Boston, MA
	Critic, Rhode Island School of Design, Architecture, Providence, RI
1994	Critic, Roger Williams University, Architecture, Bristol, RI
	Artist-in-Residence, Public Schools: Somerville and Essex, MA
1993	Visiting Artist, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
1992	Guest Lecturer, Brandeis University, Women's Studies (also 1993), Waltham, MA
1992	Artist-in-Residence, Milton Academy, Milton, MA
1990	Visiting Artist: Massachusetts College of Art, College of the Holy Cross, and Tufts University, MA
1989-90	Instructor, 3D Design, Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA
1988	Visiting Artist, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
1983-84	Seminar, "The Artists Speak," with Paul Earls, MIT Center for Advanced Visual Studies, Cambridge, MA
1981	Instructor, Environmental Sculpture, Tufts University Experimental College, Medford, MA

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