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Susan Freda

Susan Freda is a sculptor and jeweler known for her organic, ephemeral, and intricate style. She received her BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and her MFA from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in 2009. She has been the recipient of a Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award, a Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Public Art Grant, a Pilchuck Glass School Scholarship, and a de Young Museum Artist-in-Residence Award in 2009. Susan has exhibited in the U.S., Canada, England and Italy. Her shoe and dress forms have been collected and presented at NY Fashion Week, Stuart Weitzman, Neiman Marcus, Fidelity Investments, Meditech, Ferragamo, Cirque du Soleil, and by the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artists Gallery. Her work is included in the collection of the Museo Italo Americano of San Francisco, and in numerous private as well as corporate collections.

Artist Statement

Transparency, form, and flowing line, the play of cast shadows and light on a wall, sparkling, subtle states of being that evoke intimate, emotive responses. I imbue my pieces with an ephemeral presence and ability to catch and hold light and form. Created from handwoven wire and glass, these pieces envelope viewers in a seductive, entranced space. Their transparent and interconnected forms and jewel-like nature reference nature, fashion, and otherworldly phenomena.

I am inspired by numerous varied sources, some of which include: Giacometti's stretched and elongated figures, Judi Pfaff's installations and deft use of material, and the sculptures of Anish Kapoor. My work explores the transient, poetic, and ephemeral experiences of our world – intimacy, emotion, and reflection – and offers a space for their consideration.

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HOURS

Wednesday – Friday, 11am-2pm
Evening and weekend appointments welcome



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Education

Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Boston, MA, MFA Sculpture – 2009

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, BFA
Sculpture – 1996

Highlights

Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award Winner
de Young Museum Residency, San Francisco, CA
Dale Chihuly's Pilchuck Glass School Scholarship Winner
Stuart Weitzman Sculptural Shoe Design Exhibition
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Public Art Grant,
Providence, RI

Solo Exhibitions

Line into Form, Kimball Gallery at The de Young
Museum, San Francisco, CA – 2001

Aumakua, KMOCA, Kingston, NY – 2001

Crystalis, Coffey Gallery, Kingston, NY – 2009

Oakland Windows Project, Oakland, CA,
Public art installation – 1996

Group Exhibitions

Date Night, Jules Place, Boston, MA – 2015

Adaptations, Patricia Rovzar Gallery, Seattle, WA – 2015

Craft Forms 2015 & Living with Craft Exhibitions,
Wayne Craft Center, Wayne, PA – 2015

A Tribute to the Dress, Syd Entel Gallery and Susan
Benjamin Glass, Safety Harbor, FL – 2015

Paradise City Fine Craft Show, Marlborough, MA – 2015

Paradise City Fine Craft Show, North Hampton, MA – 2015

Craft Forms 2014 & Living with Craft Exhibitions,
Wayne Craft Center, Wayne, PA – 2014

Parallel Worlds, Folcwald Gallery, Amherst, MA – 2014

Good as Gold, Craft Alliance, St. Louis, MO – 2014

Annual Group Show, Patricia Rovzar Gallery,
Seattle, WA – 2014

Fashion Meets Art, Trudy Labelle Fine Art,
Naples, FL – 2014

The Gift Closet, Poughkeepsie, NY – 2014

Charlestown Gallery, Charlestown, RI – 2014

The Fuller Museum, Brockton, MA – 2014

Patricia Rovzar Gallery, Seattle, WA – 2013

Trudy Labelle Fine Art, Naples, FL – 2013

The Gift Closet, Poughkeepsie, NY – 2013

Charlestown Gallery, Charlestown, RI – 2013

The Fuller Museum, Brockton, MA – 2013

Providence Art Windows, Providence, RI – 2013

Susan Freda Jewelry, Craft Alliance, St. Louis, MO – 2013

All Dressed Up, a Two Person Show, DK Gallery,
Marietta, GA – 2012

Felicity, DK Gallery, Marietta, GA – 2012

Providence Art Windows, Providence, RI – 2012

Gallery Artists, Trudy Labelle Fine Art, Naples, FL – 2012

Providence Art Windows, Providence, RI – 2011

Susan Freda Jewelry, The High Museum,
Atlanta, GA – 2011

Providence Art Windows, Providence, RI – 2002

In Bloom, Elisa Contemporary Fine Art,
Riverdale, NY – 2002

Couture Fashion Week, Waldorf Astoria Hotel,
New York, NY – 2002

Vulnerable Silences, Studio, West Eugene, OR – 2002

Providence Art Windows, Providence, RI – 2002

Articles of Dress, Craft Alliance, St. Louis, MO – 2002

12th Annual Fidelity Investments Open Juried Exhibition, Providence Art Club, RI – 2001

Introducing, Jamestown Gallery, Jamestown, RI – 2001

Gallery Artists, Elisa Tucci Contemporary Art, Riverdale, NY – 2001

BYC, Boston Young Contemporaries, Boston, MA – 2001

Friends of Mass Art, Chappell Gallery, Chelsea, NY – 2001

Nature After Nature, Thesis Exhibition, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA – 2001

The Perfect Fit-Shoes Tell Stories, The Fuller Museum, MA – 2001

Midway Show, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, MA – 2001

Traps, Doran Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design – 2001

Laced with History, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI – 2001

Into The Woods, Four Corners Art Center Sculpture Park, Tiverton, RI – 2001

Windows Exhibition, Stuart Weitzman, Los Angeles, CA and New York, NY – 2001

Fiber Arts Show, Martina and Co, & Gallery Agniel, Providence, RI – 2001

Resident Artists, Platte Clove Exhibition, Platte Cove, NY – 2001

Radius 2004, Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum and the Ridgefield Guild of Artists, Ridgefield, CT – 2001

DIFFA Dallas, Sculptural Jacket Design and Construction for Runway, AIDS benefit, Dallas, TX (catalogue) – 2001

Summer Show, Kingston Gallery Boston, MA – 2009

Ferragamo, Exhibition of Dresses and Shoes, San Francisco, CA – 2009

Pins and Needles, John Michael Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, WI (catalogue) – 2006

Frozen, Two Person Show, Museo Italo Americano, San Francisco, CA – 2006

Scintillation, B. Sakata Garo, Two Person Show, Sacramento, CA – 2003

San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, CA – 1996

Two person exhibition, Lenore Grey Gallery, Providence, RI – 1996

Well Heeled, Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland, WA – 1996

First Triennial Sculpture Exhibition, RISD, Providence, RI – 1996

Recent Works, Two person exhibition, B. Sakata Garo, Sacramento, CA – 1996

Outdoor Art Exhibition, Byrdcliffe Art Colony, Woodstock, NY – 1996

Gallery Artists, Michael Martin Gallery, San Francisco, CA – 1996

Bastille: A Fashion Show, Hudson, NY – 1996

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artist Gallery, San Francisco, CA – 1996

West Coasting, Michael Martin Gallery and the Elton John Aids Foundation, Notting Hill, London, (catalogue) – 1996

The Fall Collection, Diane Farris Gallery, Vancouver, Canada – 1996

Friends of the diRosa Preserve, Collector Gathering, Oakland, CA – 1996

SHED, Quotidian Gallery, San Francisco, CA – 1996

Two person exhibition, Bing Gallery, Oakland, CA – 1996

Fairy Tales, Women Made Gallery, Chicago, IL – 1996

Runway Trapeze, Edinburgh Castle, San Francisco, CA, Sculptural body wear fashion show and exhibition – 1996

Artist Residencies

de Young Museum Artist Residency, San Francisco, CA
Pilchuck Glass School, Stanwood, WA
Platte Clove Artists Residency, Platte Clove, NY
Museo Italo Americano, San Francisco, CA,
Artist-in-Residence Award

Grants/Fellowships/Awards

Nomination, *Cooper Hewitt Design Award/Fashion*
New York, NY
Nomination, *Joan Mitchell Foundation Award*
New York, NY
Nomination, *St. Bartolph's Grant*
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Public Art Grant,
Providence, RI
Pilchuck Glass School Scholarship, Stanwood, WA
Jackson Pollock-Lee Krasner Foundation Grant,
New York, NY
Rhode Island School of Design Scholarship,
Providence, RI

Gallery Affiliations

Agete, Tokyo, Japan
Laura Preshong Gallery, Boston, MA
Virginia Museum of Fine Art, VA
Skylight Jewelers, Boston, MA
Trillium Gallery, Atlanta, GA
Craft Alliance, St.Louis, MO
The High Museum, Atlant, GA
The Paul Fisher Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL
Karen Lynne Fine Art, Beverly Hills, CA
Anna Bondonio Camandona Art Gallery, Alba, Italy
Trudy Labelle Fine Art, Naples, FL
Jessica Hagan Fine Art, Newport, RI

Selected Collections

Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA
Meditech, Fall River, MA
Stuart Weitzman, New York, NY
Jane Bryant Quinn, New York, NY
Neiman Marcus, Naples, FL
Museo Italo Americano, San Francisco, CA
Cirque Du Soleil, MONTreal, Canada
Women's Studio Workshop, Rosendale, NY
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Artist Gallery, CA

Publications

Art New England, "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral," 10/11
Stuff, "Discarded Objects," 3/10
Interweave Knits, "Artist Spotlight: Susan Freda"
by Sabrina Gschwandtner, 9/09
Boston Globe, "Uncovering the Story Behind the Art," 7/09
Newport Mercury News, "Wired: Ethereal Dresses
Seem to Float," 8/09