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ALEXIS SILK *Glass*

STATEMENT

Alexis Silk is breaking exciting ground with dramatic new works in blown glass and metal that are both timeless and thought-provoking. Emerging from the intersection of the artist's fascination with the human figure, passion for her molten medium, and desire for conceptual expression, her sculptures create new conversations dealing with ideas about personal growth, nature, and perception.

Technically, Alexis is pushing the boundaries of what is possible in glass. Her glass figures are sculpted entirely free-hand, without the use of molds, while the glass is hot on the end of the blowpipe or punty rod. Some of her largest glass figures are life-size torsos hanging in six-foot-high steel frames. The blown glass bodies weigh up to 70 pounds and require a team of seven skillful assistants to handle the glass while she sculpts it. She has also created larger-than-life, full female figures that stand seven feet tall and showcase realistic facial features and hands.

Alexis describes the source of her inspiration as all around her. The human figure is a window and connection to our humanity and divinity in its many forms. The tension and interdependence of society and the individual are the milieu within which we live. There is always ambiguity. Power, for example, can be ugly, demeaning, and objectifying, or it can be beautiful, strong, and joyful.

Alexis captures these concepts in a masterful juxtaposition of the fluidity and translucence of glass with the rigidity and strength of cast iron and steel. Her sculptures combine intrinsic beauty and whimsy with meaningful comments on human nature and society.

Alexis's work is featured in the best galleries in Murano, Italy, London, Macau, and the United States. It is also in the permanent collections of the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, Indiana, Odunpazari Museum, Eskisehir, Turkey, and major private collections in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. She also exhibits at selected art shows, including SOFA Chicago, International ArtExpo NY, Florence Biennale, and Carousel du Louvre Paris.

EDUCATION

School of the Art Institute of Chicago , Chicago IL	2005
Bachelor of Fine Art - Sculpture, Foundry	
Pilchuck Glass School , Stanwood WA	2004, 2008
Glassblowing & Sculpting	

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SELECTED GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS

Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, Lafayette IN

Permanent collection

Making It in Crafts exhibition, summer 2011

Museum of Odunpazari, Eskisehir Turkey

Permanent collection

Bisanzio Gallery, Murano, Italy

Schiavon Gallery, Murano, Italy

Mazzega Gallery, Murano, Italy

Ma.Re Gallery, Macau

Plateaux Contemporary Applied Arts Gallery, London, UK

Winterowd Fine Art, Santa Fe NM

Off the Wall Fine Art Gallery, Houston TX

Duncan McClellan Gallery, St. Petersburg FL

Solo exhibition, spring 2014

Cast of Characters exhibition, spring 2012

Murano Midwest, Oak Park, IL

SELECTED ART SHOWS

Le Cinque Anime della Scultura, Como Italy 2018

Franco Schiavon Gallery, Murano Italy 2018

Solo Exhibition during 2018 GAS Conference

International Art Expo New York, New York NY 2013 - 2018

Gallery representation – Mattson's Fine Art

SOFA Art & Design Fair, Chicago IL 2013 - 2017

Gallery representation – Mattson's Fine Art

Spectrum, Miami FL 2014 - 2016

Gallery representation – Mattson's Fine Art

Red Dot, Miami FL 2014

Gallery representation – Off the Wall Gallery

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Biennale, Florence, Italy	2013
International Art Expo New York, New York NY	2011 - 2013
International Art Expo, Toronto, Canada	2012
Red Dot, Miami, FL	2012
Gallery representation - Mecenavie	
Art Shopping Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France	2012
Gallery representation - Mecenavie	

GLASS SCULPTING DEMONSTRATIONS & LECTURES

Odunparazi International Glass Festival, demo and exhibiting artist, Eskisehir Turkey	2018
NOCA Glass School, visiting artist demo, Boston MA	2018
Chrysler Museum, visiting artist demo, McLean VA	2018
Pilchuck Glass School, visiting artist demo, Stanwood WA	2018
ARS Murano, demonstrating artist during GAS Conference, Murano Italy	2018
Duncan McClellan Gallery, lecture and demo, St. Petersburg FL	2014, 2018
Arizona Glass Alliance, presentation, Scottsdale AZ	2018
Glass Alliance New Mexico, presentation, hosted by Winterowd Fine Art, Santa Fe NM	2018
SOFA party, demo, Chicago Hot Glass, Chicago IL	2008
Glass Alliance of Northern California (GLANC) collectors' group, demo, Slow Burn Studios, Oakland CA	2008
Open House Demo, Public Glass, San Francisco CA	2008
Open House Demo, Houston Studio Glass, Houston TX	2008

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AWARDS

Best in Glass Sausalito Art Fair, Sausalito CA	2014, 2016
Merit Award La Quinta Art Fair, La Quinta CA	2016
SOLO Award Winner International ArtExpo, New York NY	2013
Best in Show Bayou City Art Fair, Houston TX	2012
Best in Show, 2nd Place Gold Coast Art Fair, Chicago IL	2010
Jurors Award, First in Glass Artigras Fine Art Fair, Jupiter FL	2010
Jurors Award, Best in Glass Main St. Fort Worth Art Fair, Fort Worth TX	2008 - 2009