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ceramic gardener - sculptor



Marek Líška (b.1994, Slovakia)

Living and working in Cardiff, Wales - 69b Romilly Road, CF5 1FL

I believe all materials should be considered alive and vital. Through attentive human intervention, material can be cultivated into forms that are not dominated by pure human will, but are collaboratively shaped by the world and its forces too. Clay borders the organic and the inorganic. It is one of the most physically sympathetic materials, making it an ideal substrate to mutually grow.

Through my work I adopt the role of a 'ceramic gardener' tending to clay as a living medium. Employing the metaphor of a gardener is important to me because it enables me to forefront the unpredictable and vital dimensions of clay. This method of making allows me to strike a balance between organic and artificial, the real and imagined, outdoor and domestic, human and more-than-human.

During the process of hand building I press clay into my palm, transferring lines and folds which imply veins that seek to nourish the sculpture. The sculptures are adorned with tin glaze and colourful marks that explore the essence of growth in botanical illustrations. I also utilise specifically made gardening tools to extend the narrative of cultivation; cast in bronze, they refer to the beginnings of human agriculture, as well as the first cultivation of minerals and metals.

The final works explore ideas about our interaction with the world and our role within nature.



Education

2018 BA in Ceramics, Cardiff School of Art and Design, Cardiff Metropolitan University - Honour degree in progress
2014 BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design, Hereford College of Arts - Distinction* Distinction Distinction
2014 Arts Award Level 2 through mentorship in mediaSHYPP, Hereford
Seven GCSE A-C including A in Maths and English, and ICT skills.

Upcoming Exhibitions

2018 Degree Show - Cardiff School of Art and Design, Wales, UK
2018 New Designers Part 1, London, UK
2018 Hatfield - Art in Clay, UK

Group Exhibitions

2017 'Growing Exhibition' - as part of madeinroath Festival, Cardiff, UK (*co-curated*)
2017 Ken Stradling Collection - Bristol, UK
2016 'Overfora' - IKEA Cardiff, Wales, UK (*co-curated*)
2014 'Belief: An Exploration' - St. John Methodist Church, Hereford, UK

Awards and prizes

2017 Level 5 Ceramics Award for Technical Excellence
2016 Ede and Ravenscroft academic award - highest achieving student

Residencies and other projects

2018 Ryall Hill Studios residency, UK
2018 Crafts Council 'Hey Clay!' day - demonstrator, Cardiff, UK
2017 Ceramic Auction Fundraiser - CSAD, Organising and Managing team raising almost £4,000, Cardiff, UK
2017 LaPedrix Ceramic Studio residency, FR
2016 Pop up play - Forest of Plinths, open-call group commission with budget of £1,200, Cardiff, UK

Part-time job and Volunteering

2016 July - August 2017 TESCO Dotcom Personal Shopper, Cardiff, UK
2011 - 2017 Various volunteering roles at festivals and fairs including: Hatfield - Art in Clay, International Ceramics Festival - Aberystwyth, Made by Hand - Cardiff, Leto v Parku - Slovakia, Hay Festival - Hay-on-Wye; as well as in Oxfam and Sue Ryder charity shops.
2012 - 2015 mediaSHYPP, Hereford - mentoring programme at charity based media company.

Referees

Available upon request

DEGREE SHOW CATALOGUE





After Graduating



Ryall Hill Studios Residency
with Robert Stockley



THE 24TH ART IN
CLAY HATFIELD 17th, 18th
& 19th August 2018
Hatfield House



Live Applications Evidence

- <https://ceramicliska.wordpress.com/2018/04/04/professional-practice-applications-cv-and-artist-statement/>

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Dutton, Angela
to Marek

1 May (5 days ago)



Dear Marek

I am delighted to let you know that I would like to offer you a place in the CSAD Graduate Incubation Unit for 2018-19

We will be sending out the contract to you soon and also inviting you along to a meeting to discuss your plans for the year, key dates in the coming year, what University resources you anticipate using and who your mentor might be.

We'll begin the time in **Inc** with a trip to London and the London Design Festival on Thursday and Friday 20-21 September so put that in your diary now to ensure that you're free to come along.

We very much look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Kind regards

Richard Morris MA RCA BA PGCE FHEA
Associate Dean – Enterprise
Principal Lecturer Product Design

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Angie Dutton
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BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art katieh@balticmill.com via email.submittable.com
to me

3 Apr



Dear Marek Liska,

Thank you for making an application to The **Woon** Foundation Painting and Sculpture Art Prize 2018. We are enormously appreciative of the time and effort we know goes into every application and thank you for your interest in this opportunity.

We receive several hundred applications for The **Woon** Foundation Painting and Sculpture Art Prize each year. While we would like to reply to each one individually, we regret that the high number makes it prohibitive to contact those who have not been shortlisted. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted within 4 weeks of the closing date.

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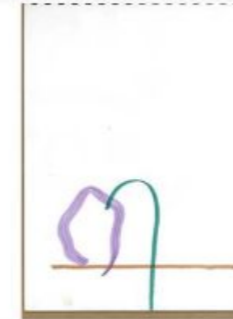
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Ceramic sculptor, artist, cultivator.

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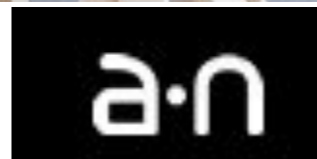
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Marek Liška | BA Ceramics student blog

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Other Opportunities



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May 2018 < >

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- Marek Liška
- Art opportunities
- Contacts
- Reminders

Other calendars ^

Mon 30

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:40 Read
- 09:10 Morning prep
- 09:45 Cycle to university
- 10:00 Monday morning meeting
- 6 more

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- 08:20 Breakfast
- 12:55 Cycle to university
- 23:45 Sleep

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- 11:15 Read
- 12:00 Play with Clay
- 18:30 Work out
- 18:45 Meditate
- 19:00 Run
- 23:15 Sleep

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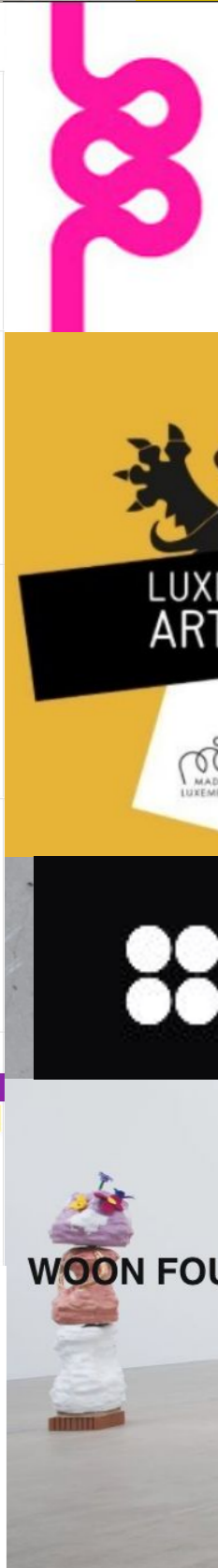
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- Graduation Show open to public
- Ukraine residency deadline
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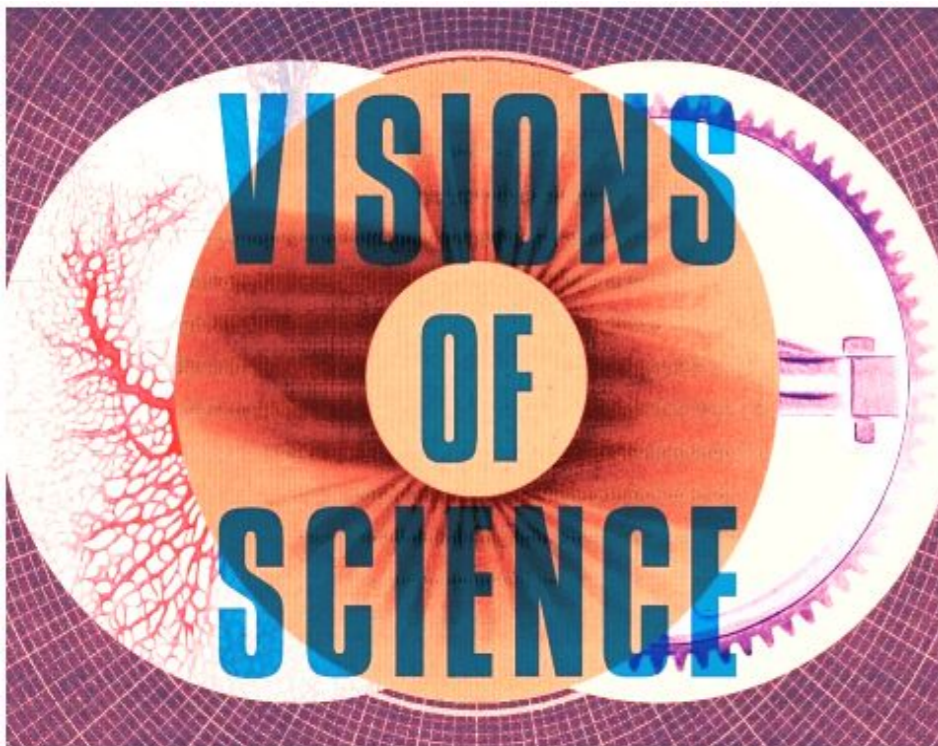


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