



Bruce Swanson MDes

Website: www.cairndouna.co.uk

Personal Summary

Experienced, highly motivated and creative individual with a life-long passion for creative art practice. Personal qualities include an enthusiastic attitude coupled with an enquiring mind, problem solving skills, research experience, technology leadership, extensive business and industry experience and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

Skills

- Strong creative drive with growing portfolio of artwork.
- Strong technical competence in engineering, science and in creative practices: drawing, painting, print-making and jewellery making.
- Experience teaching, coaching and mentoring people to reach their full potential.

CREATIVE CV

2019

- September** Appointed Part Time Lecturer at Grays School of Art, teaching an Intermediate Jewellery Short Course – *Casting and Stone Setting*.
- August** Two drawings selected for exhibition at *Drawing@Aberdeen Artists Society* show at Aberdeen Art Fair.
- June** Graduate in Residence solo show at Grays School of Art: entitled *North Britain*, an exhibition of 3D and 2D work from the residency.
- February** Elected President of the Aberdeen Artists Society.

2018

- December** Graduated with Masters Degree (MDes) in Contextualised Practice, awarded with Distinction, Grays School of Art.
- October** Jewellery work exhibited at *Elements IV*, Incorporation of Goldsmiths jewellery exhibition at Lyon & Turnbull in Edinburgh.
- September** Jewellery work exhibited at *Hand Made by Machines* exhibition at DCA, Dundee.
- September** *NEOS 2018* Invited to be a guest exhibitor at Lava Jewellery Design in Peterculter.

- July** Residency as Graduate in Residence in 3D Design at Grays School of Art. Teaching year 1 and year 2 jewellery making techniques and coaching students with personal projects.
- July** Invited to exhibit jewellery at *ArtAboyne*, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.
- February** Two jewellery-based art works selected for Aberdeen Artists Society exhibition at Duff House.
- January** Awarded Postgraduate Diploma, part of Masters programme at Gray's School of Art.
- 2017**
- November** Work shown at *Elements III*, Incorporation of Goldsmiths jewellery exhibition at Lyon & Turnbull in Edinburgh.
- September** *NEOS 2017* Invited to be a guest exhibitor at Lava Jewellery Design in Peterculter.
- June** Invited to exhibit jewellery work in solo exhibition at Scottish Arts Club, Edinburgh.
- April** Invited to participate in Aberdeen "*LookAgain*" Festival, curating and setting in context an object from the RGU collection.
- February** Work selected for exhibition in Aberdeen Artists Society Exhibition "*Mind and Memory*".
- 2016**
- September** *NEOS 2016* invited to be guest exhibitor at Lava Jewellery Design in Peterculter.
- 2015**
- November** Elected Council member Aberdeen Artists Society.
- July** Set up *Cairndouna Creative Industries* as a sole trader. Designing and making jewellery and other art-work for sale at exhibition and by commission (see website: www.cairndouna.co.uk).
- 2014** Member of Aberdeen Artists Society with two 2D works selected for annual show.
- 2012 – Present** Member of Farquharson Drawing Group (Life Drawing).
- 2006 – Present** Work exhibited in galleries and exhibitions in Aberdeen: Friends of Aberdeen Art Gallery, Nicole Porter Gallery, Jack Tierney Gallery.
- 2004 – Present** Completed 16 Short Courses at Grays School of Art.