

## SHEILA VOLLMER ARBS

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**BORN:** 1961 CANADA  
British Citizenship

### EDUCATION

1980-85 University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario - B.A. Honours Fine Art  
1987-88 St. Martin's School of Art, London - Post Graduate Sculpture

### AWARDS

1997 A4E Express Lottery Grant for *Forms in Flux* artists' group  
inaugural curated exhibition, 'INFLUX'.  
1991-92 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant  
1991 British Council Travel Grant  
1987 Ontario Arts Council Grant

### TEACHING and RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

1996-2000 Artist Director and founding member of Art in Perpetuity Trust, London  
1997-2000 Founding member of *Forms in Flux* artists' group for initiating and  
organizing collaborative events and curated exhibitions.  
1991-present Sculpture Tutor & **Program Manager Sculpture (from 2003), Morley College, London.**  
1994 Sculpture Tutor, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ont. - B.A. Program.  
1993-96 Visiting Artist/Lecturer - Winchester School of Art, Winchester  
-Wimbledon School of Art, London - University of Guelph, Guelph.  
1990-91 Sculpture Technician for sculptor Anthony Caro, London.  
1987-89 Artists' Model for painter Euan Uglow.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### **SOLO:**

2016 ***Artist of the Day, Flowers Gallery central, London W1***  
1997 The Atrium Gallery, Cooper's & Lybrand, London WC1  
1994 *One Day Exhibition of new work*, The Robert Birch Gallery, Toronto, Ont., Canada  
1993 *Open Studio Exhibition*, Maak Studios, London NW6.  
1990 Galerie Dagmar, Sculpture and Drawing, London SE22.  
1989 *The Audience and the Viewers*, Hamilton Artists' Inc., Hamilton, Ont., Canada (Reviewed).

#### **GROUP:**

2017 (Dec) *Winter Group show*, Linden Hall Studios, Deal Kent CT14  
2017 (Oct) *Out of Office*, exhibit of Program Managers Morley College Art & Design, Morley Gallery SE1  
2017 (Oct) Morley College Art Department @ *Holborn Library*, London WC1  
**2017 *Shoreham Sculpture Trail 2017, London Group & Friends, Shoreham Kent***  
2017 *APT shots 2017 – Passionate Process*, curated by **Sheila Vollmer**, APT Gallery SE8(catalogue)  
**2016-17 *Cass Sculpture Fdn, Maquette exhibition, Goodwood, West Sussex***  
2016 *Threshold*, APT artists exhibition, APT Gallery SE8  
2016 *Metal*, Burghley Sculpture Garden, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs. (catalogue)  
2016 *Fe2 16 – Five Sculptors*, Morley Gallery, London SE1  
2015-15 ***Small is beautiful, Flowers Gallery central, London W1***  
2015 *Sculpture 2015*, Coombe Trenchard Gardens, Devon  
2015 ***Contemporary Assemblage + Construction***, curated by Geoff Rigden, APT Gallery, SE8  
2014 *Elemental*, Burghley Sculpture Garden, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs. (catalogue)  
2014 *Studio Collaborations* produced by Redstart Arts, work from studio collaborations with artists  
from A.P.T studios., Stephen Lawrence Gallery, Greenwich University, London SE10  
2014 ***Pulchri/APT exchange exhibit, Pulchri Gallery, The Hague, Netherlands***  
2013 ***Folding Space, Brigitte Parusel & Sheila Vollmer***, Atrium Gallery, Barbican Arts Trust, E8  
2013 ***8 studios from here***, selected Deptford artists exhibit, July 2013, **Royal Festival Hall  
Southbank** SE1 & Deptford X Arts festival (pop up gallery Deptford SE8), Sept. 2013.

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2013 *Surface*, Burghley Sculpture Garden, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs. (catalogue)

- 2012 **2012 International Exhibition of Wood Sculpture, Sanyi Wood Sculpture Museum and Huanshan Creative Park, Taipei, Taiwan** (catalogue)
- 2012 *Delineation*, APT Artists Exhibition, APT Gallery, London
- 2012 **Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, Royal Academy, London** (catalogue)
- 2012 *Woburn ArtBeat 2012 Sculpture Exhibition*, Woburn Abbey Gardens, Beds. (catalogue)
- 2011-12 **London Bridge City Sculpture, Cotton's Centre, Thames Riverside Walkway, London until October 2012.** Curated by Vanessa Brady for VJB Arts (catalogue)
- 2011 **21<sup>st</sup> Century Sculpture, Harold Martin Botanic Gardens, Univ. of Leicester**, (catalogue)
- 2011 *Invaluable, A Retrospection of APT Artists* curated by Victoria Rance & Sheila Vollmer, APT Gallery, London, SE8
- 2011 *Matter*, Morley Ceramic & Sculpture tutors exhibit, Morley Gallery, London SE1
- 2010 *Mix*, APT artists selected by Mali Morris & Chris Marshall, APT Gallery, London SE8
- 2010 **Bounty A Case of preposterous optimism, Morley Gallery, London SE1**
- 2010 *Heart Head & Hands*, Harold Martin Botanic Gardens, University of Leicester, Leicester (catalogue)
- 2010 *Process*, Burghley Sculpture Garden, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs.(catalogue)
- 2010 *Sculpture in Paradise*, Chichester Cathedral cloisters, Chichester
- 2009-10 **Spitalfields Market Public Art –4 month Sculpture exhibit, Spitalfields, London**
- 2009 *Celebration of British Sculpture*, Harold Martin Botanic Gardens, Univ. of Leicester, Leicester (Catalogue)
- 2009 *Artists at Morley*, celebrating 40 years, Morley Gallery, London SE1 (Catalogue)
- 2009 *London Group Open Exhibition 2009*, Menier Gallery, London SE1 (Catalogue)
- 2008 **Geometry & Colour: painting, sculpture & textile, Poussin Gallery, London SE1**
- 2008 **18@108, Sculptors on Sculpture, Royal British Society of Sculptors, London**
- 2008 *Electric Blue*, Barge House OXO Tower Wharf, London.
- 2007 *RWA Open Sculpture Exhibition, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol*
- 2007 *Bounty', A Case for Preposterous Optimism*, A.P.T. Gallery, London (Catalogue)
- 2006 **Steel, Sculpture in the Workplace curated by Ann Elliott for Canary Wharf Group, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London**
- 2006 & 07 *Dulwich Festival – Open Studios* (guest exhibitor), Dulwich, London
- 2006 *FE2 05-Contemporary Steel sculpture*, A.P.T. Gallery, London SE8
- 2006 *Sculpture in Paradise*, Chichester Cathedral, Chichester
- 2005 *Sculptors Drawing*, Burghley Sculpture Garden and Stamford Arts Centre, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs., (Catalogue).
- 2005 *Creek Show @ River & Rowing Museum*, Henley on Thames.
- 2005 *Sculpture in the Garden; a Celebration of the RBS Centenary'*, Royal Society of British Sculpture, @ the Harold Martin Botanic Gardens, Univ. of Leicester, Leicester, (Catalogue).
- 2005 **FE2 05-Contemporary Steel sculpture, The Myles Meechan Gallery, Darlington Arts Centre, Darlington, (Catalogue)**
- 2004 *The Home Ideal Show*, Eshoda Arts @ The Hotbath Gallery, Bath, Avon.
- 2003 **Open Sculpture, Royal West of England Academy, Bristol, (Catalogue).**
- 2003 *Pride of the Valley Sculpture Park, London exhibition*, The Gallery in Cork Street, London W1
- 2003-present-*Pride of the Valley Sculpture Park*, Churt, Farnham, Surrey
- 2003 *A.P.T. on show*, (in celebration of the Laban Centre opening), A.P.T. Gallery, Deptford, London SE8
- 2003 *Creek Show*, A.P.T. Gallery, London SE8
- 2002-03 **Thinking Big: 21<sup>st</sup> Cent. British Sculpture, Peggy Guggenheim Collection, Venice, Italy, (Catalogue).**
- 2002 *Art in the Garden*, Chelsea Physic Garden, London.
- 2002 *Make*, (sculpture exhibit), Morley Gallery, London, SE1.
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- 2001-present-Cass Sculpture Fdn, small sculpture gallery, Goodwood, West Sussex.
- 2001 *Triangle Artists Canada*, O.C.A. Gallery, Toronto, Ont. Canada

- 2001 *A Work of Art in Itself*, Bury Art Gallery & Museum, Bury, Lancs.
- 2001 -2002 Burghley Sculpture Garden, Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs.
- 2000-01 Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Ockley, Surrey**
- 2000 Freeform Arts Trust –‘*Landscape 2000*’, Earls Court 2, London
- 2000 *Diminishing Borders*, Pearsons, Harlow Essex, (Art for Offices).
- 2000 Hammerson plc., Park Lane, London – part of ‘*London Open House*’.
- 2000 *Small Works*, A.P.T. Gallery, London SE8
- 1999-2000 London Borough of Lewisham, Town Hall, London SE8
- 1999-2002 London School of Economics, Director’s Room, London WC2A**
- 1999 *On Paper*, A.P.T. Gallery, London, SE8
- 1999 Southwark Festival’s, ‘*Art & Architecture*’, Cotton’s Atrium, London
- 1999 New Art Centre, Sculpture Park & Gallery, Roche Court, East Winterslow, Salisbury, Wiltshire**
- 1999 Smith Klein Beecham, (Art for Offices), Harlow, Essex
- 1998 Addison Wesley Longman - ‘*Global*’, Harlow, Essex.
- 1998 *Sculpture Exhibition ’98 (Outdoors)*, Millfield, Street, Somerset.
- 1998 SHIFT, Kilkenny County Hall Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland and The Nunnery Gallery, Bow Arts, London E3**
- 1998 *Sculpture* - Sheila Vollmer and *Painting* - Patrick Jones, Dillington House, Illminster, Somerset, (Somerset Arts Week).
- 1997 INFLUX, curated exhibition by Forms in Flux, A.P.T. Gallery, London SE8, (supported by an A4E Lottery Grant)**
- 1997 *Art at 100*, Hammerson plc., (sponsored by), Park Lane W,1 Dickson/Russell Art.
- 1997 *Open*, Gallery Fresh, Greenwich, London SE10.
- 1996 *ART Forum*, Jane Gray & Shirley O’Neill - paintings and Sheila Vollmer - Sculpture, 120 Old Broad Street, London EC2.
- 1996 Inaugural Open Studio and Gallery Exhibition, Art in Perpetuity Trust, Harold Works, London SE8.**
- 1994 Faculty Exhibition, Zavitz Gallery, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ont., Canada
- 1993 *Brick Lane Open 3*, curated by Janus Avivson Gallery, London E1.
- 1993 *Lochbund Sculpture Exhibition*, Oxford Art Week, Oxfordshire.
- 1993 Sculpture Space Inc., 2 month sculpture residency & exhibition, Utica, N.Y.**
- 1992 *Sculpture Exhibition*, Blackfriars Arts Centre & Fydell House, Boston, Lincolnshire, (Catalogue).
- 1992 Shave Farm Artists’ Workshop and exhibit, Somerset, (Catalogue).**
- Shave Exhibition*, Chesil Gallery, Chiswell, Portland, Dorset.
- 1991 Triangle Artists’ Workshop, Pine Plains, N.Y. - Benington College & Usdan Gallery, Triangle Artists ’91 Exhibit, Benington, Vermont.**
- 1991 *Sculpture* - Sheila Vollmer and ‘*Painting*’ - Jacqueline Askew, Dorrell Hall, London SE23.
- 1990 Hardingham Sculpture Workshop and exhibit, Hardingham, Norfolk.
- 1990 *Steel by Design*, Scunthorpe Museum & Art Gallery, S. Humberside

#### **COLLECTIONS**

**Prudential plc, London**; Dillington House, Illminster, Somerset; **Wolverhampton Art Gallery**, (Sensory Gallery), Wolverhampton, Staffs.; University of Guelph Arboretum, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Private Collections in the UK, Canada, USA, and Switzerland.

#### **COMMISSIONS**

- 2014 2 Private Sculpture Commissions, Bath, UK
- 2005-06 British Land - Beehive Centre, Cambridge: 1 of 4 short listed.
- 2003-4 Richard Atkins Primary School, London SW2
- 2002 Groundwork Thames Gateway London South, Community Artwork.

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- 2001 Private Outdoor Sculpture Commission, Clinton, Ont., Canada.
- 1997 Private Sculpture Commission, London, UK.
- 1994 Private Sculpture Commission, Whistler, BC, Canada.

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- Elemental**, Exhibition catalogue, Burghley Sculpture Garden, Stamford Lincs – May 2014
- Surface**, Exhibition catalogue, Burghley Sculpture Garden, Stamford Lincs – May 2013
- Royal Academy Summer Exhibition**, Exhibition Catalogue, Royal Academy, London, Summer 2012
- London Bridge City Sculpture**, Cotton's Centre, Exhibition Catalogue, Thames Riverside Walkway, London Bridge, Curated by Vanessa Brady for VJB Arts, catalogue produced & written by Polly Bieleckam, Gallery Director, Pangolin London Sculpture Gallery, Oct 2011 - Oct 2012
- Woburn ArtBeat 2012 Sculpture Exhibition** in partnership with Woburn Abbey Gardens, Exhibition Catalogue – April-August 2012
- Invaluable A Retrospection by APT Artists**, Exhibition catalogue, APT Gallery London - July 2011
- A Decade of Sculpture in the Garden - Sculpture in the Garden 2011** at the Botanic Garden, University of Leicester, June 2011
- Process**, Exhibition catalogue, Burghley Sculpture Garden, Stamford Lincs – May 2010
- A Celebration of British Sculpture**, Exhibition catalogue, Harold Martin Botanic Garden, University of Leicester, Leicester – June 2009 & June 2010
- Artists at Morley**, Exhibition Catalogue, Morley College, London - Oct. 2009
- Open Exhibition 2009, The London Group**, Exhibition Catalogue, Menier Gallery, London – Oct. 2009
- Bounty, A Case of Preposterous Optimism**, Exhibition Catalogue, APT Gallery - Sept. 2007
- Interviews-Artists**, May 2007, Recordings from CV/Visual Arts research Archive 1988-96, Visual Arts Research by Nicholas Wegner.
- Canary Wharf, City Life**, Sept. 2006 Issue 15, Exhibition preview Sculpture in the Workplace.
- Fe2 05 Contemporary Sculpture**, Exhibition catalogue Sept. 2005, Myles Meechan Gallery, Darlington Arts Centre, Darlington DL3, (supported by Corus & Arts & Business) - Sept. 2005
- Darlington & Stockton Times, Northern Echo & Evening Gazette** (Darlington), Exhibition reviews Fe2 05 Group Exhibition – Sept 2005
- Sculptors Drawing**, Exhibition catalogue, Burghley Sculpture Park, Stamford, Lincs. - 2005
- Stamford Living**, Local Living Ltd., Stamford, Lincs., - June 2005
- Sculpture in the Garden: a celebration of the RBS Centenary**, Exhibition catalogue, Harold Martin Botanic Garden, University of Leicester, Leicester - 2005
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