

Ruth Harries

Statement

Works consider characteristics of mark making produced by writing, scribbling and drawing in stitch. I am interested in the traces and the details in marks left behind in our everyday lives. Working directly, I use machine stitch and mixed medium, aiming to express the speed, weight and gesture of marks. The multilayered narrative of three dimensional construction enables the reassembling and reinventing of nails, wire, tacks, cloth and thread; materials from my upbringing and sense of place; unexceptional items that might otherwise have been discarded and overlooked, re-stimulating the use of hand stitch and creating sculptures of dark beauty.

Bio...

Ruth Harries lives and works in Cardiff, after studying Textiles at Cardiff College. She won the overall award for Welsh Artist of the Year in 2008 , Best Textiles-Selvedge Award, Made by Hand 2010 and has represented Wales at the Festival Inter- Celtique de L'Orient in France.

Ruth has exhibited nationally and internationally including France, Holland, Sweden, Netherlands, USA and Ireland. She has shown widely in group shows, including Pfaff Art Embroidery London the National Eisteddfod of Wales, Welsh Contemporaries in London and in numerous exhibitions with the Fibre Art Wales Group.

Commissions include British Council and the National Trust
Publications include features in Embroidery Magazine, three Fibre Art publications and Pfaff Art Catalogues

Selected Curriculum Vitae (recent)

Awards

2012 First Artist in Residence, Cardiff Open
2010 Best Textiles Award' - Awarded by Selvedge Magazine at the Made by Hand Exhibition.
2010 ACW Individual Grant Project

Exhibitions:

2013

Made London –selected exhibition
'Assembly' Maker in Focus – Mission Gallery, Swansea
'Dialogue' – FAW Quilt Museum and Gallery York
'Fibre in Focus' – FAW Galerie, Caernarfon
'Art Craft' –Cardiff –invited exhibition

2012

New Brewery Arts – invited exhibition
'Conversations & Dialogues' –FAW Bangor Gallery & Museum
Made by Hand - Tredegar House – selected exhibition
Cardiff Open – selected exhibition

Fibre Art Wales at the National Eisteddfod of Wales, Vale of Glamorgan
'Welsh Artist of the Year' – Cardiff - selected exhibition
Summer Exhibition, Craft in the Bay, Cardiff – selected exhibition
'celf.....a chreffft' National Eisteddfod of Wales, Vale of Glamorgan
'Running Stitch' – Llantarnam Grange Art Centre-by invitation

2011

Made by Hand – Tredegar House – selected exhibition
Gwynedd Museum and Art Gallery , Bangor – by invitation
'Cwtch' – Craft in the Bay
'The Art of Childsplay', New Brewery Arts , Cirencester- by invitation
'celf.....a chreffft' National Eisteddfod of Wales, Wrexham
Summer Exhibition, Craft in the Bay, Cardiff- selected exhibition
'Fibre Voices' –Fibre Art Wales, Newport Art Gallery
ARTEMISIA, St.David's Hall , Cardiff Feb 25th - April 8th