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About me

I work predominantly in hot glass. Additionally, I enjoy working in pewter and wood work. I love the processes of hot glass, the skill it takes to make things and the complexity and simplicity used to create beautiful pieces of work. I occasionally use pewter as additions in other work. I'm generally inspired by things around me and my experiences which vary as well as a constant urge to improve my technical skills as a glass blower.

I am a glassblowing demonstrator at the Red House Cone. I have also assisted Melissa Nicholls, Ian Macdonald, Helen Millard and Allister Malcolm.

Exhibitions

2014

- Arts Fest – Dudley College

2015

- Silent Gallery – Dudley College
- Arts Fest – Dudley College

2016

- British Arts Medals Society – Student Medal Project – Carmarthen School of Arts, Carmarthen
- Pewter Now – Reflections in History – Cockington Court Gallery, Torquay

2017

- Pewter Now – Reflections in History – Sheffield
- Reflections of Wightwick – White House Cone Museum of Glass, Stourbridge
- Bruntnell – Astley Exhibition – White House Cone Museum of Glass, Stourbridge
- Pewter Now – Small is Beautiful – Cockington Court Gallery, Torquay

2018

- Pewter Now – Small is Beautiful – Sheffield
- Degree Show – University of Wolverhampton – School of Arts, Wolverhampton
- New Designers – Business Design Centre – Islington, London
- In:Site – Birmingham Cathedral – Birmingham

2020

- The Art Yard February Open - The Art Yard - Cradley Heath
- The Art Yard March Open - The Art Yard - Cradley Heath

Employment

- Red House Cone – Glassblowing Demonstrator – 2017 onwards
- Top Glass – Glassblowing Assistant – 2019 onwards

Awards and Acknowledgments

- University of Wolverhampton Progression Scholarship - 2015
- Range of Commissions
- Organized and Displayed in various small auctions
- Demonstrator During International Festival of Glass 2017
- University of Wolverhampton Student Ambassador
- Dudley College Residency – 2018

Education

- Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy 2008 - 2013
 - BTEC level 2 Art – Distinction*
 - GCSE Graphic Design – B
 - Level 2 - Health and Safety in the Workplace
- Dudley College – Art and Design - 2013 – 2015
 - BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design - DDM
- University of Wolverhampton – Applied Arts – 2015 – 2018
 - BA (Hons) in Applied Arts

Reference(s)

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- Martin Doyle – email: M.Doyal@Dudleycol.ac.uk
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