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Bio:

Art Shirer received a BFA from East Carolina University (1978) and MFA from Louisiana Tech University (1981) and has maintained a studio in Dallas, TX since 1985. He works in a wide range of media but is primarily known for his welded steel sculptures. For the past 30 years he has explored a variety of sculptural forms that incorporate balance, gravity, natural materials and simple mechanics to set them in motion. Shirer has exhibited throughout the United States and Europe and his work can be found in numerous public and private collections including; the Texas Sculpture Garden, Frisco, TX; R J Reynolds World Headquarters, Winston Salem, NC; the City of Dallas, TX and the Houston Museum of Fine Art.

Statement:

In the fall of 2004 I designed a group of mechanized abstract cloud forms to be suspended in the lobby of a Dallas building. The sculptures were built in my studio the following spring, and turning them on end to weld together the linear elements, I found the different views to be very lyrical and dynamic. This inspired me to pursue similar shapes by working directly with the steel, as if constructing a drawing in space. *Omphalos*, a Greek word meaning *belly button of the World*, is the second sculpture of this group.

Statement:

Welded steel has been my primary sculptural direction for the past 30 years. The majority of my works are preconceived designs that are carefully laid out ahead of time. All ideas that result from the process are carefully recorded in a sketchbook for future use and reference. *Omphalos*, a Greek word meaning *belly button of the World*, is the second in a series of sculptures that explores the linear forms used in the previous work, without pre-designed drawings or studies. Working directly in steel placing each element as if drawing in space.

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PERSONAL/EDUCATION

- 1952 Born in Cincinnati, OH
1978 BFA, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
1981 MFA, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
1983 Artist Fellowship, State of Louisiana

ONE AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2003 **clouds and islands**, Collaboration with Sherry Owens, Redbud Gallery, Houston, TX
2001 **outside in**, Ida Green Gallery, Austin College, Sherman, TX
1999 **Tension and Balance**, Fain Fine Arts Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
Art Shirer: Sculpture, Fine Arts Center, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
1997 **Beyond Words, Sculpture by Art Shirer**, Carpenter Performance Hall Lobby, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX
1996 **Persistence of Memory**, Collaboration with Sherry Owens, University Gallery, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
1995 **SHIRER + OWENS A Transformation of Space**, Main Gallery, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX
1991 **The Obvious is Often Overlooked**, Site Installation, University Gallery, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
1990 **Serious Whimsey**, Ruth Wiseman Gallery, Dallas, TX
Shrine to Life, Site Installation, Contract Design Center, Dallas, TX
In Collaboration: Sherry Owens and Art Shirer, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX
1989 **Art Shirer: 18 Sculptures**, Contract Design Center, Dallas, TX
1982 **Recent Work**, The Craft Alliance, Shreveport, LA
1980 **Caution: Art Object**, Site Installation, Hale Hall, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
1979 **Family Resemblance**, Greenville Art Center, Greenville, NC

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

- 2005 **Kinetic Sculpture**, Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, TX
2004 **Timberglen Recreation Center**, City of Dallas, Office of Cultural Affairs, Dallas, TX
2001 **Kinetic Sculpture**, Hall Financial Group Headquarters, Frisco, TX
2000 **Kinetic Sculpture**, Bozelle Kamstra/Sixty Foot Spider, Irving, TX
1996 **Orbit**, Collaboration with Sherry Owens, JPI, Jefferson at Gaston Yard, Dallas, TX
1996 **Confluence**, West End Bus Transfer Station, Central Business District, DART, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, TX
Cascade, Collaboration with Sherry Owens, Hall Financial Group, Dallas, TX
1994 **Cedars Light Rail Station Art Project**, Finalist, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, TX
1993 **Aerial**, Aviall Headquarters, Dallas, TX
1984 **Lean Too**, City of Baton Rouge, LA
1978 **Governor's Memorial Award**, City of Aurora, NC

OUTDOOR EXHIBITIONS

- Waco National Sculpture Exhibition**, Waco, TX
Sculpture on the Green, The Kemp Center for the Arts, Wichita Falls, TX
Fort Smith Sculpture Invitational, City of Fort Smith, AR
Sloss Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Sloss Furnaces, Birmingham AL
- 2002 **Art Shirer Sculpture**, The Dallas Center for Contemporary Art, Dallas, TX
2003 **Sculpture in the Garden**, Valley House Gallery, Dallas, TX
2001 **Texas Sculpture Garden**, Permanent Collection, Hall Office Park, Frisco, TX
2000 **Sculpture 2000 East Texas Survey**, International Sculpture Conference, The Gardens of McKinney and Austin Streets, Houston, TX
Connemara Collaboration: Art/Nature/Man, Collaboration with Sherry Owens, Connemara Conservancy Foundation, Collin County, TX
Artworks 99 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Aquarena Center, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
Sculpture on Campus, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
- 1997-98 **17th Annual Abilene Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition**, Nelson Park, Abilene, TX
1997 **Sculpture Courtyard**, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX
1996 **Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit**, In conjunction with The 1995-1996 Vistas Series, San Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX
- 1992 **Sculpture Park**, Meadows Foundation, Dallas, TX
1990 **Sculpture at the Fair**, Texas Sculpture Association, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, TX
1989 **Sculpture By the Lake**, Texas Sculpture Association and the City of Dallas, Bath House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX
Art Car Parade, The Orange Show, Houston, TX
Connemara Conservancy Foundation, Collin County, TX
1st Biennial Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, The Sculpture Farm, Wolfe City, TX
- 1987 **Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition**, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA
Southwest Sculpture Symposium, Herman Park, Houston, TX
City Parks Sculpture Exhibition, Samuell Grand Park, Dallas, TX
2nd Annual Kinetic Sculpture Parade, West End Marketplace, Dallas, TX - First Place
Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA
Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, Marshall City Hall, Marshall, TX
- 1981 **Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit**, Louisiana Tech Quadrangle, Ruston, LA
1979 **Sculpture Courtyard**, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2004 **One Hundred Drawings**, Haggerty Art Gallery, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX
2003 **Texas Art, Texas Children**, North Texas Food Bank, Dallas, TX
Opera Show, Visual Arts Coalition of Dallas, Music Hall, Fair Park, Dallas, TX
Living and Working in Texas III, Park Central VII, VIII and IX, Dallas, TX
Touchy Feely, Cidnee Patrick Gallery, Dallas, TX
I-45 Combined, Lowell Collins Gallery, Houston, TX
Inside/Outside, Valley House Gallery & Sculpture Garden, Dallas, TX
Living and Working in Texas II, Park Central VII, VIII and IX, Dallas, TX
Celebracion, Buddy Holly Center, Lubbock, TX
The Millennium: A Cycle of a Thousand Rebirths, Amy Graves Ryan Fine Arts Gallery, McMurray University, Abilene, TX

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued)

- Prints & Sculptures**, Redbud Gallery, Houston, TX
Sculpture 2000, Blossom Street Gallery, Houston, TX
1999 **Celebracion**, Buddy Holly Center, Lubbock, TX
Masquerade, Edith Baker Gallery, Dallas, TX
Celebracion, Buddy Holly Center, Lubbock, TX
The Last Sculpture Show, Redbud Gallery, Houston, TX
Art Sounds, Handley-Hicks Gallery, Fort Worth, TX
Retrospection 15, Buddy Holly Center, Lubbock, TX
Goliad: A Cultural Convergence, Presidio La Bahia, Goliad, TX
Artist Fellowship Invitational 1981-1998, Baton Rouge Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA;
Works By Contemporary American Artists, Art in Embassies Program, Residence of the
American Ambassador to Austria, Vienna, Austria
Small Works Exhibition, Lowell Collins Gallery, Houston, TX
Black and White, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX
Portrait Show, Edith Baker Gallery, Dallas, TX
Celebracion, Lubbock Fine Arts Center, Lubbock, TX
Art in the Metroplex, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX - Best of Show
Act Natural: Artists' Responses to Environment, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX
Celebracion, Lubbock Fine Arts Center, Lubbock, TX
Hope, Edith Baker Gallery, Dallas, TX
10 x 10, Edith Baker Gallery, Dallas, TX
Inside Out, Conduit Gallery, Dallas, TX
The THING Itself, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
earth-air-fire-water, Fain Fine Arts Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
Art in the Metroplex, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
Basket/Case, Edith Baker Gallery, Dallas, TX
Art in the Metroplex, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
Celebration, Lubbock Fine Arts Center, Lubbock, TX
1995 **House + Garden**, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX
1994 **A Show of Hands**, Edith Baker Gallery, Dallas, TX
Art in the Metroplex, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
37th Annual Delta Art Exhibition, The Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
Sculpture at the Plaza, Texas Sculpture Association, Plaza of the Americas, Dallas, TX
Fused Metal, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX
Off the Shelf: Books by Artists, Tempe Arts Center, Tempe, AZ
The Exquisite Corpse, The MAC (McKinney Avenue Contemporary), Dallas, TX
1994 Critic's Choice, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX
Art in the Metroplex, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX -Robert M. Bass Award
1993 Critic's Choice, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX
Senses Beyond Sight, Grace Cultural Center, Museums of Abilene, Abilene, TX
Art in the Metroplex, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
Metal & Mettle: Art & Spirit, Ida Green Gallery, Austin College, Sherman, TX
Windows of Opportunity, Site Installation, Joske's Building, Dallas, TX
The Throne Show, Artisana Gallery 2526, Dallas, TX
National Juried Art Exhibition, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX -First Place
Sculpture By Seven, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
Texas Toys, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Sculpture at the Quadrangle, Texas Sculpture Association, The Quadrangle, Dallas, TX
1991 Critic's Choice, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Aviall Headquarters, Dallas, TX
Ball State University, Muncie, IN
Bozelle Kamstra/Sixty Foot Spider, Irving, TX
City of Baton Rouge, LA
City of Dallas, TX
DART, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, TX
East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
First United Methodist Church, Alexandria, LA
Hall Financial Group, Inc., Frisco, TX
JPI, Jefferson at Gaston Yard, Dallas, TX
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX
Onslo County Museum, Jacksonville, NC
R.J. Reynolds World Headquarters, Winston Salem, NC
Rocky Mount Fine Arts Center, Rocky Mount, NC
Sun Savings and Loan, Rocky Mount, NC
Texas Sculpture Garden, Hall Office Park, Frisco, TX
The Barrett Collection, Dallas, TX

-and many private collections

Related Experience

1999 Panelist, Visual Arts Organizational Grants, Louisiana Division of the Arts, Baton Rouge, LA
Kinetic Sculpture Workshop, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
1996 Artist in Residence, Sculptures on campus and lectures, Northlake College, Irving, TX
1996 Kinetic Sculpture Workshop, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
1994 Co-curator, **Fused Metal**, with Patricia B. Meadows, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX
1993 Co-curator, **Senses Beyond Sight**, an exhibition for the visually impaired, with Patricia B. Meadows and Sherry Owens, Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX
1988 Curator, **Sightings**, featuring Future Akins, Sherry Owens and Chase Yarbrough, Louisiana Tech University Art Gallery, Ruston, LA
1987-88 Board of Directors, Texas Sculpture Association, Dallas, TX
1988 Vice President, Texas Sculpture Association, Dallas TX
1988, 1990 Co-chair, National Sculpture Exhibition
1988-90 Installation/Receiving/Shipping, National Sculpture Exhibitions
1987 Co-chair, TSA Membership Exhibition
1988 KERA, Public Television, Art Auction, Advisory Committee
1987 Site Inventory, Public Art Master Plan, Dallas, TX
1985 Juror, **Louisiana Emerging Artists Exhibition**, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
1984-85 Vice President, Louisiana Tech Gallery Association, Ruston, LA

Sculpture Repair

Division of Cultural Affairs, City of Dallas
Anthony Padovano, "Tilted Arc", 1972
Mary Albrect, "With the Wind", 1972
1989 Nasher Sculpture Collection, Dallas, TX
Anthony Caro, "Carriage", 1966