

Donald Robertson

## **EDUCATION**

- 1984-1986 Diploma of Applied Arts, Sheridan College, School of Crafts and Design, Mississauga, ON  
1971-1974 Creative Arts Diploma, major in drawing and sculpture, Dawson College, Montréal, QC

## **SELECTED SPECIALIZED GLASS AND SCULPTURE STUDIES**

- 2007 *Image transfer on glass*, Dr Kevin Petrie (England), Espace Verre, Montreal, QC  
1997 *Pate de Verre Subtleties and Refinements*, Shinichi and Kimiaki Higuchi (Japan), The Studio of The Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY  
1994 *Blacksmithing and Metallurgy*, Frank Turley, Haystack School of Crafts, VT  
1991 *Glass technology for artists*, Alfred University, Alfred, NY  
1991 *Apprenticeship*, Glass cutting and casting, Ales Vasicek/Jaromir Rybak, Prague, Czech Republic  
1990 *Optical Glass Casting*, Steven Weinberg (USA), Espace Verre, Montréal, QC  
1989 *Glass Wheel Carving*, Francisek Vizner (Czech), Sheridan College, Oakville, ON  
1986 *Sculptural Glass*, Bert Van Loo (Netherlands), Pilchuck Glass School, WA. US  
1984 *Glass Technology for Artists*, Alfred University, Alfred, NY  
*Sculptural bronze casting*, Centro Cultural El Nigromante, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
*Lithography*, Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

## **GRANTS**

- 2010 Canada Council for the Arts - Project Grant- To create a palate of glass colors.  
2006 Canada Council for the Arts - Travel Grant - For Berlin opening.  
2003 Canada Council for the Arts - Travel Grant - For Venice opening.  
2002 Canada Council and IPOLC Craft- Creation/Production Grant, Berlin Exhibition  
1992 Type B Pratique Artistique, Ministère des affaires culturelles, QC  
1990 Work/study grant to Czechoslovakia, Ministère des affaires culturelles, QC  
1988 Two Technical Research Grants, Ministère des affaires culturelles, QC  
1987 Craftsman Grant from the Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto, ON

## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

- 2011 Millennium Scholarship, Concordia University, Montreal, QC  
2007 Nominated for the Governor General Award – Saidye Bronfman Award of Excellence in Fine Craft  
2000 Nominated for the Saidye Bronfman Award for Excellence in Fine Craft  
1999 Honourable Mention, Le Grand Prix des Métiers d'Art, Montréal, QC  
1986 Pilchuck Glass School, International Scholarship, Sculptural Glass with Bert Van Loo, Seattle, WA  
Indusmin Award for Academic Excellence, Sheridan College, Toronto, ON

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2010 *Rétrospective*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montreal, QC  
*Chronos*, Galerie Espace verre, Montreal, QC  
*A travers le verre, Two-Person Exhibition*, La Galerie d'art, Stewart Hall Pointe-Claire, QC (with sculptor, Susan Edgerley)

- 2006 *Ephemeral*, Rossella Junk Gallery, Berlin, Germany  
 2004 *Wrap*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal, QC  
 2002 *Traces/Imprints*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal, QC  
 1997 *Sphericity*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal, QC  
 1992 *Donald Robertson*, Miller Gallery, New York, NY

#### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2012 *SOFA Chicago*, represented by Galerie Elena Lee, Chicago, IL  
 2011 *Tracés exposition*, Touring Loto Quebec collection, Val-David, Shawinigan, QC  
*35 ans/years Galerie Elena Lee*, Montreal, QC  
*Lettres à une amie*, Galerie Espace Verre, Montreal, QC  
 2010 *Studio Glass*, Anna and Joe Mendel collection at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, QC  
*Glass Factor*, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, ON  
*Kaléidascope*, Espace Creation, Loto Quebec, Montreal, QC  
 2009 *Andora Gallery*, Chicago, IL  
*Canadian Glass*, Hogel Gallery, Sarasota, FL  
*Humain*, Espace Verre, Montreal, QC  
 2008-09 *SOFA Chicago*, represented by Galerie Elena Lee, Chicago, IL  
*Pate de Verre*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montreal, QC  
*Fusion et La Collection Loto-Quebec*, Montréal, QC  
 2007 *SOFA New York*, represented by Option Art, Montréal, New York, NY  
*Lucent: A Survey of Contemporary Canadian Glass*, Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Calgary, AB  
*SOFA Chicago*, represented by Galerie Elena Lee, Chicago, IL  
 2006 *Savoir re-faire la Tradition*, Musée des maîtres et artisans du Québec, Mtl, QC  
*Palm Beach IV, SOFA*, Galerie des métiers d'art du Québec, Montréal; West Palm Beach, Florida  
 2006 *Le Verre Hot*, Materia, public gallery, Quebec, QC  
 2005 *Glass Collectors Weekend*, Sandra Ainsley Gallery, Millville, NJ  
*Palm Beach III, SOFA*, Galerie des métiers d'art du Québec, Palm Beach, FL

#### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (Continued)**

- 2004 *SOFA Chicago*, Galerie des métiers d'art du Québec, Chicago, IL  
*Collection 12 + 1 Daum Design*, le Salon Maison et Object, Paris, France  
*La Puissance du Verre Dans L'Art Contemporain*, Maison de L'outil et de Là Pensee Ouvrière, (museum show), Troyes, France  
*Vetro 04*, Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Art (museum show), Venice, Italy  
*North of the Border*, Habatat Galleries, Royal Oak, MI  
 2003 *SOFA Chicago*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal QC, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL  
*Mare*, Galleria Rossella Junck, Venice, Italy  
*Ten North Exhibition, "Internal/Eternal"*, Sandra Ainsley Gallery, Toronto, ON  
*A Thirty Year Perspective*, Sally Hansen curator, Eleven Eleven Sculpture Place, Washington, D.C.  
*Canadian Embassy Exhibition* in Thailand, Lafreniere & Pai Gallery, Thailand  
*Avant-garde et Tradition*, Espace des Arts du feu, Montreal, QC  
 2002 *Canadian Embassy Exhibition*, Washington, DC.  
*Contemporary Canadian Glass Art*, Lafrenière & Pai Gallery, Ottawa, ON

- 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Invitational Exhibition, OXOXO Gallery, Baltimore, MD.  
*Vetro II*, Galeria Rossella Junck, Venice, Italy  
*SOFA New York*, Galerie Elena Lee, New York, NY.  
 1995-02 *SOFA Chicago*, Galerie Elena Lee, Chicago, Illinois  
 2001 *Glass Weekend '01*, Galerie Elena Lee, Wheaton Village, NJ.  
*25 Years of Glass Art*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal, QC  
*10 North*, Starfish Glassworks, Victoria, BC  
*Canadian Art Glass*, Kittrell/Riffkind Art Glass, Dallas, TX  
*Canadian Glass*, Wexler Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
*Contemporary Québec Glass*, Corning Gallery, Corning, NY  
*Soho meets Québec*, Westwood Gallery, New York, NY  
 2000 *Direction 2000*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal, QC  
*10 North*, John Elder Gallery, in conjunction with the GAS International Glass Conference, NY, NY  
*Racines*, Grand Prix des Métiers d'Art, Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC  
*Progressions*, Glass Art Gallery, Bethesda, MD  
*D'un millénaire à un l'autre*, Maison de la Culture Mercier, Montréal, QC  
*Passart 2000*, Centre d'exposition Rouyn Noranda, Quebec  
 1999 *10 North*, in conjunction with Glass Art Society International Conference, Tampa, FL  
*Grand Prix des Métiers d'Art*, Viaduc des Arts, Paris, France  
*10 North*, Morgan Contemporary Glass, Pittsburg, PA  
 1998 *Les fruits de la passion*, Galerie Espace Verre, Montréal, QC  
*Biennale d'Excellence*, Centre d'Exposition du Vieux Palais, St-Jérôme, QC  
*Le feu du verre*, Grand Central Gallery, Tampa, FL  
*SOFA New York*, Galerie Elena Lee, New York, NY  
*Michigan Glass Month*, Ariana Gallery, Royal Oak, MI  
*10 North*, Belvetro Glass Gallery, Miami Beach, FL

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- 1997 *Glass Acts*, Art Forum Gallery, Singapore, Republic of Singapore  
*10 North*, Chappell Gallery, Boston, MA  
*North of the Border*, Dinnerware Contemporary Art Gallery, Tucson, AZ  
 1996 *20ans/20years*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal, QC  
*Cast glass*, Galerie Elena Lee, Montréal, QC  
*Biennale canadienne du verre*, GAAC conference, Marché Bonsecours, Montréal, QC  
*Sculpture et Verre*, Centre des Arts Contemporains du Québec, Montréal, QC  
*Art Public/Modèles réduits*, Vieux-Palais, St-Jérôme, QC  
 1995 *Quebec Glass*, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, ON  
*La pâte de verre au Québec*, Galerie Espace Verre, Montréal, QC  
 1994 *Refractions/Directions*, GAAC Members Show, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, ON  
 1993 *GAAC*, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, ON  
*Internationale Gruppenausstellung*, Galerie Hermann, Drachelsried, Germany  
 1992 *A Treasury of Canadian Craft*, The Canadian Craft Museum, Vancouver, BC  
*Anniversary Invitational Exhibition*, Carpe Diem Gallery International, Paris,

France  
1991 *Exposition internationale de verre contemporain*, Invitational, Rouen, France

### COMMISSIONS

2010 Loto Quebec, *Elan*, site specific sculpture with Susan Edgerley, Espace Creation, Montreal, QC

2009 Loto Quebec, Casino Mount Tremblant, *Le Grand Lustre*, with Susan Edgerley

2004-07 Researched and developed new exterior cladding material with Jeff Goodman Studio, Toronto, for Baha'i Mother Temple, under construction, Santiago, Chile

2004-06 *Daum France*, Design of limited edition 'pate de verre' pieces, distributed worldwide. Best selling design of 2005

1991 *Les années 20*, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, glass architectural elements for McGill University, Montreal, QC

1986 Quebec '1% Program' Art Integrated into Architecture and the Environment, *Susan's Song*, blown glass and steel sculpture, Visitors Center, Mont- Tremblant Provincial Park, QC

### PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

The Montreal Museum of Fine, permanent collection, Montréal, QC

Musée Nationale des Beaux Arts du Quebec, QC

Collection Loto Quebec, Montreal, QC

The Collection of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Ottawa, ON

Joe and Anna Mendel Collection, Montréal, QC

Numerous private collections in Canada, USA, Europe, Asia and Australia.

### SELECTED RELATED WORKING EXPERIENCE

#### TEACHING: college glass program

1989-2013 *Faculty Member*, Centre des métiers du verre du Québec, Espace Verre, Montreal, QC

Teaching: glass kiln casting, lost wax casting, pate de verre, creative idea development, cold working glass, glass studio design and glass technology classes.

#### TEACHING: Canadian and international workshops

1989-2008 *Pate de verre and Lost Wax Glass Casting*, Espace Verre, Montreal, QC

2008 *Casting through thick and thin*, crystal glass workshop, Melbourne, Australia

2005 *Lost wax glass casting*, Centro Nacional del Vidrio, Segovia, Spain

2003 *Mentor-Art*, Espace des Arts du feu, Fonds Jeunesse Quebec

2002 *Pate de Verre*, Red Deer College, Red Deer, AB

2001 *Pate de Verre*, European Glass, Mechelen, Belgium

1996 *Pate de Verre*, Canadian Glass Conference, GAAC, Espace Verre, Montreal, QC

#### Invited Lecturer and visiting artist

2013 Guest Lecturer, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, March 11.

2012 Guest Lecturer, *Ma creation: Ma carrière*. Conseil des métiers d'art du Québec

2011 Guest Lecturer, *Contemporary Practice in Glass Art in Quebec*. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Montreal QC

2010 Lecture with Susan Edgerley. GAAC Conference. Montreal QC

2007 Lecturer *Career Development for International Craft Marketing*, CMA, Mtl. QC

2009 Loto Quebec Presentation. *Espace Creation*. Montreal, QC

- 2003 *Guest Lecturer*, Glass Art Association Canada Conference, GAAC, Toronto, ON  
 1996 *Guest Lecturer/demonstrator*, "Pâte de Verre", Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
 1989 *Visiting Artist*, 6 weeks, New York Experimental Glass Workshop (Urban Glass), New York, NY

### **Board Activities**

- 1997-2000 *Board Member*, Espace Verre, Montreal, QC

### **Jury Duty**

- 2012 Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, Fine Crafts Grants, Québec, QC  
 Expo selection committee 2013 Fire hall show, Espace Verre, Montreal, QC  
 Glass Art Association Canada, members projects grants.

- 2003 Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, Fine Crafts Grants, Québec, QC

### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY BOOKS**

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### **SELECTED CATALOGUES**

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*De la Matière à l'Objet*, Conseil de la culture des Laurentides, St-Jérôme, QC, 1996  
*SOFA, Sculpture Objects and Functional Art*, Chicago Exposition catalogue 1995, p. 63  
*A Treasury of Canadian Craft*, Inaugural Exhibition, The Canadian Craft Museum, Vancouver, BC 1992

*Le Verre, Exposition Internationale de Verre Contemporain*, Le Conseil Régional de Haute-Normandie. Rouen, France, 1991

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