

Christopher Ries

Christopher Ries (1952) received a BFA from the Ohio State University and an MFA from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. While at Madison, he was the personal assistant to Harvey K. Littleton, who is considered by many to be the father of the 20th century Studio Glass Movement. Today, Ries is a highly acclaimed worldwide contemporary glass artist known for his elegant sculpture.

Christopher Ries composes light through the medium of glass. Working with large blocks of optic crystal, he releases the form, employing the same techniques used in stone sculpting. While these sculptures suggest a range of sources from prisms to faceted gemstones, these terms are too limiting to describe them. His works quietly move the viewer. They create emotional and aesthetic reactions in the viewers that connect them to his work and to the things from our environment that inspire him. Ries effectively blends a technical precision with an artistic vision that challenges the mind, while satisfying the spirit.

EDUCATION

1978 Master of Fine Arts in glass, University of Wisconsin, Madison

1975 Bachelor of Fine Arts in ceramics and glass, The Ohio State University

ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2008 *Christopher Ries*: Wiford Gallery, Sante Fe, New Mexico

2007 *Christopher Ries: Optical Reflections*, Pismo Fine Art Glass, Aspen Colorado

Christopher Ries: Guiding Light, Hawk Galleries, Columbus Ohio

2006 *Christopher Ries: Master in Glass*, The Ohio State University Faculty Club, Columbus, Ohio

Photonics West, San Jose, California. Also 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999

2005 Etienne and Van Den Doel Expressive Glass Art, Oisterwijk, The Netherlands

Davis and Cline Gallery, Ashland, Oregon

Thomas R. Riley Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio

2004 Marx-Saunders Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

Lizza Fine Art Studios, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

Hawk Gallery, Columbus, Ohio

Friends of Hawk Gallery, educational tour of Schott factory, Duryea, Pennsylvania and Ries Gallery, Keelersburg, Pennsylvania

- 2003 *Glass and Light*, Beard and Weil Galleries, Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts
 Richards Gallery, Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, Ohio
 Thomas R. Riley Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio
- 2002 Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Palm Desert, California
 Thomas R. Riley Galleries, Kirkland, Washington
 Weinstein Galleries, San Francisco, California
- 2001 *The Glass Sculpture of Christopher Ries*, The Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
 Riley Hawk Galleries, Columbus, Ohio. Also 1999, 1998, 1996, 1995, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1989
 Hilligoss Galleries, Chicago, Illinois
- 2000 *Christopher Ries Crystal*, Old State House, Hartford, Connecticut
 The Rachael Collection, Aspen, Colorado. Also 1998, 1996
 Coplan Gallery, Boca Raton, Florida
 Galerie Rob Van Den Doel, Oisterwijk, The Netherlands
- 1999 *Christopher Ries: Sculptor of Glass*, Lore Degenstein Gallery, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania
 Merrill Chase Galleries, Chicago, Illinois. Also 1997
- 1998 *Illusions of Light: The Glass Sculpture of Christopher Ries*, York College Galleries, York, Pennsylvania
 Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio. Also 1993, 1991, 1988, 1985
- 1997 Riley Hawk Galleries, Cleveland, Ohio. Also 1995, 1992, 1991, 1989
- 1996 *Crystal Illusions: The Sculpture of Christopher Ries*, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, Neenah, Wisconsin
Glass & Light: The Sculpture of Christopher Ries, Everhart Museum, Scranton, Pennsylvania
 Whitt/Krauss Objects of Fine Art, Palm Desert, California
 Naples Art Gallery, Naples, Florida. Also 1995

- 1995 *Glass und Licht: Skulpturen von Christopher Ries*, Südwestfunk, Mainz, Germany
Optical Illusions: Glass Sculpture by Christopher Ries, Headley-Whitney Museum, Lexington, Kentucky
Heike Pickett Gallery, Lexington, Kentucky
- 1993 *The Sculpture of Christopher Ries*, The Winter Garden, PPG Industries, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
LaFond Galleries, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 1992 Bell Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee
- 1990 *Christopher Ries REFLECTIONS: An Exhibition of Glass Sculpture*, Contemporary Gallery, Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania
- 1988 *Illusions in Glass: The Art of Christopher Ries*, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
Christopher Ries: Miracles in Optic Glass, Zanesville Art Center, Zanesville, Ohio
- 1987 Gallery 200, Columbus, Ohio. Also 1985, 1982, 1980
- 1985 Barrett Gallery, Toledo, Ohio
Prescott Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 1984 Habatat Gallery, Pontiac, Michigan
- 1981 Marilyn Faith Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
The Glass Art Gallery, Toronto, Canada. Also 1980
Galleria of Sculpture, Palm Beach, Florida
- 1980 Contemporary Glass Group, New York, New York. Also 1979

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2008 DeBruyne Fine Art Gallery Row, Naples, Florida
Da Vinci Days Festival, Glass Show, The Corvallis Arts Center, Oregon State University Corvallis, Oregon
Quidley & Company, Boston, Massachusetts
NEPA Landscape Show, *Art of the Land*, Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art, Scranton, Pennsylvania

- Pan Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Also 2006
- Sculpture Objects & Functional Art (SOFA)*, Chicago, Illinois. Also 2006, 2005, 2004, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994
- 2007 Davis & Cline Gallery, Ashland, Oregon
- Los Angeles Art Show, *Five Centuries of Art*: Santa Monica, California
- Dane Gallery, Nantucket, Massachusetts
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
- pAn Amsterdam, The Art & Antique Fair for today, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Phoenix Airport Museum, Phoenix, AZ
- 2006 *Capturing the Light: Masterworks of Contemporary Glass*, Everhart Museum, Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Palm Beach 3*, Palm Beach, Florida. Also 2005
- Sculpture Objects & Functional Art (SOFA)*, New York, New York. Also 2005, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998
- Two Expressions/Two Media*, Springfield Museum of Art, Springfield, Ohio
- Oisterwijk Sculptuur*, Etienne & Van den Doel, Expressive Glass Art, Oisterwijk, The Netherlands
- Weinstein Gallery, San Francisco, California
- The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2005 Dane Gallery, Nantucket, Massachusetts
- Glass Weekend*, Wheaton Village, Millville, New Jersey. Also 2003, 2001, 1999, 1997, 1995, 1993, 1991, 1989
- Seeing Clearly*, Morgan Contemporary Glass Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2003 *Art Palm Beach*, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2002 *Acquisition Trust Event*, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, Florida
- 2001 *Treasures for a Queen: A Millennium Gift to Cincinnati*, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
- New Faces in Glass*, Gallery 500, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania

- Palm Springs Art Fair*, Palm Springs, California
- A Touch of Glass*, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2000 *Kunst Rai*, Rai Congrescentrum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Old State House, Hartford, Connecticut
- Art Expo*, Jacob Javitts Convention Center, New York, New York
- 1999 *Clearly Inspired: Contemporary Glass and Its Origins*, Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, Florida
- Buscheln Fine Arts, Ltd., Vancouver, Canada
- 1998 Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Holsten Gallery, Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Also 1994, 1993
- 1997 *Glass Today: American Studio Glass from Cleveland Collections*, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
- Sculpture Objects & Functional Art (SOFA)*, Miami, Florida. Also 1996, 1995
- Naples Art Gallery, Naples, Florida. Also 1993, 1992
- 1996 Gallery Lara, Chicago, Illinois
- Merrill Chase Galleries, Chicago, Illinois
- Whitt/Krauss Objects of Fine Art, San Diego, California. Also 1995
- 1995 Galerie Rob van den Doel, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 1994 Laura Larkin Gallery, Del Mar, California
- Bentley Gallery, Scottsdale, Arizona
- Miami Art Fair*, Miami, Florida
- The Rachael Collection, Aspen, Colorado
- 1993 *Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition*, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois. Also 1992, 1991, 1989
- 1985 Gazebo Gallery, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
- The 1985 Ohio Selection Exhibition*, Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, Ohio
- Layering: An Art of Time and Space*, The Albuquerque Art Museum, Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Habatat Gallery, Pontiac, Michigan. Also 1983, 1982, 1980
- Sculptural Glass Invitational*, Erie Art Museum, Erie, Pennsylvania
- 1982 *Contemporary Art in Detroit Art Collections*, The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Michigan
- Invitational Exhibition of Sculptural Glass*, Contemporary Artisans Gallery, San Francisco, California. Also 1981
- Glass Art Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 1981 *Art of Glass: Selections from Columbus Collections*, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
- 1980 *Art in Columbus: 50 Years*, State Office Tower, Columbus, Ohio (from the collection of the Columbus Museum of Art with support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council)
- 1979 *Prospectus: Glass Masters of Two Eras*, National Heisey Glass Museum, Newark, Ohio
- Contemporary Glass Invitational*, D. Erlien Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1978 *Limited Editions and Cohen Gallery Invitational*, Cohen Gallery, Newton, Massachusetts
- Glass America 1978*, Contemporary Art Glass Group, Lever House, New York, New York
- Contemporary Glass in America*, Oklahoma Arts Center, Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma. Exhibition traveled to the Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 1977 *Glassblowers and Stained Glass Makers of Ohio*, Mather Gallery, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- Contemporary Art Glass Group, New York, New York

PUBLICATIONS

- Tarsitano, Debbie, "Christopher Ries: Sculpture in Four Dimensions (Length, Width, Height and Light)," *Glass Art* (July/ August 2007)
- Lawrence, Lee, "Light Show," *American Style* (Summer 2003).
- Yood, James, "Christopher Ries: Crystal Logic," *Neues Glas/New Glass* (Winter 2001).
- Yood, James, "Crystal Logic," *The Glass Sculpture of Christopher Ries*. Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio, 2001 (exhibition catalog).
- Hause, Katherine, "Composed Light," *SCHOTT information*, No. 96 (2000).

- Paine, Janice T., "Clearly Inspired: Contemporary Glass and Its Origins," *American Craft* (October/November 1999).
- Chambers, Karen M., "Clearly Inspired," Tampa Museum of Art (1999) (exhibition catalog).
- Drake, Jeanette Wenig, "Splendor in the Glass," *Alumni Magazine*, The Ohio State University (November 1998).
- Hawley, Henry, "Glass Today: American Studio Glass from Cleveland Collections," Cleveland Museum of Art, (1997) (exhibition catalog).
- Kapelke, Steven, "Focus: Christopher Ries," *American Craft*, (December 1996/January 1997).
- Waggoner, Shawn, "The Fourth Dimension: The Art Glass of Christopher Ries," *Glass Art* (November/December 1996).
- Crystal Illusions: The Sculpture of Christopher Ries*, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum (1996) (exhibition catalog).
- Glass & Light: The Sculpture of Christopher Ries*, Everhart Museum (1996) (exhibition catalog)
- Optical Illusions: Glass Sculpture by Christopher Ries*, Headley-Whitney Museum (1995) (exhibition catalog).
- Procelli, Joe, "Christopher Ries," *PSG's Glass Artist* (April/May 1995).
- Briggs, Richard, *Windows to a View: The Work of Glass Sculptor Christopher Ries*, WVIA-TV (November 1993).
- Cusick, Daniel L., "A Clear Look at Christopher Ries," *Art Today*, Vol. V, No. 3 (1990).
- Ellis, Anita J., *Illusions I Glass: The Art of Christopher Ries*, Cincinnati Art Museum (1988) (exhibition catalog).
- Smith, Mary Polites, "Art is Alive and Well and Living in Columbus: Christopher Ries," *Columbus Homes and Lifestyles*, (September/October 1985).
- Art of Glass: Selections from Columbus Collections*, Columbus Museum of Art (1981) (exhibition catalog).
- Mulgrew, Susan Weiss, "A Master in Glass," *Columbus Monthly*, (May 1981).
- Art in Columbus: 50 Years*, Columbus Museum of Art (1980) (exhibition catalog).
- Holister, Paul, "Glass as Different as Can Be," *Collector Editions Quarterly* (Spring 1979).

AWARDS

2005 Artist as Hero, National Liberty Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- Distinguished Artist Award, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1990 Ohioana Citation for Distinguished Service to Ohio in the Field of Art.
- 1978-79 Aid to Individual Artists Fellowship, Ohio Arts Council
- 1974-75 Leo Yassenoff Scholarship

COLLECTIONS

PUBLIC

- American Ceramic Society, Ohio
- Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Columbus Airport, Ohio
- Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, Ohio
- Contemporary Arts and Crafts Museum and Gallery, Palm Beach, Florida
- Corning Museum of Glass
- Goodyear Collection
- Governor's Residence, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Indianapolis Art Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Muncie Public Library, Muncie, Indiana
- Museum of American Glass, Wheaton Village, Millville, New Jersey
- The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota
- National Liberty Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Otto Schott Centrum, Mainz, Germany
- The Patrick Lannon Foundation, Florida
- Smart Gallery, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
- The University of Central Florida, Orlando Florida
- Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio

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