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curriculum vitae

1963	Born, England. Family moved to Aberdeen 1970

education

1985	RSA John Kinross Scholarship to Florence
1985-6	Andrew Grant Major Award for Post Graduate Study
1983-5	Andrew Grant Travel Scholarships (Humanities) - Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, France
1981-6	Edinburgh College of Art: BA (Hons) Sculpture, Post Graduate Diploma

committees, professional memberships

2023	Royal Society of Sculptors: Fellow
2012	Royal Scottish Academy: Academician
1992	Society of Scottish Artists: elected professional member
2025-	Royal Scottish Academy Chair of General Purposes Committee and Member of Council
2024-	Royal Scottish Academy: General Purposes Committee
2018/20	Royal Scottish Academy: Annual Exhibition Hanging Committee
2016-19	Moray Place Partnership, Arts and Culture Stakeholder Group
2014-17	Royal Scottish Academy: Exhibitions Committee
2009-2017	Deveron Projects: Board member (Secretary 2009-2012, Chair 2012-2017)
2011-13	Moray Creative Learning Network, member and artist mentor
2000-2006	Scottish Sculpture Workshop: Board member (Chair 2002-2005)
1998-2000	Scottish Sculpture Trust: Trustee
1995-2000	Scottish Arts Council: Visual Arts Committee
1998-9	Dundee Public Art Programme: Board member
1995-8	Scottish Arts Council: Exhibitions Panel
1986-7	Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop: feasibility study committee

residencies

2024	Land Art Museum, Hestøya, Norway
2024	The Royal Drawing School at Dumfries House
2022-23	Art of Farming: Aberdeenshire Council with NFUScotland and RGU University
2021-2	Farm Stones: Arts in Moray Culture Collective
2017	Space/Time, Magnetic North at Cove Park, Argyll
2015	Royal British Sculptors Brian Mercer Residency, Studio Sem, Pietrasanta, Italy
2013	By Leaves We Live, Planning Aid Scotland/Scottish Natural Heritage
1995	Norton Priory Museum, Cheshire
1993	Cradlehall Primary School, Highland Region
1987-90	Irvine New Town (inc. 1988 Glasgow Garden Festival & 1989 Ravenspark Academy)

commissions

Ongoing	River Nairn Artwork, Sustrans, with Lynne Strachan
2025-26	Aberdeenshire Greenways, for AHSCP, with Lynne Strachan
2024-25	Aberdeen Art Gallery: Micro-Commission
2023	Glenlivet Estate: Mindfulness artworks, with Lynne Strachan
2022	Cabrach Community Dresser with Lynne Strachan and Barrel Creations
2019-22	Provan Hall Finial Project, Glasgow
2018	New Kinellar Primary School, Aberdeenshire
2017	International Workers' Memorial, Inverness: Inverness & District Trades Union Council
2017	Botanical Roundels, Riddles Court, Edinburgh, Scottish Historic Buildings Trust, with Historic Environment Scotland apprentice masons
2014-16	River Connections, River Ness Flood Alleviation Scheme
2016	White Wood, Deveron Arts, Huntly
2011-2015	New Ellon Academy, Aberdeenshire (Lead Artist)
2011-2015	Cairn View, Kemnay
2011-2014	New Mearns Academy, Aberdeenshire (Lead Artist)
2012	Chalmers Hospital, Banff
2010-11	New upper primary school, Dunbar, East Lothian
2010	Westhill Compass, Westhill, Aberdeenshire
2005-07	Eden Court Theatre, Inverness
2006-07	Memorial to Mary Slessor, Union Terrace Gardens, Aberdeen
2003	The Oaks, Macmillan Daycare Centre, Elgin
1999	Plainstones, Elgin
1999	Scottish Poetry Library, Edinburgh
1998	Mugdock Country Park, Milngavie
1998	Dunkeld Riverside
1998	Bennachie Interpretative Artworks, Aberdeenshire
1998	Victoria Hospice, Kirkcaldy
1997	Bush House, Edinburgh
1997	Nanao Riverside, Nanao, Japan
1996	Mallerstang, East Cumbria
1996	Dock Museum, Barrow in Furness
1996	Wellgate Urban Garden, Dundee
1996	Norton Priory Museum and Gardens, Cheshire
1995	Almondvale Business Park, Livingston
1994	Thompson Park and Marley Pots, Sunderland
1994	Texaco North Sea, Aberdeen
1993	Cradlehall Primary School, Inverness
1984-90	A variety of sites around Irvine New Town

collections

Royal Scottish Academy
Aberdeen City
Deveron Projects
Aberdeenshire Council
Highland Council
East Lothian Council
North Ayrshire Council
MacLaurin Art Gallery, Ayr
North Lanarkshire Council
Texaco North Sea
City of Sunderland
West Lothian Council
Norton Priory Museum
Barrow Borough Council
E. Cumbria Countryside Project
Nanao City Japan
Forest Enterprise
Technopole, Edinburgh
Victoria Hospice, Kirkcaldy
Perth and Kinross Council
Mugdock Country Park
Riddles Court, Edinburgh
Moray Council
Macmillan Cancer Care
Stobhill Hospital
Cabrach Trust
+ numerous private collections

selected solo exhibitions

2013	Remembered Landscapes	Aberdeen Royal Infirmary
2012	The Slow Grind	Timespan, Helmsdale, Sutherland
2010	A Thread of Light	Moray Art Centre & Coast Visual Art Festival, Banff
1994	Elegies and Evocations	Inverness Art Gallery + tour to 8 venues
1992	A Circle of Hills	London Ecology Centre

selected group exhibitions

2026	Shimmering	2 person show with Anne Bevan at Inverness Art Gallery
2026	RSS Assembly	Abject Gallery, Sunderland; Hypha South Bank, London
2026	Origin Stories & 200 Years	Royal Scottish Academy
2025	So Many Summers	Royal Scottish Academy
2025	Scottish Landscape Awards	Kirkcudbright Art Gallery
2025	The Land	Society of Scottish Artists, Dick Institute, Kilmarnock
2025	Inspired by The Cabrach	Inverharroch Steading
2024	Connecting the Cabrach	Inverharroch Smiddy; Elgin Cathedral
2024	The Artist's Garden	Royal Scottish Academy
2022	Impressions in Stone	The Scottish Gallery
2021-22/3	Cabrach Reconnections	Tours of rural venues in Banffshire; Custom House, Leith; Aberdeen Art Gallery; Findhorn Bay Festival
2021	Andiamo: *40 years of the RSA John Kinross Scholarships to Florence*	curated for The Royal Scottish Academy
2021	January Blues	The Scottish Gallery
2020	Academicians in Isolation	Royal Scottish Academy
2019	Our Infinite Land	Royal Scottish Academy
2019	Summer Exhibition	Scottish Sculpture Park, Caol Ruadh, Argyll
2019	A Natural Selection	The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
2019	Botanicals	An Talla Solais, Ullapool
2018	Chelsea Flower Show	Some Place and One Loch, Two Days featured in RHS Feel Good Garden by Rosebank Landscaping
2018	Winter Flowers	Royal Scottish Academy
2017	Ages of Wonder: Scotland's Art, 1540 - Now,	Royal Scottish Academy
2017	Hortus Redux	Scottish Sculpture Park, Caol Ruadh, Argyll
2016	Brian Mercer Award Winners, Royal British Sculptors, London	
2015	Scottish Drawings	Royal Scottish Academy
2014	Eight Sculptors & their Drawings	Kilmorack Gallery
2014	Chelsea Flower Show: Rim featured in Hope on the Horizon Garden (Silver Gilt Medal and BBC/RHS People's Choice Award)	
2013	In Perspextive	Royal Scottish Academy
2012-14/18-20,22-4	Royal Scottish Academy Annual Exhibitions: (2012 invited exhibitor)	
2012	Interesting Times	Leicester University Botanic Garden
2011	Perception	Dovecot Gallery, Edinburgh
2010	Heartwood	Perthshire Visual Arts Festival, Blairgowrie
2009	Aberdeen Artists Society Annual Exhibition	
2003	Catterline Arts Festival	Catterline Church
2000	Surfaces	An Tuireann, Isle of Skye
2000	Sea Change	Dock Museum, Barrow in Furness
1999	Royal West of England Triennial Sculpture Exhibition: invited exhibitor	
1999	Connections	Royal Scottish Academy Festival Exhibition: invited exhibitor

1998	This Island Earth	An Tuireann, Isle of Skye
1998	Celtic Connections	Iwate, Japan
1998-9	Scottish Spirit	Arthur Ross Gallery, Philadelphia
		Rutgers University, New Brunswick
		S.E. Louisiana University, New Orleans
		Colorado University
1997	Changing Perceptions	City Art Centre, Edinburgh,
		Collins Gallery, Glasgow
		Crawford Art Centre, St. Andrews
	See, Sense	Travelling Gallery Tour
1996	Hardcastle Crags Sculpture Trail	Hebden Bridge
1996	1746 Culloden 1996	Highland Printmakers/Chisholm's Croft
1995	Carved, Cast and Constructed	Crawford Arts Centre
1994	Scandex	Aberdeen Art Gallery, Stavanger Kulturhus, Norway
		Konstens Hus, Lulea, Sweden
		Kemin Taidemuseo, Kemi, Finland
1994/7	The Art of the Garden	The Scottish Gallery at Greywalls
1992-3	European Sculpture Symposium	Aberdeen Art Gallery, Bornem, Belgium
		Foundation Helan-Arts
		Konschthaus Beim Engel, Luxembourg
1991	Interactive Earth	Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh + tour
1990	Espaces 1901	Amiens, France
1989	Art in the Making	Scottish Arts Council Travelling Gallery
1988/96/97/2009	Royal Scottish Academy Annual Exhibition ('96 invited exhibitor)	
1988/99	Royal Glasgow Institute Annual Exhibition	
1986/8/92-6/99	Society of Scottish Artists Annual Exhibition ('86: invited exhibitor)	

prizes and awards

2025	MADE for YOU award from Moray Arts Development and Engagement
2016/2025	Hope Scott Trust awards
2025/2026	Cabrach Reconnections: Funding from Cabrach Community Association microgrants from Vattenfall Clashindarroch and EDF Dorenell
2024	UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Connecting the Cabrach, with Lynne Strachan & The Cabrach Trust
2024	VACMA Award High Life Highland and Creative Scotland
2022-23	Dorenell Community Benefit Fund: Cabrach Reconnections 2, with Lynne Strachan
2021-22	Creative Scotland Open Fund Award: Cabrach Reconnections, with Lynne Strachan
2019-20	We Make Moray Bursary
2017	Highland Visual Artist Award
2013	Royal Scottish Academy: The Highland Society of London Award
2008/2013	Hi-Arts Visual Artists Award
2001	Civic Trust Awards: mention for Bennachie Interpretative Artworks
1999	Royal Glasgow Institute: Milly and Benno Schotz Award
1997	Royal Scottish Academy: Meyer Oppenheim Prize
1996	Scottish International Educational Trust: funding for travel to U.S.A.
1996/09/12	Arts Council for Moray
1996/2009/	Hope Scott Trust
1996	Royal Scottish Academy: Ireland Alloys Award
1995	Society of Scottish Artists: Art for a Better World Award
1991	Scottish Arts Council: funding for Interactive Earth

symposia

2022	Art-Land-Science Aberdeenshire Council | Book of Deer Project
2022	Place/Work/Folk: In conversation on the life of Patrick Geddes, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
2019	Discover Moray's Great Places: Heritage and Culture Symposium: speaker
2017	Articulate Caribbean, Trinidad: Creative Conversation about the work of Deveron Projects
2012	Sculpture in the Landscape, design charrette, Scottish Sculpture Workshop
2008	MARBLE/marble Symposium, Colorado, U.S.A.: guest artist
1997	Nanao International Sculpture Symposium, Japan: invited artist
1996	MARBLE/marble Symposium, Colorado, U.S.A.: guest artist
1995	International Stone Symposium, Livingston, Scotland
1992	European Sculpture Symposium, Scottish Sculpture Workshop
1990	European Arts Initiatives, Amiens, France: invited speaker
1987	International Granite Symposium, SSW: assistant to Yoshio Yagi

selected workshops, talks etc.

2025/2026	Short programmes of community workshops for Cabrach Community Association
2023	Scottish Rural and Islands Parliament: Culture Thematic presentation
2022	Scottish Artists' Union, How to run a Successful Rural Arts Project? webinar/artists' walk
2021	Fraserburgh Hidden Histories, engagement project with Shane Strachan
2020	Royal Scottish Academy on-line talk From the Academician's Studio
2020	Art UK Masterpieces at Home video and associated activity for lockdown Masterpieces at Home
2020	Art UK/Royal Society of Sculptors Masterpieces in Schools: Elgin High School
2019	Art UK Masterpieces in Schools Workshops: Fortrose Academy and Croy Primary School
2019	Glasgow Kelvin College HNC/HND Art and Design Group: Provan Hall design project
2019	Glasgow Kelvin College Youth Start Group: Provan Hall carving project
2012	Historic Scotland: Illuminating the Cathedral at Elgin Cathedral
1993/4	Yorkshire Sculpture Park: stone carving master classes
1991	MacLaurin Gallery, Ayr: public/special needs group workshops
1989	Scottish Arts Council: Plaster Pleats workshop for adults
1988-90	Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine: summer schools for adults

selected consultancy

2005-8	Inverness City Partnership: Advisor to Streetscaping steering group
1997	Scottish Arts Council: National Lottery External Assessor
1997	Masterplan for Inverurie: Artist member of the design team
1993	Peatyards Sculpture Competition, Haddo House, Aberdeenshire.

teaching and mentoring

2024	Connecting the Cabrach, mentor to two early career artists
2021-22	Royal Scottish Academy: New Contemporaries mentor
2020	Moray's Great Places: mentoring early career artists
1991-4	Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen, part time teaching
1986,7,9,90,91	Edinburgh College of Art, part time teaching
1990	Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee, visiting lecturer

voluntary school projects: project conception, development and delivery

2014-16 Speyside in the Round, Speyside High School
2013 Mortlach Living Library, Mortlach Primary School, Dufftown
2010-11 Mortlach Story Walks,
Mortlach Primary School/Speyside Paths Network Group

- Moray Young Citizens Award
- Scotland's Finest Woods Award: 1st place
- Woodland Trust: Green Tree School, Gold Award
- Total Green School Awards/Totally Creative: highly commended

2010 Mortlach Hoard: Mortlach Primary School, Dufftttown

selected reviews and media coverage

- Meet You at the Hippos Objective Media Group for BBC Scotland 2021
- Duncan MacMillan: Art review: Scotsman 15th May 2018
- Duncan MacMillan: Art review: Winter Flowers, Scotsman 10th February 2018
  https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/culture/art/art-review-winter-flowers-1-4686590
- Duncan MacMillan: Art review, Scotsman 12th April 2017
- Paula Lindo: "The Power of Many", Trinidad and Tobago Guardian
- Duncan MacMillan: Art review, Scotsman 7th February 2015
- Ed Cumming "Promise of peace in Chelsea plots inspired by war", Telegraph, 26th April 2014
- Duncan MacMillan: Art review, Scotsman 5th June 2013
- Duncan MacMillan: Art review, Scotsman 12th April 2011
- David Pollock: "RhueArt: Perception",
  Northings - Highlands and Islands Arts Journal, 9th April 2011
- Georgina Coburn: "Eden Court Art Project: Art in Architecture"
  Northings - Highlands and Islands Arts Journal, December 2007 Feature
- "Studio Shot", Sculpture Matters, Issue 9, September 2000
- "Tacsi", BBC 2, May 2000
- Stephen Goodwin: "There's an Eden in the North", Independent on Sunday,
  13 August 2000
- "The Poetics of Space", Arca, Issue 2, August 1999
- Audrey Clifford: "This Eden", Cumbria Life, May/June 1997
- Lynda Murdin: "What's Afoot in England's Green and Pleasant Land?"
  Arts Lottery, Spring 1998
- Iain Gale: "Stimulus of the Forgotten Senses", Scotland on Sunday, 7 September 1997
- "In Touch", BBC Radio 4, 26 March 1997
- Edward Gage: "Everything Lovely in the Garden", Scotsman, 20 June 1994
- Nicki McHarg: "Moving Parts form a Scrapyard", Scotsman, 24 December 1992
- Clare Henry: "There's No Show Without Punch", Glasgow Herald, 12 April 1991
- "Community Residency", Artists' Newsletter, May 1991
- Beatrice Colin: "Earth, Wind and Fire", The List, 25 July 1991
- Clare Henry: "Works of Art that Climb a Staircase", Glasgow Herald,
  11 December 1987

catalogues and other published work

2021 ArtUk Home School ArtUk Learning Resource
2020 Andiamo, Royal Scottish Academy
2019 Our Infinite Land, Royal Scottish Academy
2019 A Natural Selection, The Scottish Gallery
2017 Ages of Wonder: Scotland's Art 1540 to Now, ed. Tom Normand HRSA, Royal Scottish Academy/National Galleries of Scotland
2017 Ages of Wonder: Scotland's Art 1540 to Now: Exhibition Catalogue, Royal Scottish Academy/National Galleries of Scotland 2017
2017 Articulate Caribbean website http://articulatecaribbean.com/about/
2016 "Brian Mercer Charitable Trust Mary Bourne ~ Residency in Pietrasanta 2015" Fondazione Sem and Royal British Society of Sculptors
2016 "Hand to Hand – Sharing the Learning" teachers' resource, Aberdeenshire Council https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/16784/hand-to-hand-project-arcadia.pdf
2014 "By Leaves We Live", Planning Aid Scotland http://pas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/BLWL_version3.pdf
2012 "Interesting Times", University of Leicester
2011 "Perception", RHUEART
2011 "The Grace of the Birch: Art, Nature and Healing", Stobhill Hospital
2011 "Mortlach Story Walks", Northings http://northings.com/2011/08/11/mortlach-story-walks/
2011 "Perception", Rhueart
2001 "Living the Land", Gray's School of Art
2000 "Eden Benchmarks", East Cumbria Countryside Project
2000 "Surfaces", An Tuireann, Isle of Skye
1999 "Triennial Sculpture Exhibition 1999", Royal West of England Academy
1999 "Fire in the Land", Scottish Sculpture Workshop
1998 "Iwate Art Festival", Iwate Art Festival Executive Committee
1998 "Scottish Spirit", Society of Scottish Artists
1998 "See, Sense", City of Edinburgh Museums and Galleries
1997 "Nanao International Artists' Camp 1997", The City of Nanao
1997 "Changing Perceptions", City of Edinburgh Museums and Galleries
1997 "SSO9", Scottish Sculpture Workshop
1995 "A Sense of Place", Society of Scottish Artists
1994 "The Art of the Garden", The Scottish Gallery
1994 "Scandex, an Exhibition of Contemporary Scottish Sculpture", Scottish Sculpture Workshop
1993 "Carved Sculpture at Cromarty Courthouse", Ross and Cromarty District Council
1992 "European Sculpture Symposium", Scottish Sculpture Workshop
1990 "Mary Bourne, Sculptor: Artist in Residence, Irvine New Town 1987-90", Irvine Development Corporation
1989 "Art in the Making", Scottish Arts Council