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EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE

The son of an inventor/motorcycle racer and warrior princess/homemaker, Michael Sherrill has lived in the western North Carolina mountains since 1974. He considers himself a materials-based artist experimenting primarily in the media of metal, clay, and glass. At the heart of his interest is the intersection of where humans and materials meet in both handmade objects and the natural world. Michael's work is in several public collections including the Smithsonian's Renwick Museum of American Craft, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Mint Museum, the Museum of Art and Design, Corning Museum of Glass, and Takoma Glass Museum, among others. In 1993, the Year of Craft, Michael was selected for the White House collection, which traveled to venues around the United States. His piece, "Incandescent Bottles," now resides in the Clinton Presidential Library and Museum. In 2003, Michael was honored as Artist of the Year by the Mint Museum of Craft + Design, in Charlotte, North Carolina. As part of the International Ceramics Symposium (World Ceramic Exposition Foundation), Michael was one of 10 artists invited in the summer of 2004 to participate in a residency creating outdoor sculptures to be placed permanently at the International Ceramic Museum in Incheon, S. Korea. His other residencies include: Museum of Glass (2010), John Michael Kohler Arts Center (2006), and Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts (2005). Michael is the 2010 United States Artists Wingate Fellow. He is currently the board president of the Center for Craft, Creativity & Design. The Center is in service to advancing the understanding of craft and the field of materials-based arts both in practice and in academic settings. Most recently Michael was honored by the James Renwick Alliance as the 2019 Master of the Medium, Clay.

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

2018 "A Beautiful Death" - Mint Museum; Charlotte, NC
2013 "Bite" – Racine Arts Museum, Racine, WI
2013 "Mouths to Feed" – Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY
2009 "Mercy Seat" – Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, NC
2009 "Night Moderne" - The Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC
2008 Untitled – Set of three teapots, metallic, Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA
2007 "Mountain Laurel, It's All About the Heart" North Carolina Governor's Mansion, Raleigh, NC
2006 Untitled – John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
2006 "Yellowstone Rhododendron" – Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC
2005 "Temple of the Cool Beauty" Yucca - The Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC
2005 Holy Seed, "Fire Poker", The Museum at Icheon World Ceramic Center, Icheon-si, Gyeonggi-do, Korea
2004 "Incandescent Bottles", Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, Little Rock, AR
1999 "Turning Leaves", Los Angeles County Museum of Art, LA, CA
1994 "Purple City", Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase, MD
1990 "Queen of Hearts" – Racine Arts Museum, Racine, WI

COMMISSIONS

2017 Remnant private collection
2014 "Old Man's Bead" private collection
2009 "Mercy Seat" – Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, NC
2007 "Leaves in the River" - Rachael Kohler residence, Chicago, IL
2006 "Descending Rhododendron" - The Ramble, Asheville, NC
2006 "Beauty in a Hard Place" - The Ramble, Asheville, NC
2003 "New Growth" - Bank of America, Charlotte, NC

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018- "Michael Sherrill Retrospective"
2020 Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC-Renwick, Washington DC-Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
2006 SOFA New York (Sculpture, Objects and Functional Art Expositions) – Featured Artist of Ferrin Gallery, Lenox, MA
2005 SOFA Chicago (Sculpture, Objects and Functional Art Expositions) – Featured Artist of Ferrin Gallery, Lenox, MA
2005 John Michael Kohler Arts Center, "Verdure," Sheboygan, WI
2003 Ferrin Gallery, "Mindful Moment," Lenox, MA

2003 Hodges Taylor, Recent Work, Charlotte, NC

GRANTS

2010 United States Artists, Windgate Fellow
North Carolina Endowment for the Arts Fellowship

JURY PANELS

2017 Rasmuson Foundation, AK
2014 US Artist: USA Fellows; Selection Panel Chair
2013 Philadelphia Museum of Art: Craft Show, Philadelphia, PA

COUNCILS & BOARDS

Archie Bray Foundation
Center for Craft Creativity and Design
Mint Museum Founders Circle

RESIDENCIES

2015 LH Project, Joseph, OR
2010 Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA
2006 John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
2005 Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME
2004 - International Outer Sculpture Symposium, World Ceramic Exposition Foundation,
2005 Icheon, Korea 2004, 2005

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

LA County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
The Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY
Renwick Museum of American Craft
World Ceramic Exposition Foundation; Icheon, Korea
Tacoma Museum of Glass
AmSouth; Birmingham, AL
Corning Museum of Glass
The Hickory Museum of Art; Hickory, NC
The High Museum of Art
The Howard Hughes Foundation; Bethesda, MD
John Michael Kohler Arts Center
Julie Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art; Auburn, AL
The Mint Museum
NCNB Building, Executive Quarters; Charlotte, NC
Racine Art Museum; Racine, WI
Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA