

HARRY MESSERSMITH – SCULPTOR

726 N. Boston Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724 | 386.717.1066 | Hmessers@msn.com



Harry Messersmith is a sculptor who maintains a bronze and glass casting foundry and sculpture atelier in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, where he is innovating new processes and methods that integrate the raw elements of glass and bronze.

His interest in archeology, engineering, and the impact of technology on our existence influences much of his work. He combines materials to sculpt dynamic forms that create tension and play with shadow and light. Both large scale and small, his abstract and figurative work represents humanity's struggle for balance with nature and technology.

Messersmith's fine art studio and full service foundry produces personal work as well as fabrication for established artists. He accepts restoration work, commissions, and offers design consultation.

- Messersmith has been a sought after juror and judge of fine arts festivals and juried competitions throughout Florida for over 34 years.
- Teaching assistant with sculptor Daniel Clayman at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Maine, 2015; and Penland School of Craft, North Carolina, 2011
- Messersmith received a grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation to attend a master artist residency with sculptor Gio Pomodoro at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in November 1999 which culminated in "The Bronze Exhibit", a group exhibition in Milan, Italy in June, 2000, which included three of Messersmith's figurative bronze sculptures.
- Executive Director of the Lighthouse Gallery and School of Art, Tequesta, Florida, 1994–1996
- Executive Director of the Museum of Art DeLand, 1989–1994. Messersmith was instrumental in moving and establishing the museum in it's new home within the newly constructed Cultural Arts Center in DeLand in 1991.
- Messersmith inaugurated and produced the first DeLand Fall Festival of The Arts, 1991.
- Professor of fine art and sculpture: artist-in-education for Volusia County Public Schools; Daytona State College, Stetson University, Crealde School of Art, Harris House, Atlantic Center for the Arts, and the University of Central Florida.

Education

MFA 1983, fine art and sculpture, University of Florida under J.G. Naylor

BA, 1981, fine art and sculpture, Stetson University under Fred L. Messersmith and Dan Gunderson

Exhibitions

Mills Gallery, Orlando, FL

Ormond Memorial Museum of Art, Ormond Beach, FL

Santa Fe Spring Arts Festival, Gainesville, FL

Old Sculpin Gallery, Martha's Vineyard, MA

DeLand Fall Festival of The Arts, DeLand, FL

The Bronze Exhibit, Milan, Italy

Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival, Winter Park, FL

Private Collections

Gargiulo Foundation

Josie Natori Foundation

Patricia Neal

St. Barnabas Rectory

Public Collections

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Cincinnati, OH

City of New Smyrna Beach

City of Orlando Downtown Public Sculpture Tour

Crealde School of Art Sculpture Garden, Orlando, FL

City of DeLand, City Hall Atrium

The Museum of Art DeLand

First Community Bank, DeBary, FL

Iverson Technologies, McLean, VA

Newco Corporation, Orlando, FL

New Smyrna Beach Public Library

Northrop-Grumman Corp., Melbourne, FL

Pinnacle Bank, Orange City, FL

Stetson University, DeLand, FL