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My arts practice is diverse. I produce prints, collage, books, ceramics, sewn pieces, paintings and other objects. I work on a trajectory of experimentation, seemingly moving from one random act to another, however there is a thread of self-location running throughout the work. My making process is always ideas led, first the what, then the how. I am interested in the daily rituals of life: the relationship of the domestic environment with the outside world. I create environments and things inspired by and referencing other artists, and literature. I have three threads to my work; self-generated ideas, work in response to a theme for an exhibition call-out and commissions. I like commissions because one works in collaboration, in response to location and they always take me outside my comfort zone.

Art Foundation at Chelsea College of Art, London

B.A. Fine Art, Middlesex Polytechnic, London

M.A. Fine Art, University of Northumbria, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

# Collections:

National Fairground and Circus Archive

* Stamford Mid-Lent Fair paper peep show

National Art Library, V&A Museum, London

* Sala Beckett - teatre de Paper
* Stamford Mid-Lent Fair paper peep show
* harbouring doubt

Durham Light Infantry Museum and Art Gallery, Durham

* Captain Annard. D.L.I. medal blanket

Fundació Enric Miralles, Barcelona, Spain

* Canongate Wall Collage - Scottish Parliament
* Packaging Paintings
* Great Bear, Biographical Collage of Enric Miralles

Col.legi D’Arquitectes De Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain

* Memorial Sculpture for Enric Miralles

TECTA. OHG Axel Bruchhäuser, Germany

* Admiral of the Fleet Lord Mountbatten Medal Blanket
* General Sir Peter de la Billiere
* Fools Chair So’Bosch
* Packaging paintings
* Tin Can Portrait

Tetra Associates

* Outdoor sculpture, steel plane with shadow

# Events:

Platform 3:

January to December 2020 - 12 evenings of discussions and monthly themed creative activities. Continued as one off yearly events

# Residencies:

Frans Masereel Centrum – Collective Print Making Residency

November 2022 Kasterlee, Belgium

Manifestos of the Future – Summer School

August 2020. Over Zoom from Mansions of the Future, Lincoln

Transition. Poems-Objects-Exhibition

February 2019. Newlyn Art Gallery, Newlyn, Cornwall

Long Weekend of Uncertainty.

October 2016. Kestle Barton, Manaccan, Helston, Cornwall

Lithography Fellowship

Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester 2010-2011

Films & other websites:

**Gnome Beim Skifahren** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FvOge1jbfk>

**Semi-Perfect Containers** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJUjdDwb7_E>

**Ingredients & Cakes** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u00k2DlnskI>

**Print School for Cats** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYxX3-McXz0>

**Sala Beckett paper-theatre** <https://floresprats.com/films/paper-theatre/>

**A Cake for Everyday** <https://www.acakeforeveryday.com/about.php>

# Selected commissions:

2020 – 2021: Karlchen Haus. Children’s book, Axel Bruchhäuser TECTA

2017: Sala Beckett - teatre de Paper. Ricardo Flores & Eva Prats, Architects, Barcelona, Spain

Alice Hawkins Suffragette Banner in collaboration with Sarah Kirby

2013: Ingredients & Cakes. StoreFront Gallery window Copenhagen, Denmark

2003-2004: Cannongate Wall, Scottish Parliament, EMBT Architects, Edinburgh

2001-2002: Memorial Sculpture for Enric Miralles, COAC, Barcelona, Spain

1999 Mural, Wolsingham Primary School, Country Durham

1998 Set-design and set painting *Jungle Fever,* Wolsingham Primary School, Country Durham

1993: Sunrise Nursery and Primary School, mini-bus coach painting

1991: Pilare Pez, interior panels, Circulo de Lecture, Madrid, Spain

# Talks:

2021: *Thinking about Enric Miralles* (Conference on Enric Miralles) COAC - Col.legi d’Arquitected de Catalunia, Barcelona, Spain

2020: *Exchanging Parcels* with Eva Prats Bartlett School of Architecture, London

# Exhibitions

2023

Sense of Place - a group show of site-specific art works, Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery, Corby Glen, Lincolnshire

2022

*Members Show* - Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester

*Celebration of Diversity*, Stamford Art Centre, Lincolnshire

*may show,* X-Church, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

*Muted now Muttering* & *Invisible becoming Visible* (Women and Domesticity) Duster Project, Vanessa Marr, touring

*Litho Press Fund-Raising* Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester

2021

*Pressing on, Pandemic Printing* Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester

*In Your Hands - Klass Rommelaere - Home,* Newlyn Art Gallery, Cornwall. (cross-stitch sewing installation project)

*Art-Pop-Up,* Superdrug Windows*,* Stamford, Lincolnshire

*The Great Big Art Exhibition*, nationwide rolling themed domestic window display, Firstsite, Colchester

*Lockdown but not broken,* D31 Gallery, Doncaster

2020

*Extraordinary Postcards for Extraordinary Times*, Newlyn Art Gallery & Exchange, Newlyn, Cornwall

*So’Bosch* Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery, Corby Glen, Lincolnshire

*Buildings*, Matchett & Page Gallery, Shatwell Farm, Yarlington, Somerset

2019

*Scene,* Newlyn Art Gallery, Newlyn, Cornwall

*Re-Form*. Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester

*Harley Open 2019* Harley Gallery, Welbeck, Nottinghamshire

Film, Free & Easy *GOES TO PRINT.* Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester

2018

*Sala Beckett - teatre de Paper*. 16th Architectural Biennial, Venice, Italy

2017

*Random Acts of Soraya Smithson* Project space, Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester

*A study in Stone* Tarpey Gallery, Castle Donington, North Leicestershire.

*BABE Bristol Artist Book Event* Arnolfini, Bristol

*Hidden Talent* Stamford Decorative & Fine Art Society, Stamford Gallery, Stamford, Lincolnshire.

*Petri Project, McFarland&Singer,* Department of Genetics, Leicester University.

*Exchange Project, Journeys Festival International*, LBC Depot Print Room, Leicester.

2016

*Passion2Print.* Leicester Print Workshop, Leicester

2015

*Strepitus Crepitus Fragor* Penwith Gallery, St. Ives, Cornwall

2014

*Passion2Print.* Curve, LCB Depot, & Phoenix, Leicester

*Fosse Arts Ceramic Studio* Pedestrian Gallery, LCB Depot, Leicester

*Fantastical Animal Alphabet* Alfred East Gallery, Kettering, Northamptonshire

2013

*Ingredients & Cakes* StoreFront Gallery window, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Fantastical Animal Alphabet* Compton Verney, Warwickshire

*Gnome Beim Skifahren* Print&Film Collaboration

2012

*Passion2Print.* Embrace Arts, Leicester

*Sporting reduction prints*, Wistow Gallery, Leicestershire

*Open. H is for….* Harley Gallery, Welbeck, Nottinghamshire

2011

*Print Out.* Embrace Arts, Leicester

*Small Print/Big Impressio* mac Birmingham, Gallery Top, Matlock, 78 Derngate Northampton, New Walk Museum & Art Gallery, Leicester. Derbyshire*, and* Rufford Craft Centre, Nottinghamshire

*A4 Printmakers Open* The Exchange Gallery, Penzance, Cornwall

*The Wheel Turns -* *Collage & Assemblages*. Embrace Arts, Leicester

2010

*Open 22.* The City Gallery at New Walk Museum & Art Gallery, Leicester

*Open 8.*Catmose gallery, Oakham

*Welland Valley Arts Society - Autumn Show* Stamford Art Centre

*Passion2Print.* King’s Lynn Art Centre, Norfolk.Embrace Arts. Leicester Rugby Art Gallery & Museum

*A4 Printmakers Open,* Open Space Galleries, Cornwall

*Gloucester Print Co-operative - Open Small Print* Stroud Subscription Rooms

2009

*‘A Cake For every Day’* Askers Bakery Shop, Stamford, Lincolnshire

*‘A Cake For every Day’* Stamford Art Centre, Stamford, Lincolnshire

*Passion2Print*. Rufford Craft Centre, Nottinghamshire

*‘Trafalgar Squares’* *Quilt made by ladies of East Midland* 4th Plinth Trafalgar Square Antony Gormley – One&Other

*Welland Valley Arts Society - Spring Show* Stamford Art Centre, Stamford, Lincolnshire

*Passion2Print.* Rufford Craft Centre, Nottinghamshire, & City Gallery, Leicester

2008

*Passion2Print.* City Gallery, Leicester

*Bookmarks VI.* [www.bookarts.uwe.ac.uk/bkmks6](http://www.bookarts.uwe.ac.uk/bkmks6)

*Teatime Assorted - Frears Biscuits* Public Arts Project: Pavement *Tread* part of Curve Theatre Development, Leicester

*Postcard Portraits.* Ripple Six Art Fair, Huddersfield

2007

*Nottingham Castle Open .* Angel Row Gallery, Nottingham

### Derby City Open Silk Mill, Derby

*Postcards From Darwin* Exeter Phoenix Galleries

*Open 5.* Catmose Gallery, Oakham, Rutland

*Welland Valley Arts Society – Autumn Show* Stamford Art Centre, Stamford, Lincolnshire

2005

*Body & Soul* Stamford Arts Centre, Stamford, Lincolnshire

2002

*25 years Christmas Cards.* Poetry Society, London

2001

*Public Auction of Artworks,* Nina Pope & Commissions East,Kimbolton Castle, Cambridgeshire

2000

*Mappin Open* Mappin Art gallery, Sheffield

*It’s Your Turn.* Kettles Yard, Cambridge

1999

*Medway Open.* Rochester Art Gallery

1999

*Blanket Medals.* Durham Light Infantry Museum & Art Gallery

*Networking,* P-House, Tokyo, Japan

1997

*Soraya Smithson & Klega* Konstakuten Stockholm, and Galleri SUB BAU, Göteborg, Sweden

1994

Kuriositätenkabinett Museum of Mankind, London

*2 Anys!* La Galeria del Passatge, Igualada, Catalonia, Spain

1992

*Spania.* La Galeria del Passatge, Igualada, Catalonia, Spain

1990

*Fruit Boxes.* Spitalfields Workshops, London

*Riverside One Art Competition,* Norman Foster Building, London

1988

*Glory to God,* Putney Methodist Church, Putney, London

Publications:

2022 Karlchen’s Haus

2020 Sala Beckett – International Drama Centre Flores & Prats, Barcelona

2017 harbouring doubt

A House for a Man and his Cat – Hexenhaus, König, Germany

2015 A Room of ones Own, Stamford Living Magazine

2013 Meeting at the Building & Cakes and Ingredience, Copenhagen

2012 Night School for Cats

2005 The Scottish Parliament, Charles Jencks

2004 MACMAG 30 The review of the Mackintosh School of Architecture

Quaderns d’ arquitectura i urbanism – Scottish Parliament

2002 EMBT Work in progress

2001 A Public Auction of Private Art Works, Kimbolton Castle

1999 Medway Open 1999 catalogue, Rochester

1997 M.A. Show catalogue, University of Northumbria at Newcastle

1991 El Croquis Complete works of Enric Miralles/Carme Pinos

1988 Degree Show catalogue, Middlesex Polytechnic

1986 60 Masks Theo Crosby, Pentagram Int.

1977 Art into Landscape Serpentine Gallery