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COURSES

Prop Making, BA

PROFILE

I am an art fabricator, prop maker and academic tutor.

I studied Ba (hons) Technical Effects for the Performing Arts at the London college of fashion.

As well as being an academic tutor at Central I have taught as a VL at the London College of Fashion on the 3d Effects for Performance and Fashion BA and am an External examiner at the Arts University Bournemouth on the Model Making BA. Additionally, I have run private workshops including mould making, casting and life casting and have run workshops for private clients at venues such as the Surgeons Hall Museum in Edinburgh.

While not at Central I run an Art fabrication and Prop making company called howling hands. Through this company I have had the opportunity to make a diverse and conceptually challenging range of work, regularly collaborating with artists and institutions such as Yinka Shonibare CBE and the BBC.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Prop making for theatre, film TV and other
- Commercial industries
- Art fabrication
- Sculpture fabrication
- Mould making and Casting
- Life casting
- Creative workshops

EXTERNAL PRACTICE

Art Fabrication (2015 – 2022)

Exhibitions worked on include:

- Yinka Shonibare CBE RA
- Being Human, Wellcome Collection, (2019 present)
- African Spirits of Modernism, Stephen Friedman Gallery (2021)
- Earth Kids, James Cohan Gallery, New York (2020-21)
- Trade Winds, Norval Foundation, Cape Town (2019)
- National Gallery of Australia, (2015 present
- Ben Eine, Fragile Ventures, Urbane (2017)
- Jason deCaires Taylor, The Rising Tide, London (2015)

Prop making (2011 – 2022)

Collaborations include:

- Secret Cinema Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back (2015)
- English National Ballet, Sherizad, Angelina Ballerina, The Nutcracker (2011 2015)
- BBC, Various (2011 2015)
- Universal Pictures/Sony, mask making, The Purge, Mr Robot (2015 2016)

REGISTER OF INTEREST

Nothing to declare