Gateshead Civic Centre Seat

The seat was commissioned by Gateshead Council to celebrate the Council’s achievements in 2006. The brief was to create a seat that had a contemporary feel and used materials in a contemporary way.

Sandblasted words run down one edge of the curved glass back, including the Council motto ‘With her feet on the ground and her head amidst the clouds’.

Designer
Cate Watkinson
Location
Gateshead, UK
Materials
Laminated curved glass, Laminated glass seat tops, Stainless steel

Cate Watkinson

Cate Watkinson of Watkinson Glass Associates has over 20 years of experience in architectural glass art, designing and fabricating architectural glass to commission for a wide variety of applications. During this period she has been instrumental in developing the potential of glass in the public realm. Her projects range from modest glass panels to public and private furnishings to street furniture and sculptural public art pieces.

its no picnic table

“its no picnic table” is a permanent piece commissioned and installed at The Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts in Omaha, Nebraska, USA. Michael Beitz designed it to be a full functioning utilitarian table. It slumps over the railing to enter the pedestrian space of the sidewalk. It is his intention for this to act as an invitation as well as a reflection the symbolic meaning of the picnic table as a cultural icon. In its slumped position, it communicates a resting position and also an attitude of depression. He likes to create objects that are playful, while also offering a sense of loss and or longing through form.

Education
2009 University at Buffalo, MFA
1999 Alfred University, BFA

Exhibitions
2012 Urbanity, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI
2011 Heat Island, Smack Mellon, New York, NY
Evolution Revolution, Buffalo Art Studio, Buffalo, NY
Wiggle Room with Larry Bob Phillips, Recess Activities, New York, NY
Bemis Gardens, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE
Current Residents, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC
2010 Beyond In Western NY, Burchfield Penny Art Center, Buffalo, NY
Philagrafica 2010, ExtraDimension, Nexus Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Hydroponics, Wex, Amsterdam
2009 Des Fleurs Pour Decorer, Birch Libralato, Toronto, Canada
General Assembly, Buffalo Art Studio, Buffalo, NY
Housewarming, Big orbit Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Michael Beitz

Michael Beitz (b. 1977) is an artist living and working in Buffalo, NY.

Artist Residencies/Awards
2011 NYFA Grant recipient
West Prize recipient
McColl Center for Visual Arts Residency, NC
John Michael Kohler Art Center Residency, WI
2010 Bemis Art Center Residency, NE
2008 Morris Scholarship, University at Buffalo
2004 Roswell Artist in Residency Program, Roswell, NM
2002 Sculpture Space Residency, Utica, NY