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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’.

Materials: Laminated curved glass, Laminated glass seat tops, Stainless steel

Cate Watkinson

Cate Watkinson of Watkinson Glass Associates has over 20 years experience as an architectural glass artist, 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 decorative glass panels for public and private buildings 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 like to create objects that are playful, while also offering a sense of loss and or longing through form.

Michael Beitz

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 Arts, Charlotte, NC
2010 Beyond in Western NY, Burchfield Penny Art Center, Buffalo, NY
Philagrafica 2010, ExtraDimension, Nexus Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Hydroponics, WHW, Miami, FL
2009 Des Fleurs Pour Decorer, Birch Libralato, Toronto, Canada
General Assembly, Buffalo Art Works, Buffalo, NY
Housewares, Big Orbit Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Artist Residencies
2011 BFA artist in residence
2009 Artist-in-residence
2009 McColl Center for Visual Arts Residency, NC
2008 Michael Kiaser Art Center Residency, NY
2007 Burchfield Penny Art Center, Buffalo, NY
2006 Marco Schapers, University of Bath
2006 Resident Artist in Residency Program, Kansas, MI
2005 Summer Residency,010 Residency, Vietri, NY