

Mary Sue Kern  
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### **Education**

- 1990 Master of Fine Arts, Sculpture, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 1984 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Tennessee Tech University, Smithville, TN

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2019 Blue Fig Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 2018 Days & Deeds, Janice Mason Art Museum, Cadiz, KY
- 2012 Jewels of Wisdom, LAL Lexington, KY
- 2005 Book Sculptures, TAG Art Gallery, Nashville TN
- 2004 Continuity, Point B Gallery, Clarksville TN
- 2000 FLYING SOLO, Woodwinds, Installation, Nashville International Airport, Nashville TN
- 1996 TEMPORARY CONTEMPORARY, Bound Books, Installation, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville TN
- 1994 Bound Books, Installation, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville TN
- 1992 There's Something About Angels, Tennessee Arts Commission, Nashville TN
- 1990 Connections, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge LA (MFA Thesis Exhibition)
- 1984 Embodiments, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville TN (BFA Exhibition)

### **Juried Exhibitions**

- 2018 Word Play, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Private Accounts, AVA Center Gallery, Chattanooga TN
- 2005 7th Annual Renaissance Regional Art Exhibit, Renaissance Center, Dickson TN
- 1994 VAANGUARD, Visual Arts Alliance of Nashville, Nashville TN  
Water Tower Annual, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville KY (Best of Show)
- 1993 Tennessee Craft Artists Showcase, Tennessee State Museum, Nashville TN  
Magic City Art Connection, Birmingham AL (Purchase Award)  
Celebration of Women's History Month, Arts Foundation, Nashville TN
- 1992 Art Ninety Two, Carroll Reece Museum, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City TN
- 1991 Showcase 91, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Water Tower Gallery, Louisville KY
- 1985 Spotlight 85, Southern Arts Federation Traveling Exhibition, Southeast Crafts Council  
Metal Expressions, Appalachian Center for Crafts
- 1983 The Figure, New Form, New Function, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg TN

## Group Exhibitions

- 2008 Gallery Artists, Gopalan Contemporary Art Gallery, Terre Haute IN
- 2007 Tennessee Masterworks 2007, Tennessee Artists Guild, Madison TN  
Modernature, Lotus Space, New York NY  
Lucky 7, TAG Art Gallery, Nashville TN  
Hometown Favorites, Art & Invention Gallery, Nashville TN
- 2006 And Now, A Word From Our Sponsors, Art from the permanent collection  
Tennessee State Museum, Nashville TN  
Brawl on the Wall, Faculty Art Show, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville TN  
Found: Objects and Imagery As Art, Gallery 121, Belmont University, Nashville TN
- 2004 Faculty Art Show, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville TN  
Plowhaus, Active Members of Artists Co-op, Nashville TN  
Tomatoes, Art and Invention Gallery, Nashville TN
- 2003 Visions of Spring, DAC Gallery, Clarksville TN  
Value Menu, Plowhaus, Nashville TN
- 2002 First Anniversary, Plowhaus, Nashville TN  
Out of Our Minds, Zeitgeist, Nashville TN  
Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville TN  
Art and Invention, Garage Mahal, Nashville TN  
Grand Opening, Little Frog Gallery, Leavenworth IN  
Flight, Trahern Gallery, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville TN
- 1996 Temporary Contemporary Yearbook Show, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville TN
- 1995 Zeitgeist Portfolio Show, Nashville TN  
DADA, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville TN  
Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville TN
- 1994 Bennett Gallery Art Mart, Nashville and Knoxville TN  
Found Art, The Gallery on Broadway, Nashville TN
- 1993 Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville TN  
Starry Night with Angels, Clary Sage Gallery, Birmingham AL  
Ancient Inspirations, Contemporary Interpretation, The Gallery on Broadway, Nashville TN  
Gallery Show, Clary Sage Gallery, Birmingham AL  
Contemporary Craft Show, Bennett Gallery, Knoxville TN  
Anniversary Show, The Gallery on Broadway, Nashville TN
- 1992 HEAVAANLY Bodies, Visual Arts Alliance of Nashville, Nashville TN  
Industrial, The Gallery on Broadway, Nashville TN
- 1991 Angels by Artists, Cheekwood Fine Arts Museum, Nashville TN
- 1990 X Off TEN, Artspace, Beaumont TX
- 1989 Eight People and Words, Onezieme's, Baton Rouge LA
- 1988 Pieces of Seven, Foster Gallery, Baton Rouge LA
- 1986 Southeast Arts Exchange, Nashville TN
- 1985 Faculty Exhibition, Sarratt Center, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN
- 1983 Appalachian Center for Crafts Faculty/Student Exhibition, Murray State Colle, Murray KY

- Visions & Revisions, Southeastern Women's Caucus, Nashville TN
- 1982 Group Exhibition, Converse College, Spartanburg NC
- 1981 ACC Faculty/Student Exhibition, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville TN
- 1978 Southern Highlands Crafts Exhibition of student works from Arrormont School of Arts and Crafts, Asheville NC

### **Collaborations**

- 1992 Wangs and Thangs, Installation with Rusty Barwick, Trahern Gallery, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville TN
- 1988 River Construction, Site specific installation with Rusty Barwick

### **Lectures**

- 2006 ARTISTS FORUM, Frist Center, Nashville TN

### **Awards**

- 2006 First Place, 3-D Art, Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville TN
- 2002 Best of Show, Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville TN
- 1994 Best of Show, Water Tower Annual, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville KY
- 1993 Best of Show, Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville TN
- Purchase Award, Operation New Birmingham, Birmingham AL
- 1991 Merit Award, Art Ninety One, Johnson City Arts Council, Johnson City TN
- Tennessee Arts Commission Solo Exhibition for 1992, Nashville TN
- 1987 Graduate Assistantship, Louisville State University, Baton Rouge LA
- Residency (6 weeks), Banff Centre for Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta Canada
- 1985 Special Juror's Award, Southeast Crafts Council, Traveling Exhibition
- 1982 Josh Williams Memorial Scholarship, Oak Ridge TN

### **Special Projects**

- 2004 College Art Days, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville TN
- 2002 Artists in Public Schools, Montgomery Central High School, Clarksville TN
- 1997 Children's Art Installation, Abintra Montessori School, Nashville TN
- 1993 Created hand-carved frames for Maria Von Matthisen's photography exhibition, Tennessee State Museum, Nashville TN
- Juror, Student Art Show, Watkins Institute, Nashville TN
- 1992 Juror, Showcase '92, Louisville Visual Arts Alliance, Louisville KY
- 1989 Children's Sculpture Workshop, West Baton Rouge Museum, Port Allen LA

### **Bibliography (Articles / Reviews / Interviews)**

- "Mary Sue Kern..." The Nashville Scene, David Maddox, Feb. 17, 2005
- "Turning the Page from Book to Art" The Tennessean, Nashville TN, Alan Bostick, March 9, 2005
- "Arts Talk" Feature Interview, WPLN, Nashville Public Radio, Susan Knowles, March 10, 2005

"Out of Our Minds" Critical Distance/Critical Debate, Number: an independent journal of the arts, Memphis TN, Jeanne Hamilton, Spring 2003

"Make room for Dada" The Tennessean, Nashville TN, Alan Bostick, June 15, 1995

"Mary Sue Kern....." Feature Interview, Tennessee Crossroads, Nashville Public Television, Rob Wilds, 1993

"Art for Peace's Sake" Number: an independent journal of the arts, Memphis TN, Daniel Cooper, Fall 1991

"Heavenly sculpture flies high at gallery" Nashville Business Journal, Angela Wibking, September 7-11, 1992

"Mary Sue Kern: Embodied Dualities" Fiberarts, Gallery, Asheville NC, JoEl Loguidice, Sept/Oct 1986

### **Collections**

2004 Tennessee State Museum, Nashville TN (3 purchases)

2001 Tennessee State Museum, Nashville TN (1 purchase)