



Gifted Midlands' Makers Gallery



Stuart Akroyd

Stuart specialises in hot studio glass. He creates one-off pieces for exhibition in addition to functional production work and undertakes commissions / collaborations.

Stuart has always found inspiration from nature. His most recent one-off pieces are asymmetrical plates and bowls in vibrant colours, up to 80cm in diameter, blown twice to enable rhythmic patterns to be incorporated, then hot cut to distort the form.



Stuart Akroyd

Helen Meakin

Helen studied Woven Textile Design at Loughborough University, graduating in 2005. Since then she has been working to produce individual pieces woven in wire and silk to create interior panels that are beautifully textural and light reflecting. Beads and sequins are woven in to add texture and interest and these also attract the light and reflect colours. Each design is hand woven and completely Unique, never reproducing the same patterns.



Helen Meakin

Bev Jennings

Bev is a ceramicist / artist living in Stoke-on-Trent. Her work is mainly figurative and inspired by the complexities of human nature. The figures have an emotive feel to them; the position of the head or a slight tip of the shoulder serving to change the mood of the piece. Some figures have a slight uncanny feel, some portray the feeling of contentment and some aren't quite what they seem! "I work mainly in clay, handbuilding each item individually. Once glazed, I burn the pieces in sawdust to give them their distinctive crackle finish. I also like to introduce other materials to compliment the theme".



Bev Jennings