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Bio

Mary McFerran is an artist who lives and works in Westchester NY, with a studio in Peekskill, NY. She received a bachelor's degree from Empire State College, a Masters in Printmaking at University in Albany, NY, a Masters in Fine Art at Ohio State University and a Masters of Science in Educational Technology at NYU.

McFerran is a teaching artist at ArtsWestchester and in the past, through New York Foundation for the Arts. She also teaches as an adjunct professor at Westchester Community College and at local libraries.

As a visual artist Mary has worked in video, painting, drawing, installation and fiber arts. Her work is usually narrative in style and incorporates social themes through history, current events and personal memoir. She states: "Drawing and collage have always been natural choices for me, but while living in London from 2009-2014, I discovered artists working with textiles as their primary medium. I made the connection that stitching and embroidery are essentially a 3D form of line making. Furthermore, sewing enables me to attach foreign elements into my compositions, instead of gluing them. These discoveries were exciting for me and transformed my work."

As part of her interest in art, McFerran curates art shows. She is the exhibition coordinator for the Croton-Free Library. She recently curated and was represented in the "Cloth and Memory" show at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, NY. For that show, McFerran integrated family heirlooms with textiles, photographs and family stories. The show portrayed a body of work that included themes of immigration and loss.

McFerran enjoys collaborating with other artists. She participated in the group COLAB in lower Manhattan during the 1980's and is a co-founder of the Peekskill based artist collective, In_Question, whose collaborative artworks address the current social and political climate.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 "What is Going ON?," IN_Question Artist Collective, Robeson Gallery, Peekskill
- 2018 "Cloth and Memory," Howland Cultural Center, Beacon, NY
- 2017 "SELECTIONS 17," Concepto Gallery, Hudson, NY
- 2017 "Transplanted," Paramount Theater, Peekskill, NY
- 2017 Peekskill Open Studios, "Ancestor Museum," Peekskill, NY
- 2017 "Mary McFerran: the Ex-Pat Years," Henry Hudson Library, Montrose, NY
- 2017 "Strong Women", BeanRunner, Peekskill, NY
- 2017 "100!" Howland Cultural Center, Beacon, NY
- 2016 "Wolves, Brides and Fairytales" solo exhibit at Steamer Gallery, Ossining, NY
- 2016 Textile Study Group of NYC , "Korea Bojagi Forum" in Suwon, South Korea.

- 2015 "International Fiber Arts Exhibition," Sebastopol Center for the Arts, CA
- 2015 "Sewn: Mary McFerran," Ottinger Rm, Croton Free Library, NY
- 2014 Islington Museum, Local History Center, Finsbury Library, London, UK
- 2013 New Museum, NYC, COLAB TV
- 2013 Creative Islington, VAI, UK
- 2012-14 Islington Arts Factory, "Summer Salon," London, UK
- 2013 "In your Dreams," St Pancreas Church Crypt Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 "Drawing Crowds," London, UK
- 2010 Croton-Harmon Library, Croton, NY
- 1984 "Airing the Laundry," Video Art in the Laundromat, NYC (COLAB)
- 1985 Video Data Bank, Chicago
- 1986 "Beauty and the TV," Video Art in the Beauty Salon (COLAB)
- 1986 Museum of Modern Art, Film/Video series

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Textile Study Group, NYC, Mary McFerran, Artist Interview, July 6, 2017, tsgnyblog.org/index.php/2017/07/mary-mc?

Surface Design Magazine, SDA In the Studio: MaryMcFerran, August 6, 2016, www surfacedesign.org/sda-in-the-studio?

PUBLICATIONS

Ancestor Museum, Exhibition Catalogue, 2017

COLLECTIONS

Museum of Modern Art, Department of Film & Video, NYC
 Video Data Bank, Chicago, Ill
 Assorted Private Collections in London, UK and New York.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-founder of In_Question Artist Collective, Peekskill, NY
 Curator "Cloth and Memory" exhibit at Howland Center, Beacon, NY
 Exhibition Coordinator , Croton Free Library, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
 Teaching Artist, ArtsWestchester, Westchester County, NY

EDUCATION

Study in Textile Arts, City Lit, London, UK
 M.A. Educational Communications and Technology, New York University
 M.F.A. Fine Arts, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
 M.A. Studio Arts, Printmaking, The University at Albany, NY
 B.S. Arts & Education, Empire State College
 A.A.S. Fashion Institute of Technology, NY

