

GALA BELL

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SUMMARY

Internationally exhibited multidisciplinary artist with a practice rooted in material experimentation, working across painting, sculpture, and installation. My work explores the intersections of fragility, labour, and transformation, using unconventional materials such as silk, sugar, and found objects to challenge traditional techniques. Featured in leading publications including *Frieze*, *Sotheby's Made in Bed*, *BBC One*, and *Saatchi's Rising Stars*, with commissions from BBC One and Tate & Lyle. Alongside my studio practice, I am a passionate and dynamic Fine Art and History of Art educator with over 10 years of experience. Adept at designing and delivering workshops and participatory projects, I aim to create meaningful, accessible experiences that connect contemporary art with diverse audiences.

EXPERIENCE

Artiq x EQT Partners

Artiq 7/04/25, London, UK

Designed and delivered a bespoke art workshop filmed for EQT staff, commissioned through Artiq.

Led and facilitated a filmed art workshop session for internal use, combining practical demonstration with accessible creative instruction.

Produced and supplied original artworks for a large-scale installation within EQT's offices, Aligning with the company's collection and vision.

Worked collaboratively with Artiq to develop content that engaged participants and contributed to EQT's cultural programme.

Schroder's Capital x Tate Modern

Schroder's Capital 28/01/25 London, UK

Led a creative team-building initiative with Schroder's Capital, designing and executing large-scale collaborative paintings that fostered teamwork, communication, and creative expression among the leadership team.

Delivered a tour on selected artworks from the Tate Collection, providing historical context and in-depth analysis of their cultural significance.

Bridged the gap between the artworks and the current exhibitions, helping participants understand the connections between art history and contemporary themes.

Facilitated engaging group critiques and discussions, encouraging open dialogue and constructive feedback. Promoted peer learning and creative exchange to inspire new perspectives and deeper appreciation for art.

Worked closely with Schroder's Capital's leadership team to enhance their understanding of creativity and leadership through art, fostering a reflective and collaborative environment within the company.

Private Tutor

Athena Tuition 2018 – 2023, London, UK

Provided one-on-one education and support to students with special needs.

Teacher for Fine Art, Design, History of Art, Graphic Design, Textiles and Photography for exam boards OCR, Edexcel, Scottish Highers, AQA.

Portfolio preparation for scholarships and university application, focusing on Art Foundation, BA and MA courses at UK and international universities.

Dissertation and essay writing.

Technical skills in all art mediums including etching and intaglio printmaking, oil painting, watercolour, technical drawing, sculpture including casting and mould making techniques, casting in bronze and wax work.

Supported students by improving their academic performance and technical skills with tailored sessions.

Designed stimulating learning materials that catered to students' interests and strengths.

Approximately 90% success rate of students being accepted to their first choice universities after portfolio preparation lessons.

Art Teacher and Guest Artist

Villa Lena Art Foundation 08/2023 Tuscany, Italy

EDUCATION

Master's Degree, Fine Art

Royal College of Art

2016 - 2018 London, UK

Bachelor's Degree (Hons) Fine Art and History of Art

City and Guilds of London Art School

2009 - 2012 London, UK

Foundation Diploma

City and Guilds of London Art School

2008 - 2009 London, UK

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

Chelsea and Westminster Plus

Shortlisted for CW+ Art in Hospitals Grant 2025

Abbey Awards, British School in Rome

Shortlisted artist, highly commended, Runner-Up 2025

Buckinghamshire New University Artist in Resident

Guest artist and art tutor for Foundation and BA first year, residency for one year

Villa Lena Art Foundation

Selected Artist and Creative Contributor for Villa Lena Art Foundation

Berlin Art Institute

Artist in residence, creating new work for the residency, delivering 2 exhibitions in Berlin and delivering an art talk on my studio practice.

Saatchi's Rising Stars

Selected for Saatchi's top 20 global artists to collect in 2022

Ashurst Artist Prize, Selected Artist Shortlist

Ashurst Partners at Shoreditch Fruit and Wool Exchange Art Prize and Exhibition 2021

Design Museum, shortlist

Fountain of Hygiene Innovation

Bompas and Parr, Design Museum and LVH prize for product design, exhibited at Design Museum London 2020

First Prize, City and Guilds Art School

First Prize for Outstanding Work Show, 2012

Villa Lena Art Foundation Residency, Selected Artist
Contributed to the creative development of the Villa Lena Art Foundation through participation in artistic projects, exhibitions, and events.
Designed and delivered dynamic and interactive workshops focused on sculpture and ink drawing for participants of all ages and skill levels.
Developed lesson plans tailored to the unique interests and needs of participants, fostering creativity and artistic expression.
Facilitated group discussions and critiques to promote peer learning and constructive feedback among participants.

Kellogg's LTD Commission

Taylor Herring & Ask the Impossible 2023 London, UK and Paris, France
PR Production and Creative Agency
Concept Development for an artwork for Kellogg's PR campaign exhibitions in London and Paris.
Collaboration with Kellogg's representatives and stakeholders throughout the design and fabrication process, as well as Taylor Herring and Ask the Impossible agents.
Fabrication including casting a life-sized bust, fabricating an original sculptural artwork, delivering video and media footage of the process and preparation,
Managing logistics for the installation of the sculpture, including crate building, transportation, and installation requirements.

Kingston Hospital x Anstee Bridge

Kingston Hospital and Anstee Bridge Charity
2022 London, UK
Lead artist and workshop leader
Taught classes of 15 pupils to create artwork for Kingston Hospital
Project management and implementing lesson plans that engage students and promote critical thinking
Organized and facilitated art workshops and special events for Anstee Bridge
Knowledgeable about mental health issues and therapeutic interventions, with a commitment to ongoing professional development.

Lead Artist Community Art

Hogarth Youth and Community Centre 2022 London, UK
Company Description
Designed and implemented engaging ceramic arts projects for youth and community members, fostering creativity, self-expression, and collaboration.
Raised £5,000 through London Borough of Hounslow Council to fund the project comprising 8 week daily workshops to complete a 1035 hand painted tile mural.
In-depth knowledge of ceramic clays and glazes, additional knowledge of kiln firing temperatures and treatment of clay.
Provided hands-on instruction and mentorship to participants, guiding them through the creative process and supporting their artistic growth.
Collaborated with staff, volunteers, and community partners to coordinate project logistics, secure funding and resources, and promote participation and engagement.
Evaluated project outcomes and collected feedback to inform future programming and ensure ongoing relevance and impact.
Passion for community engagement and the arts, dedicated to creating enriching and memorable experiences for participants.

Teacher for Fine Art

Chelsea Fine Arts 2019 - 2021 London, UK
Educated students with diverse needs and abilities.
Applied innovative teaching strategies to reach students with varied learning styles
Implemented unique lesson plans focusing on art techniques, skills and art history. In-depth knowledge of Art History spanning various periods and styles
Managed studio operations, including scheduling, inventory management, and customer relations.
Proficient in Fine Art techniques including drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media

STRENGTHS

Innovative Teaching

Ability to tailor teaching methods to accommodate diverse learning styles

Artistic Learning

Experience in curriculum development and lesson planning

Commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment

Building Trust

Established strong, personable relationships with clients

Artist Assistant at Ai Wei Wei Studio

Lisson Gallery 2019 London, UK

Artist assistant for project at Lisson Gallery

Research and archiving for Ai Wei Wei Studio

Photography of artefacts

Documentation and organisation of artwork

Implementing new strategies to create a comprehensive catalogue and archive

Logistics and transportation of artefacts to Europe

BBC One Commission & TV presentation for Sir Henry Tate at Tate and Lyle

BBC 2019 London, UK

BBC London Television and Tate and Lyle Sugars

Sculptor and Presenter for BBC One, paid commission to create a sculpture for Sir Henry Tate at Tate & Lyle, commemorating his legacy and contributions to the sugar industry.

Designed and fabricated an original bust of Sir Henry Tate in pure sugar.

Presented a televised segment on the sculpture commissioning process, providing insight into the artistic vision, techniques, and inspiration behind the artwork.

Engaged with stakeholders, including Tate & Lyle representatives and community members, to ensure the sculpture reflected their interests and perspectives.

Lead Artist Great Exhibition Road Festival

Victoria and Albert Museum 2018 London, UK

Great Exhibition Road Festival

Workshop leader delivery public facing workshop to over 1,000 participants at the Great Exhibition Road Festival at the V & A.

Designed and facilitated interactive art focused workshops on the environment for public audiences.

Collaborated with festival organisers, museum staff, and fellow workshop leaders to coordinate logistics and ensure seamless event execution.

Adapted workshop content and delivery based on participant feedback and evolving event dynamics to maximise impact and engagement.

Utilised dynamic presentation skills and interactive techniques to captivate audience attention and encourage active participation.

Technician

Arts Heritage Fulham 2018 London, UK

Wax and Bronze Casting Assistant

Proficiency in wax modeling, mould-making, and bronze casting techniques, with hands-on experience in traditional foundry processes.

Knowledge of materials, tools, and equipment used in casting and sculpture, coupled with a commitment to continuous learning and skill development for wax pouring and finishing with solvents.

Attention to detail and precision in executing complex casting procedures, ensuring the integrity and authenticity of artistic works. Finishing with chisels, brushing and sanding techniques.

Events Assistant

Royal College of Art 2016 - 2018 London, UK

Royal College of Art Events

Assisted in the planning and coordination of corporate events, including conferences, seminars, and networking receptions.

Supported the logistics of event setup, including venue selection, vendor coordination, and equipment rental.

Provided on-site support during events, addressing guest inquiries, troubleshooting technical issues, and overseeing event flow.

Art Teacher

The Independent Art School 2014 - 2017 London, UK

Company Description

Developed curriculum and lesson plans tailored to participants' interests and skill levels, covering various art mediums such as painting, drawing, mixed media.

Designed and facilitated engaging and interactive arts workshops for diverse audiences, including children, teens, and adults.

Provided hands-on instruction and guidance, encouraging experimentation and creative exploration while fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Managed workshop logistics, including materials preparation, setup, and cleanup, ensuring smooth and efficient operation of sessions.

Gallery Assistant

Elephant West Gallery 2017 - 2019 London, UK

Company Description

Managing exhibition and artwork sales

Provided administrative support to gallery staff, including answering phones, responding to emails, and managing inquiries from visitors and clients.

Assisted with the installation and deinstallation of exhibitions, including handling and hanging artwork, labelling pieces, and preparing gallery spaces for opening receptions.

Assisted with marketing and promotional activities, including updating social media channels, drafting press releases, and distributing promotional materials.

Conducted research and compiled artist biographies, exhibition histories, and other materials for promotional purposes and archival documentation.

EXHIBITIONS

2025

Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair, Curated Hang, London, UK, 11-13/11/25

Cycladic Arts, Open Studio, Paros, Greece, 28/08/25

Acting Out, Ex Voto Gallery, 10/04/25 - 01/05/25

Artist in Residence EQT Group x Artiq, EQT Soho London, UK, 21/02/25-21/02/26

Maison Pan x Choose Love Auction, The Vaults at The National Gallery, London, UK 02/02/25 - 17/02/25

Ambidexterous Group Show 5, Ambidexter Gallery, Istanbul, Turkiye 16/01/25 - 08/02/25 2024

2024

The Poet Takes Himself Apart, Open Studio, Derin Print Shop, Istanbul, 28/08/24

The Emancipated Rider, tHEIR Gallery, London UK 17/04/24 - 25/05/24,

Unraveled, Maximillian Wolfgang Gallery, London UK 02/03 - 10/04/24

Her Story, The Hyde Gallery, London UK 08/03 - 16/03/24

2023

Fresh Talent pt 1, Artistellar Gallery, viewing room, 21/09/23 – 20/10/23

Reductive Art Exhibition, Kellogg's Ltd, Oxo Tower London 08/09/23 – 09/09/23,

Reductive Art Exhibition, Kellogg's Ltd, Galerie Joseph, Paris France, 16/09-19/09/23

Art in Hospitals, King Edward VII Hospital with Zimmer Stewart Gallery, London UK, 27/01/2023 – 01/01/2024

Villa Lena Art Foundation, Residency Open Studio, Tuscany, Italy, 20/08/2023

JB Art Gallery viewing room, London UK, 02/02/23 – 01/03/23

2022

Imago Mundi, Hogarth Youth Centre, London UK, 30/09/22

The Block New Media Art, The Block Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal 27/12/21-05/01/22

2021

Nothing is - Everything Just Has Been or Will Be, Korean Cultural Institute, London, UK 12/11/21 - 28/01/21

Nothing is - Everything Just Has Been or Will Be, Korean Cultural Institute, Berlin, Germany 09/07/21 - 28/08/21
Shortlist for Ashurst Art Prize, Fruit and Wool Exchange Shoreditch, London 25/06/21 - 08/10/21

2020

Fountain of Hygiene pt II, Haw Parr Music, Business of Design Week, Hong Kong, China 30/11/20-05/12/20
The Exhibitionist Hotel, South Kensington, London 15/12/20-31/12/20
Fry Up, Installation for Kensington and Chelsea Art Week, KCAW, 1/12/20 - 30/01/21
Fountain of Hygiene, shortlisted for Hygiene Innovation Beyond the Sanitiser, The Design Museum, London 31/07/10-04/09/20
Wave Theatre, solo show, La Galleria, Pall Mall 01-11/07/20

2019

Winter Salon, Offshoot Artspace, Highgate, 28/11/19-08/12/19
Something Written or Recorded, A Space is A Space, digital 26/11/19-05/12/19
No Captcha, Thanks, Offshoot Artspace, Highgate 20-29/09/19
Anti-Doughte, Museum of Food, Great Exhibition Road Festival, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, 29/06/19
Museum Open Day, Tate and Lyle Sugar Factory, Silvertown, 22/02/19

2018

Mantra, Stour Space, Hackney Wick, 10/11/18
Low Voltage Experiments, The Silver Building, Silvertown, 25-28/10/18
Transform, Mint Gallery, London Design Festival, Kensington, London 15 - 29/09/18
FAM, Loft Studios, Kensal Green, London 01/06/18
Living Room, Safe House 1&2, Peckham, London 19 - 20/06/18
Thumbnails, Hockney Gallery, Kensington Gore, London 19 - 23/02/18

2017

Time Poor Dreamers, Cypher Space, Wilsnacker Straße, Berlin, Germany 02 - 05/05/17
WIP Show, Royal College of Art, London 20 - 14/01/17
Crossing the Visible, New Court Gallery, Derbyshire 14/01/17 - 10/02/17
2016
The Sacred Screen, The Square Gallery, Battersea, London 12/01/17 - 19/01/17

2016

The Londoner's Compass, The Strand Gallery, London 18 - 23/10/16
Glossary, The Safehouse, Peckham, After Projects 18 - 23/10/16
Brücke Im Dschungel IV, Galerie der HBKsaar, Saarbrücken, Germany 29/09/16 - 02/10/16
Substance Rift, House of Vans, Waterloo, London 03/05/16 - 10/05/16
Brücke Im Dschungel, Kunsthalle am Hamburger Platz, Berlin, Germany 19/12/15
Rein ne vas Plus, Kunsthalle am Hamburger Platz