# **BREE GOMEZ**

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### Summary

Professional public artist with a driven work ethic, cultural awareness, strong interpersonal skills, and a passion for transforming spaces into places of destination

### Highlights

- Extensive experience within the professional public art and design field including: sculpture, wayfinding, placemaking, and designing solutions
- Industry knowledge: budgeting, design, fabrication, transportation, Installation, exhibition, and maintenance of site-specific public works
- Detail oriented with capacity to prioritize tasks and execute projects
- Extensive experience traveling internationally and domestically to increase awareness of design trends

- Strong passion for research and design
- Skills: glassblowing/sand casting, metal casting (iron, bronze, and aluminum), lighting design, ceramic, mosaic, wood working, mold making (silicone, plaster, and sodium silicate-bonded sand molds), projection, sculpture, electroplating, sound, welding (tig/mig), CNC, plasmacutting, vacuumforming, and lasercutting,
- Additional Skills: Microsoft Office Suite, Excel, PowerPoint, Photoshop, and Illustrator

#### Experience

Professional Public Artist Jan 2009 to Present

Respond to RFQ and RFP public art calls: budgeting, design, fabrication, installation, exhibition, and maintenance of site-specific public works

International Travel Program Manager May 2014 to Present

Explorica Educational Travel, Inc - San Diego, CA

Collaborate with teachers to create custom international student tours.

VIP Club Representative and Liaison

San Diego Polo Club - San Diego, CA

May 2014 to Present

(seasonal)

Represent the San Diego Polo Club as a liaison to VIP members. Duties include networking, event planning for galas, and other special programs.

College Admissions Representative Jan 2011 to May 2014

American Academy of Art - Chicago, IL

Traveled to 150 high schools per year within territory to give presentations to students. Represented college at recruitment functions, trade shows, and college fairs.

Architectural Glass Designer 2010

Skyline Design - Chicago, IL

Designed custom glass architectural works for spaces in Chicago area.

Research Assistant 2008

49th Ward Alderman's Office - Chicago, IL

Worked as a research assistant for a major public art project for the city of Chicago. Responsible for creating participatory budget.

Glass Technician, Chicago Hot Glass 2007-2008

Assisted with glass-blowing, casting, slumping courses, and studio upkeep

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Emphasis in Public Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago

2006-2010

Study Abroad Centers International 2009-2010

Studied Art and Art History in Florence, Italy

Ox-Bow School of Art and Residency (Summer Courses)

Glassblowing/Casting, Iron Pour, and Metal Casting Courses

2007-2010

# **Selected Exhibitions**

2015	"SAIC 150 Year Anniversary Block Party"
2013	School of the Art Institute of Chicago "Illumination Gala" Chicago Loop Alliance Palmer House Hilton Grand Ballroom
	"LightSense" Exhibition
	Zhou B Art Center
2012	Chicago, IL "Illuminate" Exhibition
20.2	Water Street Studios
	Batavia, IL
	"Transformative Learning" Exhibition
	Brick Gallery, Chicago
2011	ArtPrize Public Art Exhibition
	DeVos Place Convention Center
	Grand Rapids, MI
2010	Public Light & Space Exhibition with Jaume Plensa
	Richard Gray Gallery, John Hancock Center, Chicago, IL
	Art Loop Open Exhibition
	Hotel Burnham, Chicago, IL
	ArtPrize Exhibition (Ranked top 25 out of 1,713 artists)
	Grand Rapids Art Museum

# **Private Commissions & Selected Projects**

2013	Silent Night Sound-Absorbing Project
	South Bend Memorial Hospital
	Interactive Sound Sculpture
	Rhythm! Discovery Center
	Indianapolis, IN
	Selected as Semi-Finalist for Interactive Suspended Artwork
	Crown Point Public Library
	Temporary Interactive Exhibit
	Grand Rapids Children's Museum
	Grand Rapids, MI
2010	Public Art Glass Sculpture
	Dr. Patrick Sweeney
	Minimally Invasive Spine Specialists
	Cast Glass Light Installation
	Booth Hansen Architecture
	Chicago, IL
2009	Illuminated Glass Sculpture
	Private Collection of Barry MacLean
	Chicago, IL

# Press & Publications

2012	Johnson, Zachary. "Illuminate Water Street Studios." <i>Sixty Inches from Center</i> . Chicago Arts Archive, Jan. 2012. Web.
	"Illuminate Show Water Street Studios." Editorial. <i>Trib Local</i> [Batavia] 04 Jan. 2012. Print.
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2011	Greene, Katie. "Cascade ArtPrize 2011." <i>Grand Rapids Press</i> 08 Oct. 2011. Print.
	Batdorff, Katie. "ArtPrize Day 19." Grand Rapids Press 09 Oct. 2011. Print.
2010	Plensa, Jaume, John Manning, and Jan Tichý. Public Light & Space: Public Art Projects for the 21st Century: 2010 William and Stephanie Sick Distinguished Professorship. Chicago, IL: School of the Art Institute
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  http://www.blog.artprize.org/2010/09/28/90-seconds-with-bree-gomez/ Grand Rapids, MI, 28 Sept. 2010. Television.
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- Dawson, Phil. ArtPrize: The Masterminds Behind the Masterpieces. WZZM Channel 13. Grand Rapids, Michigan, 24 Sept. 2010. Television.
- Kaczmarczyk, Jeffrey. "ArtPrize Exhibition Center Spotlight: GRAM." Grand Rapids Press 16 Sept. 2010. Print.
- Viera, Lauren. "Public Light & Space at Richard Gray Gallery." Chicago Tribune 28 May 2010. Print.
- Weiss, Hedy. "Fountain Creator Challenges Young Artists' Imaginations." *Chicago Sun-Times* 22 May 2010. Print.
- Swann, Jennifer. "SAIC Students Breathe Soul into Chicago's Public Spaces." *F-News Magazine* [Chicago] 28 May 2010. Print.
- "Public Light & Space: Public Art Projects for the 21st Century Exhibition." CBS [Chicago] 28 May 2010. Print.
- "SAIC Undergraduate Exhibition." WGN Morning News. WGN. Chicago, IL, 6 Apr. 2010. Television.
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Public Light & Space: Public Art Projects for the 21st Century. Carol & Fox Associates Marketing & Public Relations for the Arts, 16 Feb. 2010. Web.

## **Gallery Representation**

2009-Present Galleria Romanelli, Florence, Italy S.R. Brennen Gallery, Palm Desert, CA