

BRUCE PRINGLE: Sculptor

Born in Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Currently resides in the Northern Rivers Region, NSW

1951	Born; Port Elizabeth, South Africa.
1977	Amsterdam, Holland.
1978	Melbourne, Victoria.
1979	Bobin Creek, NSW.
1989	Richmond, Tasmania.
1999	South Hobart, Tasmania.
2003- 2008	South Hobart, Tasmania and Byron Bay, NSW.
2008-present	Northern Rivers Region, Byron Bay, NSW.

EMPLOYMENT

1972-1973	Macrobiotic Restaurant “Tui Ting”, Cape Town. Joint proprietor.
1972-1976	Leather worker
1973 -present	Jewellery Designer/Maker.
1978- present	Knife maker
1979	Blacksmith “Dingo Creek Knives”
1980	Decorative Blacksmith “Bobin Creek Knives”
1995 –present	Proprietor “HAMMER AND HAND” Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart , Tasmania.
1980-present	BLACKSMITH
2001-2008	Metal Artist/Sculptor. South Hobart Rivulet Workshop Tasmania.
2008-present	Metal Artist/Sculptor. Arts and Industry Estate, Byron Bay.
2008-present	Proprietor “HAMMER AND HAND” jewellery and metal collective Byron Bay.
2008- present	Founding member of The Artists’ Trail, Byron Bay Arts and Industry Park.

EXHIBITIONS

Group Shows

1989	“Artists of the Manning” Taree Regional Gallery, NSW.
1990	“Walker Manning Exhibition” Taree Regional Gallery, Taree NSW.
1991	“Earth, Fire and Water” Saddlers Court Gallery, Richmond Tasmania. “The Design-Makers’ Cooperative Furniture and Ceramics “ “Centenary Exhibition” Launceston Art Society. “Chalmers Gallery, Launceston “The Design-Makers Co-operative Furniture and Ceramics” Exhibition, Dick Bett Gallery, Salamanca Place. Cooperative work with Sally McGilvray, ceramicist. “Real and Forged – Contemporary Australian Metal” the Inaugural Jam Factory Exhibition Adelaide, South Australia. For the Adelaide Arts Festival. “Mixed Exhibition” Saddlers Court Gallery Richmond.
1994	“Easter Show”, Handmark Gallery Hobart. “Phoenix Craft Expo”, Phoenix Arizona, USA in collaboration with Colin Heagney, Glass. “OASIS Gift Show Artisans’ Showcase” Phoenix, Arizona. Tasmanian Artists.
1995	Inaugural Tasmanian Knife Show, Long Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart. “Winter Show” Handmark Gallery, Hobart. “Stone Steel and Fibre” Exhibition, Oast House Fine Art Gallery New Norfolk. a dual exhibition with Chanchal Foxen.
1996	“Boxes “ Exhibition, Oast House Gallery New Norfolk.
1997	“On a Whim and a Prayer” Hobart Design Makers Cooperative.
1998	“Handmark Presents” Group Exhibition Handmark Gallery, Hobart. “Precious Easter” Auction St David’s Cathedral Rooms, Hobart.

- 1999 "Put Ons" Banana Moon Gallery, Hobart.
 "From Forest and Forge" Artisan Gallery West Tamar, Tasmania.
- 1999- to 2008 Exhibitor: Tasmanian Craft Fair Deloraine, Tasmania
- 2000 "Kate Cebrano at the Winery" Exhibition Piper Brook Vineyard .
- 2000-2002 "Tasmania Beyond Imagination" Mannheim, Germany. Sponsored by the Department of State Development Tasmania.
- 2003 "Tasmanian Living Artists Exhibition" Masterpiece Gallery, Sandy Bay, Tasmania.
 "Confidentially Yours" Peacock Theatre Salamanca Arts Centre. Property design.
 Props auctioned in aid of the Australian Heart Foundation.
- 2004 "Fringe Exhibition" Artifakt Gallery, Deloraine, Tasmania.
 "The View From My Window" Waywood Gallery, Byron Bay.
 "Trinity Art and Craft Exhibition" Ashmore, Queensland.
- 2006 "Celtic Festival Art Exhibition Westbury , Tasmania " Winner First Prize
 "Australian Silver" Exhibition, Deloraine Craft Fair anniversary
- 2007 "In the Window", Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart, Tasmania
- 2009 "Witches and Hearts", Hammer and Hand Byron Bay.
 "Hammered", Hammer and Hand Byron Bay.
 "Wired" , Hammer and Hand Byron Bay
- 2010 "Byron Arts Classic " Community Centre Byron Bay
 "Pierced" Hammer and Hand Byron Bay
 "Stoned" Hammer and Hand Byron Bay
 "Eat Paint Love" Still@theCentre , Byron Bay
- 2011 "Byron Arts Classic" Community Centre Byron Bay
 "Hammer and Hand Annual Exhibition
- 2012 "METAL" Group exhibition, Artifakt Gallery, Deloraine, Tasmania.
 Hammer and Hand annual exhibition
 Byron Arts Classic
- 2013 Hammer and hand Exhibition
- 2014 Border Art Prize Exhibition
 Hammer and Hand Exhibition
- 2015 Hammer and Hand Exhibition
- 2016 Coraki Art Prize... Mention
- 2017 Hammer and Hand Exhibition
- 2018 Border Art prize Exhibition
 Hammer and Hand Exhibition
 Coraki Art Prize Exhibition. Winner, second prize Sculpture

COMMISSIONS.

- 1992 Trophies Royal Hobart Wine Show, Tasmanian Wine Industry.
 Most Successful exhibitor: Lindeman Wines Pty Ltd. Most Successful Tasmanian exhibitor and Tasmanian Fine Wine Distributor Trophy Moorilla Estate Berridale.
- 1993 Public Seating, Richmond Park Chamber of Commerce, Richmond Tasmania.
- 1994 Coat of Arms, Devonport, Tasmania Magistrates' Court. Collaboration with Christine Guilene (hot glass artist).
- 1994 Friendship Park gates, Elizabeth College Hobart.
- 1996 Trophies – "Edge of the World" Film Festival.
- 1997 Stair Railing Salamanca Arts Centre Courtyard.
- 2002 "The Ondine Awards" trophies for community involvement in the arts in Hobart.

PUBLICATIONS.

- 1995 "Talent Tasmania - Forging a Reputation". Article in June/July Natural State News.
Tasmanian Government Publication.
- "Metal as Anything" Article November. Good Taste Magazine.
- 1996 Portfolio No 191, CRAFT ARTS International No 49.
- 1997 "Who is This?" Feature The Drift Blacksmithing Magazine Edition 42.
- 2008 July Australian House and Garden article by Leo Schofield.

GRANTS AND AWARDS.

- 1998 Tasmanian Government Arts Grant for the development of promotional material and the Development of interstate marketing strategies.
- 2000 Winner of the "Craft and Arts International" Tasmanian Craft Fair Award, Deloraine, Tasmania.
- 2006 Winner First Prize the Inaugural Celtic Art Prize "Westbury Festival" Tasmania.

FILM

- 1994 TV Documentary "Fridge Door". Profiles of Tasmanian artists Bruce Pringle and Carol Glass, mosaic artist.
Blacksmith in feature film "Exile" directed by Paul Cox , starring Hugo Weaving, Claudia Karvan and Aidan Young.
- 1996 Role as farmer in "Extinct", a BBC documentary on Tasmanian Tigers.
- 2003 Role as bronze artisan in BBC documentary "Stories From the Stone Age".
Presented by Screen Tasmania for the inaugural "Roaring Forties Film Festival" Hobart.
- 2004 "Stateline" ABC Personal profile 17.9.04

COMMUNITY.

- 1980 Knife Making workshops, Wingham High School "Cultural Expose".
- 1981-1982 Visual Art Teachers aid, Bobin Creek Public Scho
- 1983-1988 Convenor Annual Bobin Creek Craft Review, Manning Valley, NSW.
- 1987-1989 Co-producer and Presenter "PANDORA'S BOX" Craft show. 2BOB FM Radio, Taree
NSW
- 1987-1989 "Auction Tasmanica" fundraiser for The Greens. Long Gallery Salamanca Arts Centre
- 1998 Richmond Primary School Parents and Friends Association Fair. Stone carving
- 2002-2004 Teach the Teacher mentor for Clarence TAFE Design Faculty Staff.
- 2003 Auction for the Heart Foundation "Peacock Theatre", Salamanca Arts Centre
Hobart.
- 2004 Auction Tasmanica" fundraiser for The Greens. Long Gallery Salamanca Arts Centre
Hobart.
- 2009 Founding member of "The Artists' Trail", Byron Bay Arts and Industry Park.