

SAM KILDAY

artist/maker

Introduction

I am a multi-disciplinary artist, maker and arts worker based in Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Scotland.

Over the past decade I have lead, assisted and collaborated with a number of creative organisations to produce and create photo-shoots, websites, marketing literature, magazines, books, textile artworks, hand-crafted products, paintings and community initiatives.

Artist Statement

In my current practice I'm examining the apparent dichotomies I feel are plaguing our world at large, along with those more local. From global scale climate crisis and inaction of governments and multinational corporations to conflict between neighbours about real grass versus plastic grass.

Words seem to mean less and less. Language is being hollowed out. Culture and human rights are being eroded at an alarming rate. I retreat to the woods to work with sustainable timber. I too am eroding and hollowing. Creating through subtraction. Locking in carbon. Blocking out noise. A retreat to abstract forms. Simple but multi-faceted. Shaping shadow and light.

Selected Projects and Awards:

July 2024 - Argyll Heritage Craft Residency, Cove Park

Oct 2023 - Appointed Island Advocate for the Isle of Bute, Culture, Heritage and Arts Assembly of Argyll & Bute (CHARTS)

Aug 2022 - The Big Art Show, Paisley, Group Exhibition - two sculptural pieces selected for exhibition.

Sep 2020 - Co-author of book "People Make Glasgow" - an exploration of artists and artisans in the city.

Mar 2020 - Marmalade Hotel, Isle of Skye - production assistant, textile art commission with Jane Hunter - 34 works

2019 - 2020 - Kate Davies Designs - Photography and styling assistant for multiple knitwear publications.

Dec 2018 - KPMG Edinburgh - Assisting in the installation of large textile art commission with Jane Hunter.

Mar 2015 - Scottish Parliamentary Reception - Creative Scotland Showcase - public art demonstration.

2013 - 2017 - Founder/Director of Juniper & Jane Textiles, designing and hand-crafting textile homeware.

2009 - 2011 - Voluntary Artwork Design and layout of regular Matchday Programme for Cumnock Juniors FC.

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