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Selected Upcoming and Recent Exhibitions

Moments in My Journey: Enso Sculptures at Canyon Ranch
Central Courtyard, Canyon Ranch, Lenox, MA
Through October 15, 2024

Thinking Inside the Box
The Westport Public Library, Westport, CT
March 9 – May 5, 2024

Metamorphosis
Annmarie Sculpture Garden, Solomons, MD
in association with the Smithsonian Institution
February 9 – April 21, 2024

Marc Zaref: Cascade (a site-specific installation)
The Jesup Gallery, Westport Public Library, Westport, CT
August 12 – October 25, 2023

Biennial Sculpture Trail, 2023
Cherry Valley Artworks, Cherry Valley, NY
July 3 – October 6, 2023

Marc Zaref: Defiance
TurnPark Art Space, West Stockbridge, MA
June 10, 2023 – TBD

Abstract Visions: Director's Choice
Silvermine Galleries, New Canaan, CT
April 1 – April 20, 2023

Drawings After Dark
Ursa Gallery, Bridgeport, CT
November 10, 2022 – February 18, 2023

Inter-stitch: Installations, Sculpture and Performances
Arrow Park, Monroe, NY
August 12 – 20, 2022

Marc Zaref: Defiance
Art Project Paia, Paia, HI
June 24, 2022 - TBD

56th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show
Cain Art Gallery, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX
February 18 – May 6, 2022

Invitational Exhibiting Artist
San Juan Islands Sculpture Park, Roche Harbor, WA
October 2021– October 2024

Summer Outdoor Sculpture Showcase
Sculpture Grounds, Old Lyme, CT
June 19 – October 30, 2021

Education

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI BFA 1983

Center for Metal Arts, Florida, NY
Traditional blacksmithing, metalworking and patina
Studied with founder Ed Mack, contemporary blacksmith Uri Hoffi and apprentices, 2012–15

Silvermine School of Art, New Canaan, CT
Welding and metal fabrication for sculpture, 2011–12

Purchase College, State University of New York, Purchase, NY
Anatomy and figure drawing, 1978-79

The Art Students League, New York, NY
Figure drawing
Studied with Agnes Hart, Robert Beverly Hale, 1975–78

Artist and Designer

A multidisciplinary artist, Marc Zaref is known to some as a sculptor, others as a painter, and many as a designer. Drawing is the foundation of his processes, and is apparent in his work on paper, through playful assemblages of forged and welded steel. His broad range of skills are paired with a comfort and knowledge of working with an extensive palette of methods and materials. This enables him to freely articulate his ideas and expressions in two and three dimensions.

Marc Zaref's design background, concentrated in the world of museums and galleries, gives him an understanding of partnership and collaboration. His role in the curatorial planning and execution of major exhibitions, from creating monographic, thematic, and period specific books, to designing exhibition spaces, exposed him to limitless visual influences. In this capacity he worked closely with artists, curators, museum board members and staff.

While Marc continues to consult with institutions and provides design services on a per project basis, he transitioned to dedicating his time to his fine artwork in his studio and shop.

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Teaching, Contributions and Experience

Principal

Marc Zaref Design, Norwalk, CT, 1987–present

Board Member, Chair Artists Committee

SoNo Arts Celebration, Norwalk, CT, 2003–06

Teaching Volunteer: Observing and Drawing Sea life

Connecticut Friends School, Wilton, CT, 2005–14

Juror

SoNo Arts Celebration, Norwalk, CT, 2002

Portfolio Reviewer

Rhode Island School of Design, 1989–91

Assistant Faculty

Rhode Island School of Design, 1986–87

Designer

Malcolm Gear Designers, Providence, RI 1983–87
Clients Included: Harvard University Graduate School of Design, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design

Awards

American Association of Museums
American Corporate Identity
The American Federation of Arts
American Institute of Graphic Arts
American Library Association
Art Directors Club of Boston
The Association of American University Presses
Columbus International Film and Video Festival
Connecticut Art Directors Club
Gilbert Paper
Independent Publisher Book Awards
Mohawk Paper Mills
Printing Industries of America

Professional Memberships

American Alliance of Museums
American Institute for Conservation
American Institute of Graphic Arts
Artists Collective of Westport (elected)
Carriage Barn Arts Center
Connecticut Arts Alliance
Ridgefield Guild of Artists
Silvermine Guild of Artists (elected)

Collections

American Institute of Graphic Arts, New York, NY
Brooklyn College, CUNY
New York Public Library, New York, NY
Orrick & Company, Greenwich, CT
Private Collections
Smithsonian Institution Archives of American Art,
Washington DC
United States Postal Service Museum, Washington, DC

Representation

East:

The Wit Gallery
27 Church Street
Lenox, MA

25 Main Collective Gallery
Cherry Valley, NY

West:

Waterworks Gallery
315 Argyle Ave
Friday Harbor, WA