

Ryan Fairweather

Glassblowing
Canada

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Professional Experience and Curriculum Vitae

Bee Kingdom is a glass-based studio collective originally conceived by Ryan Marsh Fairweather, Tim Belliveau and Phillip Bandura in 2004, and expanded in April 2011 to include Kai Georg Scholefield. All members graduated from the Alberta College of Art and Design from the glass program in 2005 and decided they wanted to pursue an artistic lifestyle/career and built a hot-glass studio in their backyard in the northwest of Calgary, Alberta.

Bee Kingdom is named so for a couple of reasons. Ryan, Kai, Tim and Phillip live and work communally at a seemingly constant non-stop pace. When relating the quality of hot glass it is relatable to flowing honey. We also run our own glass blowing studio, which we consider our kingdom.

Our attraction to glass is drawn from the natural beauty of glass. Glass as a medium is unique and working with the raw, molten material has limitless possibilities. The process is exciting, team oriented, physically demanding, requires precise coordination and demands your mind's complete presence; it is a richly rewarding medium to work with.

Previous Clientele

Pilchuck Glass School
FirstEnergy
Calgary Tourism
Travel Alberta
Alberta College of Art and Design

Awards and Accolades

Education

Graduates from the Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary, Alberta, 2005

Professional Experience

Board members of Berlin Glas, e.V. in Berlin, Germany, 2010

Centrepiece designers for Smart Night fundraiser hosted by the Alberta College of Art and Design, January 2010

Demonstration and lecture at Espace Verre, Montreal, Quebec, October 2009

Demonstration, collaboration with Feleksan Onar & lecture at the Glass Furnace, Istanbul, Turkey, October 2009

Visiting artists at Tacoma Glass Museum, Washington, November 28 - 30th, 2008

Pilchuck Glass School Centerpiece Designers, 2008

Founders and owners of Bee Kingdom, Calgary, AB, 2007 – present

Founders and owners of Mecha Glass, Calgary, AB, 2003 – 2007
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Awards

2012, Emerging artist award, Alberta Craft Council

2010, Calgary Avenue Magazine's Top 40 Under 40

2010, awarded Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Award

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