



Pernilla Persson Jahangiri - resume

Pernilla is an artist who moves freely between drawing, painting and sculpture. Born and raised in Sweden, she spent 11 years in the US where she obtained her Art education at California State University of Northridge with a major in animation. With job offers from major animation studios shortly after her graduation, she spent a few years in the animation industry while starting to show her personal artwork at shows in and around LA.

Her bronze sculptures were chosen for the 2002 Women's Work Annual Juried Exhibit at Gallery Ophelia, where only 40 artists were presented from all around the US. During her time in the states she also obtained an apprenticeship with bronze sculptor Elie Hazak for 5 years and she was one of the founders of the DPD institute in Los Angeles – what is now called Sheldon's Art Academy.

Parallel with her work in the studio, Pernilla is an Associate professor of Art at Uppsala University - Campus Gotland, Sweden, where she is renowned for her dynamic approach to drawing and painting as well as for her energetic and enthusiastic way of bringing this across to her students. On occasion she does guest lectures at SARA and at Stockholm Academy of Dramatic Arts.

Pernilla has her own studio/gallery in Österlen at Tösernas Gård, Rörum, and she is represented in the US, West Virginia, by the The Washington Street Gallery, Lewisburg.

Member of KRO and ÖSKG.

Selected Art Exhibits:

SÖDERS HÖSTALONG
ArtGallery, Stockholm
WOMEN'S WORK
Annual Juried Exhibit
Gallery Ophelia, CA USA
Melrose Light Space
Hollywood, CA. USA
Phyllis Craig Gallery
Film Roman, CA. USA
CSU Northridge Art Show
Annual Juried Art Show

Work credits:

Sweden:
Uppsala University - Associate Professor
of Art (since 2010)
SOFE - Guest speaker/drawing instructor
Ateljier Stockholm - Guest Speaker
(Dynamic drawing)
HappyLife Animation, AB
Art director and head animator, Beskow-
projektet c/o Svensk Filmindustri
Filmtecknarna AB
Character layout for VALIO
Animator/clean-up artist

Work credits USA:

KidsArt INC.
Director and head teacher

Mike Young Production
Animator

DPD Institute (Drawing Painting Design)
Founder and life drawing instructor

California State University Northridge, CA
USA, Drawing instructor

Illustrator for jewelDistrict.com
Animator for Jennifer Pastors "moving"
project installation, "The Perfect Ride"
Illustrator – Glyphix Studios, CA
Character and animator för Brian Setzer's
musikvideo
Character designer of Julia Roberts for
MTVs "Junk TV" project.

Awards and Achevements:

1999 Graduated from CSUN with honors
Summa Cum Laude
Wolfson Scholar Finalist
Hans G. Burkhardt Scholarship Award
James Russel Simpson Scholarship for
academic excellence Arts Council Award
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academic excellence Arts Council Award
Member of the Golden Key National Honor
Society

Artist statement:

I know a painting is complete when it can hold its own, when a single line wont make a difference and when I find myself smiling:)

Every piece has it´s own story and the journey from white canvas to finish is never the same. Although I have a set goal each and every time I start, the subject often pushes me in different directions. It´s a constant dialogue and sometimes even a struggle, between myself, the paint and the canvas - and I love it.

The figure or any living thing is my darling of subjects. Movement, balance, harmony, presense and sometimes stillness are pillars I try to convey with my work, whether I chose to work with oil , ink or clay. I treasure the freedom of choosing medium according to my mood. It´s the feeling the painting gives off as a result of feelings invested in it, that makes a painting worth gazing at. Never teqnique alone.

Sometimes I have moments when I totally relax and trust in all the things I´ve learned and studied, over and over for years, and let the less controlling me take over. That´s the place where great things happen.

I feel and hope that my work is going in a direction of many more of those moments:)

//Pernilla

