

PENLAND GALLERY

DAN MIRER

Corning, NY

GLASS | Blown glass

Penland Affiliation | Penland Instructor 2022

Artist Information | Studio artist; teaching: Corning Museum (NY), UrbanGlass (NYC), Alfred University (NY), Snow Farm (MA), Pilchuck (WA), Toledo Museum of Art (OH), Tyler School of Art (PA), Penland; residencies: UrbanGlass, Corning Museum, Toledo Museum of Art, Museum of Glass (WA).

Artist Bio | Dan began working in glass at the age of sixteen. He attended the Rochester Institute of Technology (NY), earned his BFA at Alfred University (NY), and his MFA at Tyler School of Art (PA). He also attended the Pukenberg School of Design in Sweden. Dan has been an independent artist and designer since 2004.

Over the years, Dan has been involved with the Corning Museum of Glass in the hot glass programs and Corning's artist in residence program. He has taught at Alfred University, Pilchuck Glass School (WA), Penland School of Craft (NC), the Toledo Museum of Art (OH), and the Corning Museum of Glass.

Artist Statement | *I find satisfaction in making and engineering. Open to compromise, I design with an understanding of material properties. By embracing the process, I allow materiality to shape my aesthetic and formal decisions.*

In my current work, I'm interested in the nature of bubbles. Be it a soap bubble or a blown glass object, properties of formation, symmetry, and movement are expressed through physical forces. Patterns spontaneously emerge through self-organization, exemplifying how these forces shape things on all scales in nature, from an atom to a solar system.

In my Bubble Panels, I express the properties of bubbles through the materiality of glass. Fabricated using precise measurements, I fuse together blown glass elements in an orderly arrangement. Filling the glass bubbles with sand prior to fusing allows their volumes to be preserved as the pieces begin to melt. Circular forms move and flow into new geometric patterns, and upon cooling, record a fleeting moment of fluidity.

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