

# KEVIN M VANEK

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## Education/Professional

- 2020 Foundry Director-Faculty University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro NC  
(current)
- 2016 Studio Technician Univeristy of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- 2014 Metal Fabrication Specialist Bennett Forgeworks, Ridgway CO
- 2013 MFA Sculpture, East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- 2010 BFA 3-D Studio Art: Sculpture & Glass, Bowling Green State University,  
Bowling Green OH

## Residencies

- 2023 Sculpture Trails Iron Residency/Workshop Sculpture Trails, Solesberry IN
- 2021 B.A. Sunderlin Iron Invitational B.A.Sunderlin Bellfoundry, Richmond VA  
Iron Light Sculpture Residency The Western North Carolina Sculpture Center, Lenoir NC
- 2018 Hot Metal Artist in Residence Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia MN
- 2014 Artist in Residence Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction CO
- 2013 Emerging Artist in Residence Salem Art Works, Salem NY
- 2010 Intern Artist GMW Artist Collaborative, Toledo OH

## Grants

- 2023 Artist Support Grant 2023 awardee, ArtsGreensboro
- 2022 Deans Research/Creative Initiative Funding Grant *Sculpture Trails Iron Residency*, Spring  
semester awardee, UNCG  
International Travel Funding Grant Fall semester awardee, UNCG  
Deans Research/Creative Initiative Funding Grant *Firefest Featured Metal Artist*, Fall  
semester awardee, UNCG
- 2021 Deans Research/Creative Initiative Funding Grant *ICCCIA Berlin*, Fall semester awardee,  
UNCG
- 2020 Mississippi Artist Commission Visual Artist Fellowship Recipient, Jackson MS

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 Featured Metal Artist Exhibition: Firefest Art Event, Starworks Art Center,  
Seagrove NC
- 2019 "Too Cool for Tools" UAB Project Space: University of  
Alabama, Birmingham, AL
- 2018 "Anxiety!" Ameen Gallery: Nicholls State, Thibidoux LA  
"A Life in Depression and Anxiety" Bry Art Gallery: University of  
Louisiana Monroe, Monroe LA
- 2013 "Romancing the Labor" Mother Earth Brewery Annex Gallery, Kinston NC

## Group Exhibitions

- 2023 We Are Here: LGBTQIA+ Voices in the Contemporary Metals Community (Juried) The National Ornamental Metal Museum, Memphis TN
- 2022 FL3TCH3R Exhibition: Social & Politically Engaged Art (Juried) Reece Museum at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City TN
- Art of the South: Number Inc. (Juried) Zeitgeist Gallery, Nashville TN
- Match Plate to Melt Out: A Pattern Exhibition (International Invitational) HTW Berlin-University of Applied Sciences, Berlin Germany
- Kleine Eisen Ausstellung (International Curated) Gastro-Norm Café & Gallery, Berlin Germany
- Mid-South Sculpture Alliance: MSA Select Exhibition (Juried) Slocumb Galleries at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City TN
- The Shape I'm In: Tri State Sculptors Member Exhibition (Juried) The Richardson Family Art Gallery at Wofford College, Spartanburg SC
- Arts Corridor Outdoor Sculpture Exhibiton (Juried) Appalachian State University & the Turchin Center for the Visua Arts, Boone NC
- metal thoughts: NC Metal Artists (Curated) Greensboro Project Space, Greensboro, NC
- PTI Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (Juried) Piedmont Triad Airport, Greensboro NC
- Art in Public Places (Juried) Dogwood Arts, Knoxville TN
- Foundry Invitational & River Exhibition (Invitational) National Ornamental Metal Museum, Memphis TN
- We Art Greensboro (Invitational) Center for Visual Artists, Greensboro NC
- sculpTOUR: Art on the Town (Juried) Anderson Arts Center, Anderson SC
- 2021 Winter Show (Invitational) Greenhill Center for NC Art, Greensboro NC
- Little Things Matter: National Small Scale Sculpture Exhibition (Juried) USM Museum of Art, Hattiesburg MS
- 2021 Virtual Exhibition (Juried) The Tueyer Gallery, Online Exhibition, International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Tri State Sculptors Conference Members Exhibition (Juried) Clear Water Arts Center, Concord NC
- ECU Alumni Exhibition (Juried) Gray Gallery, Greenville NC
- Iron Light Sculpture Residency Outdoor Exhibition (Invitational) Western North Carolina Sculpture Center, Lenoir NC
- Connection Gallery Inaugural Sculpture Show (Juried) GSP International Airport, Greer SC
- Emergence (Juried) Tennessee Valley Museum of Art, Tusculmbia AL
- NCCCIAP Biennial Exhibition (Juried) Virtual Exhibition, SLOSS Metal Arts, Birmingham AL
- Downeast Sculpture National Sculpture Exhibition (Juried) Emerge Art Gallery, Greenville NC
- 2020 2020 Situational Invitational (Invitational) Online Exhibition, Western Cast Iron Art Alliance
- B20: Wiregrass Biennial (Juried) Online Exhibition, Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, AL

- Ergo (Juried) Online Exhibition, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati Oh
- 2019 NCCCIAP Steering Committee Exhibition (Invitational) Trim Tabb Brewery,  
Birmingham AL
- Artfields 2019 (Juried Competition) Lake City, SC
- 40 Under 40: The Next Generation of American Metal Artists (Juried) National  
Ornamental Metals Museum, Memphis TN
- 2018 Intent: A Tool Show (Juried) The Suraci Gallery, Scranton PA
- Foundry Invitational & River Exhibition (Invitational) National Ornamental Metals  
Museum, Memphis TN
- Belly of the Beast : Session 1&2 (Curated) Stephen Smith Gallery, Birmingham AL  
Monroe, Monroe LA
- 2017 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Bi-State Art Competition (Juried) Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian MS
- Art on the Atlanta Beltline (Competition) Atlanta Beltline, Atlanta GA
- NCCCIAP Steering Committee Exhibition (Invitational) Trim Tabb Brewery,  
Birmingham AL
- Portsmouth Outdoor Sculpture (Curated) Arts and Culture Center, Portsmouth VA
- Yokna Sculpture Trail (Juried) University of Mississippi, Oxford MS
- 2016 ULM Sculpture Garden (Juried) University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe LA
- Insistent Objects (Invitational) Greenhill Gallery, Greensboro MS
- HAPA 2<sup>nd</sup> Outdoor Sculpture Competition (Juried) Hattiesburg MS
- 2015 FIREd: Iron (Juried) Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada CO
- 2014 SPACES (Invitational) The Arts Council of Huntsville, Huntsville AL
- Return of the Metalworker (Invitational) The Art Center, Grand Junction CO
- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Art on the Corner (Juried-Honorarium) Grand Junction CO
- Fresh The Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO
- Art in Public Places (Juried) AiPP Arts Commission, Bristol TN
- Colorado Mesa University Faculty Exhibition The Art Center, Grand Junction CO
- 2013 POP Up Art Show Salem Art Works, Salem, NY
- Sculpture Salmagundi (Juried-Honorarium) Imperial Arts Center, Rocky Mount NC
- Art in Public Places (Juried-Honorarium) AiPP Arts Commission, Bristol TN
- DownEast Sculpture Exhibition (Juried) Pitt County Arts Council, Winterville NC
- ARTsites (Juried-Honorarium) Howard County Arts Council, Howard Co. MD
- 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Joyner Graduate Show East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- Tri-State Sculpture Exhibition Burroughs Wellcome Gallery, Greenville NC
- 26<sup>th</sup> Rosen Outdoor Sculpture (Juried) Turchin Arts Center, Boone NC
- Preyed Upon (Invitational) Art Avenue, Greenville, NC
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual DownEast (Juried) Emerge Gallery/Pitt County Arts Council Greenville, NC
- ARTsites (Juried-Honorarium) Howard County Arts Council, Howard Co. MD
- Sculpture Outdoors Craven (Invitational) Craven County Arts Council, New Bern NC
- Sculpture on the Wall Uptown Art Supply and Gallery, Greenville NC
- 2011 ECU Sculpture Guild Gallery Show Burroughs Wellcome Gallery, Greenville NC
- Get Out and Go Somewhere Mendenhall Student Center, Greenville NC
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Down East Sculpture (Juried-Honorarium) Pitt County Arts Council /ECU,  
Greenville NC
- Detour 311 Gallery, Raleigh NC
- 2010 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joyner Graduate Show East Carolina University, Greenville NC

- 2009 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Sculpture Exhibition (Juried-Honorarium) Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro NC
- 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outdoor Sculpture Park Simpson Garden Park, Bowling Green, OH
- 2009 BFA Graduate Juried Art Show Williard Wankelman Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2009 Outdoor Sculpture Park Simpson Garden Park, Bowling Green OH
- 2009 Bowling Green Community Center Art Show Bowling Green Community Center, Bowling Green, OH
- 2008 Undergraduate Art Show (Juried) Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2008 BGSU Sculpture Club Exhibition Student Union Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2008 NOW OH Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green, OH
- 2008 Undergraduate Juried Art Show Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2007 BGSU Arts Village Art Show Arts Village Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2006 BGSU Arts Village Art Show Arts Village Gallery, Bowling Green, OH

## Professional Activities

- 2022 Faculty Advisor: UNCG Artist Guild (formation); UNCG Artist Guild Winter Sale
- Furnace Master: Liberty Arts Annual Iron Pour, Durham NC
- Demo Artist: Smooth-On Mold Makin Stand in for Reynolds Advanced Material technician at UNCG
- Demo Artist: Oaken Armory Wood Working Demonstration Tristate Sculpture Conference, Wofford College, Spartanburg SC
- Demo Artist: ICCCIA Textures and Finishing in Iron Co-Presenter w/Stacey Holloway (Prof of Sculpture @UAB), Berlin, Germany
- Demo Artist: Aluminum casting with OrbeeZ UNCG Summer Arts Camp
- Artist Interview: The Podcast Iron Hosted by Laura Elizabeth Mullen Vermilye
- Juror: DIMENSIONS UNCG Sculpture & Ceramics Exhibition GPS, Greensboro NC
- 2021 Faculty Advisor: UNCG Artist Guild (formation); UNCG Artist Guild Winter Sale
- Furnace Master: Liberty Arts Annual Iron Pour, Durham NC
- Demo Artist: "Small Scale Hand Casting" National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practices, Birmingham, AL
- Panel Presenter: "Harder Barter Market: The Fire & The Fury" National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practices, Birmingham, AL
- Panel Presenter: "Traditional Mold Making & Contemporary Iron Casting" National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practices, Birmingham, AL
- Juror: "North Carolina State Finals & Art Showcase" NC Association for Scholastic Activities.
- 2020 Juror "Undergraduate Fine Art Exhibition" Nicholls State University, Thibodeaux, LA
- Thesis Committee Senior thesis committee in Sculpture/Ceramics BFA candidate Austin Lawrence.
- 2019 Visiting Artist Workshop "Tool" Metal casting match plate making workshop, University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- Thesis Committee Senior thesis committee in Sculpture/Ceramics BFA candidates: Alex Townsend, Madie Bates, Danielle Smith, Jenesa Tubby
- Steering Committee "Revelry" by USM School of Performing and Visual Arts. Hattiesburg, MS
- Steering Committee Demonstrations Coordinator for National Conference on Cast Iron

- Art and Practices, Sloss Furnaces, Birmingham, AL
- 2018 Thesis Committee Senior thesis committee in Sculpture/Ceramics BFA candidates:  
Logan Smith; Jessica Ehret  
Steering Committee “Revelry” by USM School of Performing and Visual Arts.  
Hattiesburg, MS
- 2017 Steering Committee Demonstrations Coordinator for National Conference on Cast Iron  
Art and Practices, Sloss Furnaces, Birmingham, AL  
Thesis Committee Senior thesis committee in Sculpture/Ceramics BFA candidates:  
Claire Thrash, Megan Helton, Byron Pratt
- 2016 Thesis Committee Senior thesis committee in Sculpture/Ceramics BFA candidates:  
Tirzah Legg, Amanda Klienmans,
- 2014 Panel Discussion Artist Western Cast Iron Art Conference, Laramie WY  
-Life After Art School  
Interim Gallery Director/Curator Colorado Mesa Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO  
Curator “FRESH” CMU Faculty and Alumni Exhibition: Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO  
Curator “Alloy!” Jewelry Metals Group Exhibition: Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO
- 2013 Workshop Instructor w/ Gary Humphreys Salem Art Works, Salem NY  
-Sculptural Welding  
Studio Monitor/Technician: Woodshop East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- 2012 Co-Chair Aluminum Fabrication Symposium, East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
Demo Artist 34<sup>th</sup> Tri State Sculpture Conference, Greenville NC  
-Advanced TIG Welding  
Workshop Instructor w/Hanna Jubran Tri State Sculpture Conference,  
Greenville NC -Resin Bonded Sand Mold Making  
Interim Instructor PITT Community College, Winterville NC  
-Art Appreciation
- 2011 Panel Discussion Artist National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Birmingham AL  
-Traditional v Contemporary: Practices and uses for Iron Casting  
Student Cupola Contest National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Birmingham AL
- 2010 President ECU Sculpture Guild  
Sculpture Studio Monitor/Tech East Carolina University, Greenville NC (2010-13)
- 2009 Student Cupola Contest National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Birmingham AL

## Teaching

- 2022 Faculty University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro NC  
-ART 253; Three Dimensional Design, Fall  
-ART 353; Metal Casting, Fall  
-ART 496; “Advanced Metal Casting,” Fall  
-ART 150; Three Dimensional Design, Spring  
-ART 354; Metal Arts, Spring  
-ART 496; Special Problems “Technician Studies,” Spring
- 2021 Faculty University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro NC  
-ART 150; Three Dimensional Design, Fall  
-ART 353; Metal Casting, Fall  
-ART 496; Special Problems “Outdoor Sculpture,” Fall

- ART 659; Studio Problems: Sculpture, Fall
- ART 354; Metal Arts, Spring
- ART 496; Special Problems "Patina Research," Spring
- 2020 Faculty University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro NC
- ART 353; Metal Casting, Fall
- Adjunct Faculty University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- ART 113; 3D Foundations, Spring
- 2019 Adjunct Faculty University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- ART 130; Art Appreciation-Online Course, Spring
- ART 361; Sculpture 1, Fall
- ART 362-3; Intermediate Sculpture 'Casting Form,' Fall
- 2018 Adjunct Faculty University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- ART 113; 3D Foundations, Spring
- ART 492; Special Problems in Metal Casting, Spring
- 2017 Faculty Mentor NCCCIAP Student Cupola Competition, Birmingham, AL
- Adjunct Faculty University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- ART 113; 3D Foundations, Fall
- ART 360/361; Sculpture 1, Spring
- ART 464; Contemporary Theory in Sculpture, Spring
- ART 492; Special Problems in Technician study, Spring
- 2016 Adjunct Faculty University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- ART 360/361; Sculpture 1, Fall
- Teaching Assistant University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- Sculpture1-6, Spring & Fall
- 2014 Lecturer of Art Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction CO
- ARTE 102 Three-Dimensional Design, 2 sessions
- 2013 Interim Instructor PITT Community College, Winterville NC
- Art Appreciation
- 2012 Instructor of Record East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- Design 1 (2D Design Foundations)
- 2011 Instructor of Record East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- Sculpture Survey
- Teaching Assistant East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- Carl Billingsley, Advanced Sculpture
- 2010 Teaching Assistant East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- Hanna Jubran, Sculpture 1

## Awards & Honors

- 2023 North Carolina Artists Support Grant ArtsGreensboro
- 2022 Jack Schrader Award Fl3tch3r Exhibition award winner
- Deans Research/Creative Initiative Award-Spring UNCG CVPA Deans Office
- Deans Research/Creative Initiative Award-Fall UNCG CVPA Deans Office
- International Travel Funding Award UNCG International Studies Office
- 2021 Deans Research/Creative Initiative Award-Fall UNCG CVPA Deans Office
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner Downeast Sculpture National Sculpture Exhibition
- 2020 Mississippi Artist Commission Visual Artist Fellowship Recipient

- 2017 Project Funding “Industrial Oaf: Lifting Instability,” Atlanta Beltline Proposal
- 2016 Permanent Collection “A Carpenters Dream” purchased for permanent collection with the city of Madison Alabama  
Permanent Collection “Naturalism Cracked” accepted as part of the permanent sculpture yard at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- 2013 First Place DownEast Sculpture Exhibition, Greenville NC  
Second Place DownEast Sculpture Exhibition, Greenville, NC
- 2012 Deans Choice Purchase Award 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Exhibition, Greenville NC  
Permanent Collection Collaborative Sculpture: Cameron Art Museum, Willmington NC  
Outstanding Student Achievement Nominee International Sculpture Center  
Taylor Art Supply Scholarship East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
Honorable Mention DownEast Sculpture Exhibition, Greenville NC
- 2011 Hanna & Jodi Jubran Graduate Scholarship East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- 2010 Honorable Mention 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Show, Greenville, NC  
Dominick and Elizabeth Labino, Art and Technology Award B.F.A. Thesis Show, Bowling Green OH
- 2009 Glass Department Excellence Honorarium Award Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green OH  
Best of Show; BGSU Undergraduate Exhibition, Bowling Green OH
- 2008 First Place: 3D section NOW OH, Bowling Green OH  
First Place: 3D section BGSU Undergraduate Exhibition, Bowling Green OH  
Honorable Mention BGSU Undergraduate Exhibition, Bowling Green OH
- 2007 First Place: 3D section Arts Village Exhibition, Bowling Green, OH
- 2006 Second Place: 3D section Arts Village Exhibition, Bowling Green, OH
- 2005 Eagle Scout Troop 161, Euclid, OH

## Technical Skills

Metal Casting; iron, bronze, aluminum, brass, stainless steel

Furnace Construction; Intermittent Tap Cupola’s, Intermittent Tap Cupolette’s, Continuous Cupola, forced air natural gas and propane furnaces, Bio-Fuel furnace

Welding; MGAW, GTAW, STAW, Oxy-Ace, Brazing, Forge welding

Metal Fabrication; mild steel, aluminum, copper alloys, stainless steel

Stone Carving; granite, marble, limestone, soapstone

Mold Making; Metal: resin bonded sand, green/oil sand, loose sand, ceramic shell, Plaster investment

Non Metal: Plaster, Silicone, Alginate

Metalsmithing; small scale soldering, riveting, casting, finishing of non-ferrous metals

Woodworking; general construction, stretchers and frames, pedestals, fine carpentry

Ceramics; slip casting, electric and gas kiln firing, kiln construction and maintenance

Glass working; hot and cold

Basic Forging; forge construction and operation, power hammer operation, basic forging skills

Basic Maintenance and Repair; plumbing, electrical, construction, internal combustion engines

Pattern Making/Modeling; Experience making wood, plaster, cast metal patterns

Clay, wood, plaster, wax, Styrofoam pattern modeling

Computer Programs; Microsoft Office, Photoshop & Illustrator, Google Sketch-up, Solid Works,

## Affiliations & Memberships

Tri-State Sculptors (2010-2015, 2020-present)

Mid-South Sculpture Alliance (2013-present)  
UNCG Artist Guild (Faculty Advisor 2021-present)  
USM Artist Guild (Faculty Advisor 2016-2020)  
Rocky Mountain Blacksmiths Association (2014-2016)  
Western Alliance of Cast Iron Artists (2014-2016)  
Alzheimer's Glass & Iron Project (2013-2015)  
International Sculpture Center (2012-2016)  
ECU Sculpture Guild (president 2010-2013)  
BGSU Sculpture Guild (president 2007-2010)