

Jocelyne Prince

BIOGRAPHY

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About her work

Glass artist and sculptor Jocelyne Prince creates quirky works in glass and a variety of unconventional materials, often on a large scale. For example, the 700-pound Static Virus contains vintage television sets rolled into a big ball of lint. Prince's Disco Ball for the New Millennium is a large-scale, motorized spherical sculpture that incorporates and diagrams the "caustic curve reflection phenomenon," in which constantly changing light reflections are projected on gallery walls. To create Ghosts: Discarded Socks and Found Mittens, she blew glass into socks and mittens, preserving the shapes of the articles as she destroyed them and displaying the resulting homely objects in ordinary cardboard boxes as if set out for a yard sale.

About the artist

Prince grew up in St. Boniface, a large Francophone neighborhood in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (her father was active in promoting her Franco-Manitoban cultural heritage in the city). She began as a painter, studying at the University of Manitoba School of Art (1981-83) and Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (1983-85), and exhibiting her large-format, shaped works on ply-wood in Montreal and Winnipeg. In the 90s Prince became interested in using glass when Espace Verre began offering classes in Montreal. She did her MFA in glass at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD). She began teaching in the Glass Department at RISD immediately after graduating, and now also teaches in the Digital Media Department. She was a visiting artist at the Toyama Institute of Glass Art in Toyama, Japan, in 2004; taught at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax in the summer of 2002; was an adjunct assistant professor of visual art at Brown University in 2001-02, and adjunct assistant professor in sculpture at the Maine College of Art the previous year. She has also taught at the Bild-Werk Academy in Frauenau, Germany, and the Pilchuck Glass School in Stanwood, WA. Jocelyne Prince lives in Providence with her husband, artist Luckey Leone.

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