

## **Biography**

Scott Bye is an artist based in Buffalo, NY. He graduated with a BFA in sculpture from Fredonia State University in 2006. Bye's work rests in both found materials as well as the creative fabrication of unlikely structures that are produced from everyday objects. The viewer may be intrigued not only by the peculiarity and unfamiliarity of what they see, but may also be drawn in by the recognition of commonality that weaves itself throughout his work. Scott exhibits his work regionally in the Western New York area. His work can be found in galleries, homes and schools in the Finger Lakes region of WNY.

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## **Artist Statement**

What deeply motivates me as an artist and drives my sense of purpose rests both in salvaged materials that I use, as well as the creative fabrication of unlikely structures that I produce from these objects. These structures derive from spontaneous thought and action, capturing elements of human experience such as life, death, creation, destruction, and morality. I address these issues, and dualities of existence, as only I know how – through a wit and candor that I believe the found object is integral in generating.

Spontaneous thought is essential to the development of my work, as it is this that enables the idea, which lies in the unconscious mind to come to the surface. When unrestricted by rigid pre-determined goals, I can create form, theme and context for my work. The work that results from this is a reflection of my personal experiences both past and present. These experiences are transported and transformed into a visual vocabulary, recognizable not only to me, but to the viewer. The viewer may be intrigued not only by the peculiarity and unfamiliarity of what they see, but may also be drawn in by the recognition of commonality that weaves itself throughout my work.

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### **Education:**

2006 State University of New York at Fredonia  
BFA in Sculpture

2004 Finger Lakes Community College, AAS

### **Internship/assistantship:**

2008 TRIMANIA 2008. Buffalo Arts Studio, 2495 Main St, Buffalo NY  
Artist, Volunteer Award, Construction Coordinator, Exhibition

2006 International Sculpture conference in Crossroads. Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Educational activity, 3 days, 20 galleries, seasonal & professional sculpture Artists.

2005 Nina Hole Project "Turning Point". SUNY Fredonia  
Ceramic Sculpture, Weld technician, Kiln Technician

2005 Japanese Step Wood Kiln. SUNY Fredonia, New York  
Construction and Operation

2002 Wednesday Night Live Illustrations. Finger Lakes Community College  
Pen and Ink illustration Ads with Kurt Narringbliss

2003 Tellier Portrait Studios. Geneva, New York  
Hand-made Portrait Backdrops

### **Solo Shows:**

2005 *The Love of Materials*, Wayne Arts Community Art Center, Newark, NY

2005 *Blind Babies Holiday*, Freedom Park, Heartland, New York,  
Music and Art Festival, site specific installation

2006 *On The Sly Festival*, Berry Road Park, Fredonia, New York  
Music and Art Festival , site specific installation

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**Group exhibitions:**

- 2009 Members Exhibition, Big Orbit, Buffalo NY
- 2008 Complex Compost, Art Space Gallery, Buffalo N.Y.
- 2008 Resident Artist Exhibit, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo NY
- 2008 Garden Walk, Little Summer St, Buffalo NY
- 2008 *Members Exhibition*, Hallwalls Art Gallery, Buffalo NY
- 2008 Honors House Alumni, Finger Lakes Community College Art Gallery
- 2008 *Members Exhibition*, Big Orbit, Buffalo NY
- 2007 *Resident Artist Exhibit*, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo NY
- 2007 El Buen Amigo Gallery, Buffalo NY
- 2007 *Hells Commissary*, Cosmopolitan Model Gallery, Buffalo NY
- 2007 *Groupenworks*, Cosmopolitan Model Gallery, Buffalo NY
- 2007 *One Piece Wonder Show*, Cosmopolitan Model Gallery, Buffalo NY
- 2006 *Build, Expand, Achieve*, Rockefeller Gallery of Arts, Fredonia, NY Senior Exhibit
- 2003 *Dimensional Mixed Media*, Wayne Insilaco Gallery, Finger Lakes CC, Canandaigua, NY

**Affiliations:**

- 2006/2009 Buffalo Arts Studio
- 2007/2008 Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center
- 2007/2009 Big Orbit Gallery
- 2006/2007 East Buffalo Sculpture Center
- 2006/2007 Cosmopolitan Gallery

**Skills:**

I am knowledgeable with all sculptural and building processes including: carpentry (advanced), metal fabrication, welding, ceramics, mold making, salvage material theory and illustration. I have experience with art installation at the Albright Knox Art Gallery and Buffalo Arts Studios. I have organized community events and have experience working with children of all ages in mentoring and educational settings.

**Computer Skills:**

Mac/PC  
MS Office Suite  
Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator

**Job Experience**

- 2008/2009 Le Metro, 5110 Main St, Buffalo, NY  
Bread and Catering Deliveries
- 2007/2008 Buffalo Arts Studios, 2495 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 716.833.4450  
Construction Coordinator
- 2007/2008 Albright Knox, 1286 Elmwood Ave Buffalo, NY  
Art Handler and Installer
- 2007/2008 Lifetime Health Center, "Mosher Project", 899 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 716.885.2833  
Medical Documentor
- 2007 Great Arrow Graphics, 2495 Main Street Suite 457, Buffalo, NY 716.836.0408  
Screen Printer
- 2006 / 2007 Lexington Co-Op, Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY  
Produce Coordinator
- 2006 Timkey Construction, Lockport, NY 14094, 716.523.8127  
Carpentry, Drywall, Interior / Exterior Painting, Room Sanitizing
- 2006 South Park / Georgian Lane Apt Maintenance Coordinator, Lockport, NY  
Maintenance, interior / exterior, wall paper, tile
- 2004 Bancroft Floor tile, Lockport, NY 716.523.6941  
Interior floor tile layer
- 2003 Wilson Boat House Restaurant, Wilson NY  
Dish washer, Chef Prep

**References:**

Joanna Angie, Founder and Director  
Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo NY 716.833.4450 ext 14

Robert Booth, Distinguished Professor  
Visual Arts & New Media, Rockefeller Arts Center, SUNY Fredonia 716.673.3814

Curt Nerringbliss, Literature/English Professor  
Finger Lakes Community College