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Workshop Information and Student Supply List

Workshop: Welded Metal Sculpture with Kamil Peters

Date: June 21-25, 2019

Studio Location: Welding Barn

Class Description:

Experience the fire power that can bend and melt steel. Learn to use the oxy/acetylene torch, arc and MIG welders, a plasma cutter and more. Explore design with found objects and learn fabrication techniques that will allow you to create functional or decorative pieces. Stretch your visual and sculptural imagination! Experience Kamil's deep adoration and respect for metal and your own artistry will grow.

Supply Information:

Your supply fee covers the use of basic supplies - welding wire, sheet and basic rod, angle, and tube, and other consumables associated with the welding studio. We strongly encourage participants to bring found objects to incorporate into their sculptures. For those travelers who cannot transport their own found objects, Snow Farm has a pile to rummage through.

In addition, your instructor requests that you bring the following materials:

- Denim or cotton apron (Snow Farm cotton aprons are for sale) (optional)
- A sketchbook or notebook and drawing or writing utensil

Important Safety Guidelines for the Welding Barn:

Proper attire:

- Wear a long sleeved shirt. Wear only natural fibers – cotton is best.
- NO Polyester fabrics: they will melt and combust against your skin around a flame.
- No open-toe shoes. Leather shoes or work boots are best.

Please also bring the following safety gear:

- Pair of clear safety glasses and ear protection (Snow Farm has basic safety gear but you may be more comfortable if you bring your own)
- Water bottle to stay hydrated
- Pair of comfortable work gloves
- If you wear contact lenses, it's a good idea to have a supply of saline eye drops handy--contacts can dry quickly with the exposure to heat.
- Hair tie to tie back long hair

Open Studio Guidelines for the Welding Studio:

Instructors in welding will outline safety guidelines for students who are staying to work during open studio.

The **use of power tools, equipment, and welders will be limited** and is at the discretion of your instructor.

Please read the following guidelines as you plan to make use of your open studio:

- Between 4:30pm and 9pm students may work alone in the studio. We suggest *bringing a cell phone in case an emergency arises and you need to contact the on-site coordinator.*
- After 9pm, when the coordinator makes final rounds, we require that two individuals are present in the studio in order to continue working with any power tools or equipment allowed by your instructor.
- There is to be no consumption of drugs or alcohol in the studios, nor shall students work in the studio when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- The last person in any studio at night is responsible for studio shutdown procedures.

Instructor Info:

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Bio:

Kamil Peters is a contemporary metal artist working out of Holyoke, MA, with roots in Texas and Western Massachusetts. His work embodies a wide range of intricate masks to large-scale commercial installations. Over time he's become very deliberate with his intentions to incorporate the spirit of the past with a distinct modern edge as an interpretation of the natural world, allowing his environment to play a key role in how his work is expressed. "I chose to work with metal because of my respect for the medium. From my first burn, at first introduction, I immediately understood that this art form required my respect and it mine. There was an odd symbiosis that occurred then and has remained a mutual adoration and respect between art and myself and for that I am truly grateful." ~KP