

# RESUME

RICK L. SILAS

I believe my work is filling a very large gap in the use of new mediums in the fine arts. Most conventional art schools teach mediums that are centuries old; oil painting, printmaking, water colour, pen and ink, and many more in sculpture such as wood, metal and stone. When budgets allow rather than introducing new processes and contemporary materials we added computer generated imagery into the mix. Although this is a great medium I cannot help but wonder what Leonardo Da Vinci would have created with liquid resins and tempered glass.

When I finished my formal education back in 1981 I decided to take a different approach and started experimenting with more contemporary mediums such as reclaimed tempered glass, resins, spray paints and assorted plastic films. Over the last three decades I have developed many new techniques using a combination of these materials. With these resources I have developed what I believe to be new artistic mediums in 3-dimensional fine art painting, sculpture and functional works. This has allowed me to earn a living from the sale of my work. I have also received some notoriety for my inventions including being featured on The Discovery Channel where I created a sculpture using my patented formula for bending glass without heat. Due to the high demand of the flat "shattered" glass material we have opened a production studio that sells the material on a per square foot basis. The finished material is much like plywood in that it can be cut and drilled using common tools. The material has been very popular for countertops, backsplashes, tables, and walls, etc.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **SILASTIAL™ GLASS INC.**

Founder & Owner  
Studio & Gallery  
Sidney, British Columbia

May 2000 - Present

### **THE POINT STUDIOS LTD.**

Founder & Owner  
Calgary, Alberta

1995 – 2004

### **ART IS VITAL**

Founder & Vice President  
Calgary, Alberta

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### **STUDIO THINK INC.**

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### EDUCATION

- ALBERTA COLLEGE OF ART** 1979 – 1982  
Calgary, Alberta  
Sculpture
- JOHN ABBOTT COLLEGE** 1974 – 1977  
Montreal, Quebec - Painting

### COMMISSION & PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

- ELECTRONIC MUSIC AWARDS 2016** August 2016  
Created glass components for music awards  
Los Angeles, CA USA
- BRENTWOOD BAY RESORT & SPA** August 2014  
"Wave" Public Art  
*Bent Glass Sculpture from reclaimed glass for Lobby – 3' x 28" x 28"*
- STAR CINEMA THEATRE** January 2014  
2 Paintings for Lobby  
Sidney, BC
- CALGARY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** May 2013  
Finalist in Public Art Competition  
Creation of Glacier Sculpture for new International Airport Arrivals Area
- THE ART CENTRE OF CEDAR HILL** July 2011  
Public Art Competition Winner  
*Creation of 80' x 10' Hand Etched Landscape Mural on existing glass*  
Victoria, BC
- PACIFIC CARBON TRUST** June 2011  
*"The Fossil Wall"*  
Creation of 20- 6'x3' Glass Panels with 3D Plant Imagery using real plants to imprint on glass  
Victoria, BC
- BC OIL & GAS COMMISSION** July 2009  
*"Shift"*  
*Reverse painting on tempered glass (Ice Glass) 10' x 4' triptych*  
*Depicting an 80 mile cut away section of BC exposing tectonic plates & oil reserves*  
Victoria, BC

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### COMMISSION & PUBLIC ART PROJECTS (continued)

#### SHAW OCEAN DISCOVERY CENTRE

June 2009

*"Undercurrents"*

*Glass Sculpture (10' x 25' x 2') and paintings for lobby consisting of 17 reclaimed tempered glass panels with seaweed imagery  
Sidney, BC*

#### DOCKSIDE GREEN DEVELOPMENTS

April 2008

*"Shatters at Dockside" Nature within the Cityscape*

*Designed, created and installed*

*Outdoor Glass Sculpture 30' x 8' x 2' using "shaped shatter" technique.  
Victoria, BC*

#### PRIVATE COMMISSION

December 2007

*8 Life size birds made from cold bent glass*

*Hung as a chandelier 16' x 8' x 8'*

*Sidney, BC*

#### LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2007

*Cold bent glass Baptismal Font - 3' x 3' x 3'*

*Victoria, BC.*

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP OF NANAIMO

2004 – 2007

*Designed and created 6 glass "EDG" Awards using cold bent reclaimed glass  
Nanaimo, British Columbia*

#### PRIVATE DENTAL OFFICE

July 2007

*Designed, created and installed over 12 pieces including  
custom light fixtures and walls.*

*Victoria, BC*

#### DAILY PLANET TELEVISION SHOW

Aired April 2007

*Filmed spinning glass without heat into a glass tower.*

#### PRIVATE RESIDENCE

February 2007

*Designed and created and installed several large glass sculptures.*

*Victoria, BC*

#### FOUR MILE PUB

October 2006

*Designed, created a cascading bar top & bent glass wall & Custom art glass panel  
behind bar.*

#### PRIVATE RESIDENCE

September 2005- October 2006

*Designed, created and installed*

*2 Outdoor glass sculptures 6'x 2' x 1'*

*Three Interior glass sculptures, tabletop, walls, backsplash and paintings.*

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## COMMISSION & PUBLIC ART PROJECTS (continued)

- PROVINCIAL / FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA** August 2005  
*Designed and created 2 awards for Yechooche Band of Northern BC*
- MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY** June 2005  
*Designed and created painting  
Victoria, BC*
- VALLEY VINES TO WINES** November 2005  
*Designed and created several glass panels with wine imagery  
Mill Bay, BC*
- DENTAL OFFICE** April 2004  
*5 Paintings on Glass for reception area  
Malahat, British Columbia*
- PRIVATE PENTHOUSE** June 2002  
*Cold bent glass staircase  
New York, New York*
- NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL** April 2002  
*Ottawa, Ontario  
Designed and created 13 glass sculptures for annual "Innovation Awards"*
- NATIONAL ADULT LITERACY DATABASE** February 2002  
*Fredericton, New Brunswick  
Designed, created and donated 1 of 2 "Book" sculptures (1 sculpture to act as a lectern)*
- MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGE** August 2001  
*Calgary, Alberta  
Designed and created 100 pieces of "Ice Glass" for signage in library.*
- ALBERTA HOTEL** July 2001  
*Calgary, Alberta  
Designed and created "shattered" glass on mirror in lobby & elevator.*
- 4TH STREET CALGARY OFFICE TOWER** May 2001  
*4th Street S.W., Calgary, Alberta  
Designed and created outdoor "shattered" glass awning – 16' x 6'*
- JAWS TECHNOLOGY LTD** June 2000  
*Calgary, AB & Toronto, Ontario  
Designed and created 3 "shattered" glass tables for lobbies and "ice" glass wall behind  
reception area.*

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- SOUTHERN MUSIC** April 2000  
Calgary International Airport  
*Designed and created glass panels for video arcade*
- FIRST SEVENTEEN PLACE** February 1999  
Calgary, Alberta  
*Designed, created and installed six major pieces for lobby.*
- THE VENTURE GROUP** April 1998  
Calgary, Alberta  
*Designed, created and installed glass panels, boardroom doors and table, 2 sculptures, unique custom office window, and a ribbon of cold bent glass through the stair railings.*
- MOUNT ROYAL VILLAGE** March 1998  
Calgary, Alberta  
*12' x 18' cold bent glass waterfall, designed, created and installed.*
- LE CHAT NOIR COCKTAIL BAR** February 1998  
Calgary, Alberta  
*Designed, created and installed 15 pieces of art glass.*
- NATIONAL SNOW CARVING COMPETITION** February 1998 & 2000  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Alberta Representative  
*16' x 12' x 12' "Year of the Cowboy" sculpture, 1998*  
*16' x 12' x 12' "Joseph Tyrell discovering Albertasaurus" sculpture, 2000*
- WINSPEAR COMPETITION – FINALIST** January 1997  
Edmonton, Alberta  
*Designed 6 story high glass sculpture for symphony concert hall.*
- FOURTH STREET B.R.Z. COMPETITION** Spring 1997  
*Designed, created and installed 12' high village sculpture ("Tree houses") made from single giant poplar tree.*  
Calgary, Alberta
- SOUTHERN MUSIC** 1996  
Calgary International Airport, Calgary, Alberta  
*Designed and installed Cyberspace effect for exterior walls from glass.*  
30' x 3'
- CANADIAN WESTERN BODYBUILDERS ASSOCIATION** 1994  
*Designed & created modular glass sculpture that looked like one huge glacier but was made up of individual awards.*

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### COMMISSION & PUBLIC ART PROJECTS (continued)

#### SHELTER FROM THE STORM

1993 – 1995

*14' high glacier made from "shattered glass"*  
Sun life Plaza Atrium, Calgary, Alberta

#### THE OUTWEST PARK

1989 – 1993

Inglewood, (Calgary) Alberta  
*The only privately built park in Alberta this sculpture is 180' long silhouette of the Rocky Mountains. The sculpture is surrounded by indigenous gardens, pathways, and benches.*

#### THE MAYTAG MAN

1989

Calgary Home Appliance Store  
Calgary, Alberta  
*14' high by 4' wide carving of Jessie White, carved on site from one spruce log.*

#### CALGARY WINTER FESTIVAL

1989

Calgary, Alberta  
*First Prize Winner "The Western Village Float" – 50' long, carved and built out of snow.*

#### TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK

1989

Calgary, Alberta  
*"The Books" Designed, created and installed two wood sculptures in the city park.*

*To date, I have many more commissions too numerous to mention and have many private and corporate collectors from all around the world including W.O. Mitchell, Elke Sommers, Bruno Gerusi, Rick Kirkman (Baby Blues Cartoonist) and Jerry Scott (Zits Cartoonist)*

### EXHIBITIONS

#### VANCOUVER ISLAND SCULPTURE GUILD "SCULPTURE SPLASH" August 2014 & 2015

Outdoor Sculpture Show  
*Winner of Harmony Award for best Sculpture out of 70 sculptures (2014)*  
*"The Wave" – Cold bent glass sculpture*

#### ROYAL BC MUSEUM

May – October 2014

*"Race to the End of the Earth Exhibit"*  
*Exhibit of Several Pieces chosen by Museum Staff to complement theme of show*

#### MARY WINSPEAR CENTRE

September 20 – Oct 4, 2012

*"Into the Ice" Arctic Meets Antarctic Exhibition with Lois Brown & Bill Zuk*

#### VICTORIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

December 2011- May 2012

*Display of Paintings for the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria*

#### BUTCHART GARDENS

Summer 2008 & 2009

*Outdoor exhibit of several "shattered" glass panels in custom designed log bases.*

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### EXHIBITIONS (continued)

#### **SIDNEY FINE ART SHOW**

Sidney, B.C.

*Juror's Choice Award (Len Gibb)*

*"Discovery" – Cold Bent Glass Tower*

October 12 – 14, 2007

#### **THE NEW WEST ART GALLERY**

Sidney, B.C.

*Solo Show*

December – January 2007

#### **ART GALLERY OF GREATER VICTORIA**

Victoria, B.C.

Moss Street Paint-In

*"Small Pieces" Show &*

*Featured Artist for "Art in Bloom" Exhibition*

May 2006 (Featured Artist), 2007, 2008

March 2006

#### **COWICHAN VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL**

Duncan, B.C.

October 2004

#### **VISIONS ART TOUR**

Chemainus, B.C.

July 2003

#### **THE POINT STUDIOS**

Calgary, Alberta

*Permanent Gallery*

September 1996 – 2004

#### **WARD-NASSE GALLERY**

Soho District, New York, New York

*International Salon*

May – August 1997

#### **ROWLES & PARNHAM GALLERY**

Edmonton, Alberta

*The Canadian Glass Show*

1996

#### **ART IS VITAL GALLERY**

Calgary, Alberta

*Opening Show & Solo Show*

July 1993 & 1994

#### **STUDIO THINK INC. GALLERY**

Calgary, Alberta

1991 & 1992

#### **SINCLAIR CENTRE**

Vancouver, B.C.

*Solo Show*

June 1990

July 1991

#### **THE HARRINGTON GALLERY**

Vancouver, B.C.

August 1991

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<b>ART CHANNEL &amp; CO.</b> Calgary, Alberta <i>Solo Show</i>	1989
<b>NETWORK CANADA SHOW</b> Calgary, Alberta	1989
<b>TRAILS WEST GALLERY</b> Calgary, Alberta	1987
<b>SAIT CAMPUS CENTRE</b> Calgary, Alberta <i>Four man show</i>	1981
<b>PLAYGROUND</b> Montreal, Quebec <i>Three man show</i>	1976

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

<b>SIDNEY SCULPTURE WALK COMMITTEE</b>	2013 – Present - Director
<b>CACSP (Community Arts Committee of Saanich Peninsula)</b>	2013 – Present - Director
<b>VANCOUVER ISLAND SCULPTURE GUILD</b> Vice President	2011 – Present – Vice President
<b>THE ARTS CENTRE OF CEDAR HILL</b> Member of design committee	2010
<b>THE VIGSC ART &amp; CULTURAL HIGHWAY ACCORD FOUNDATION – Creator of the Art &amp; Cultural Highway</b> Chemainus, B.C.	2003 – 2005 Vice President
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS</b> Calgary, Alberta <i>Donated expertise, materials, and time to create natural gardens in several playgrounds.</i>	1998 – 2001
<b>RAMSAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION</b> Calgary, Alberta	1996 – 1999 Director
<b>CALGARY POINT OF ART SOCIETY</b> Calgary, Alberta	1997 – 2002 Founder/Director



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## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS *(continued)*

**CALGARY PARKS FOUNDATION**  
Calgary, Alberta

1989 – 1994  
Officer

**OLD TOWN CALGARY SOCIETY**  
Calgary, Alberta

1989 – 1993  
Founder/Director

**NORTHERN LIGHTS SOCIETY**  
Calgary, Alberta

1989 – 1992  
Director

**ATLANTIC AVENUE BUSINESS REVITALIZATION ZONE**  
Inglewood, Calgary, Alberta

1988 – 1992  
Director

## MEDIA

Most recent:

- Glass Art Association of Canada – Featured Artist on Facebook May 2015
- YAM Magazine – Featured Artist – March/April 2014
- Almost Free Magazine – Cover & Featured Artist – April/ May 2013
- University of Victoria – Art & Design Magazine – “Innovative Glass Design” – Dec 2010
- Boulevard Magazine – “Chasing the Light” – November Issue 2010
- Times Colonist – “Seaweed Image encased in glass,” May 13, 2009
- Times Colonist – April 21, 2009
- Boulevard Magazine – “Through the Shattered Glass,” Summer Issue 2008
- Discovery Channel – “Daily Planet” – April 2007 Titled “Heatless Glass”
- Profit Magazine – October 2007
- CBC – “Dragons’ Den” – November 2006 – Segment Six

***I have also had several television spots done on me, as well as, numerous published articles, local, national, and international, and many radio interviews.***

## Miscellaneous

- Commission sculptor / artist
- Artist in Residence – Mary Winspear Arts Centre, Sidney BC as of September 2012.
- Offered \$300,000 plus 7% Royalty for Patent Rights on CBC’ “Dragons’ Den”
- Inventor and developer of own technologies & mediums in cold worked glass
- Hold US and Canadian patent on a process of bending glass without heat
- Developed new art medium that reclaims waste tempered glass
- Have volunteered for many private and public organizations
- Have created and operated several art galleries and studios, including The Point Studios, which housed more than 300 artists over a 10 year period.
- Public Speaker - Have done lectures for schools, health shows, and private tours
- Contract sculptor creating props and special effects for Theatre
- Art Instructor
- Road bicycle from Kelowna to Los Angeles – on a dare.

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