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Born in 1961

Education and professional Experience

Technical studies

Studies at State Institute of Art Crafts in Mechelen,
taught by Miloslava Svobodova and Koen Vanderstukken, 1993-2000

Has his own glass studio, since 1998

Mobile glass studio since 1999

Board member of "European Glass" VZW, 2000-2002

Board member of "ArTe@LIER" , since 2005

Board member of "De Glasroute", since 1998

Board Member Verribeelglass, Since 2010

Patrick Van Tilborgh has an internal urge to create glass-objects, as working with glass is such a complex adventure, it is ever and again a try to overstep own limits, a searching for, it is continuously an inspiration for new experimental challenges...

Of course you can see all these reflections clearly in his work, which is sometimes colourful and playful with typical characteristic features, but often appears in his rude shape and pure naturalness.

Patrick is also inspired by "the devil", which is frequently integrated into his works, but not always clearly visible though, as sometimes only his tail, a stylized form or colour is being used.

All this is meant as a symbol of rebellion and is rather reactionary. Isn't the devil often hidden behind façades of hypocrisy ? In his own self-willed way Patrick is luckily bringing back some lightening into this dark world, because through his glass-creations good and evil are melting together, so that a moral balance is achieved again, the foundation of human race.

Workshops

- "Glass blowing" by Koen Vanderstukken (B), Niel, 1997
- "Making moulds" by Bert Van Ransbeek(B), Mechelen, 1998
- "Kiln casting" by David Reekie (UK), Mechelen, 1998
- "Glass blowing" by Michael Ruh (USA) and Natasha Wahl (D), 2000
- "Coyote goes to Belgium" – glass casting by Kevin Lockau (CAN), 2000
- "Glass blowing" by Edward Leibovitz (ROM) and Koen Vanderstukken (B), 2000
- "Glass blowing" by Giampaolo Amoroso (B), 2001
- "Sandcasting and ladle casting" by Susan Edgerly (CAN), 2001
- "Various Techniques" by Brad Copping (CAN), 2004
- "The honeycomb mould" by Helen Stokes (Australia), 2005

Exhibitions

- "Glas, gewoon-ongewoon", 10 years IKA , Cultureel Centrum Mechelen (B), 1996
- "Glas, gewoon-ongewoon" Agni Fine Art Gallery, Den Haag (NL), 1996
- "Open Atelier", Davidsfonds, own glass studio, Lier (B), 1998
- "Glasroute II", own glass studio, Lier (B), 1998
- "Glaskunst in Lier", Gallery De III-Poorten, Lier (B), 1998
- Project "Open Kunstsdag", Begijnhof in Lier (B), 1998
- "Nieuwe Oogst", Gallery Amarna, Maastricht (NL), 1998
- "Glasroute III", own glass studio, Lier (B), 2000
- Art project "Dungelhoeff 2000", Lier (B)
- "Glas, gewoon, ongewoon, buitengewoon", 15 years IKA, Mechelen (B), 2000
- "The Art of Living", Lier (B), 2000
- Gallery "Cactus Glass", Hamburg (D), 2001
- Happening "De Hultse Pallieters", Lier (B), 2001
- Open Atelierdagen Dendermonde(B), 2002
- "Glasroute IV " own glass studio, Lier (B), 2002
- "Kunst aan de Nete " Cultural walk visiting galleries, musea and studios in Lier (B), 2002
- Gallery "Goed Werk", Zulte (B), 2002
- Project "Glas in Historisch Licht", Castle Horn (NL), 2002
- "Levende Kunstenaars van Lier", Gallery A Room2rent, Lier (B), 2002
- Happening "De Hultse Pallieters", Lier (B), 2002
- Solo-exhibition Glasobjects, Gallery " 't Kallement", Wommelgem (B), 2003
- "St. Gilles à l'An Verre", Centre des Artistes Verriers de Bruxelles, Brussels (B), 2003
- Project "Glas in Historisch Licht", Castle "Horn" (NL), 2003
- Lanart - Castle "Hof ter Heyde", Lichtaart (B), 2003
- "Diafaan" contemporary glassart, Begijnhof Sint-Elisabeth at Sint Amandsberg, Gent (B), 2003
- "Glaskunst tussen goud en diamant" Gallery "Tom Groen", Antwerp (B), 2003
- "Reflections" Gc. "De Markthallen", Herk-De-Stad (B), March-April 2004
- "De Glasroute" – 5th edition; exposition in 5 glass-studios between Lier and Hove (B) with approximately 50 glass-artists, 29, 30 & 31 May 2004
- Exposition "Glas in Historisch Licht" – Glashelder Genieten, Castle Horn (NL), June 2004
- "Buiten Beeld 7", Gallery Artis Joke, Maastricht (NL), May-July 2004

"T Gaudericus Huis", Art- & Trade week-end, St. Pauwels (B), 21&22 Aug 2004
 Project "Dag van het Zand", Lommel (B), 29 August 2004
 "Glasrijk Tubbergen", Tubbergen (NL), Sept-Okt 2004
 Art shop Fribergé, Begijnhof St.-Truiden (B), Nov-Dec 2004
 Gallery "Het Kunstmagazijn", Dordrecht (NL), Febr-May 2005
 Project Erfgoeddag "Danger", Lier 17 April 2005
 "Buiten Beeld 8", Gallery Artis Joke, Maastricht (NL), 05 June-31 July 2005
 "Glas in historisch Licht", International Glass-art exhibition, Horn (NL), June 2005
 "Kunsthappening Edegem Nr. 11", all disciplines, Edegem (B) June 2005
 "IKA 20 jaar Glaskunst", Cultureel Centrum Mechelen (B), 25 June – 1 Sept 2005
 "T Gaudericus Huis", Kunst- & Ambachtenweekend, St. Pauwels (B), 20 & 21 August 05
 Project "Dag van het Zand", Lommel (B), 28 August 05
 "Vormen van Glas", Actual Glass-art, Boom (B), 24 Sept - 23 Okt 2005
 "Glaskunst tussen Goud & Diamant", Antwerp (B), 18, 19 & 20 Nov 2005
 "Glasonant", het Vleeshuis in Lier (B), 03 Dec - 8 Dec 2005
 Exhibition "Rivierenhof", Deurne (B), 24 March 2006 – 09 April 2006
 Exhibition "Glas in de Bib van Lier"(B), Lier 13 May – 11 June 2006
 "De Glasroute", 6th edition with 60 international glass-artists, Lier (B), 3-4-5 June 2006
 Exposition "Belgische revelaties", Gallery Artonivo, Brugge (B), 03 Aug – 24 Sept 2006
 "Dag van het Zand", Lommel (B), 27 August 2006
 "20+1 Jahr Glaskunst aus Belgien", Glass Museum Gernheim (D), 24 Sept 06-14 Jan 2007
 „Glasrijk Tubbergen“ at Tubbergen (NL), 27 Sept – 02 Okt 2006
 "Dag van de Ambachten" in own glass studio at Lier (B), 22 Okt 2006
 "20+2 Vuotta Lasitaidetta Belgiasta" in "The Finnish Glass Museum"
 at Riihimäki (Fin), 16 Febr 2007 - 22 Apr 2007
 Participation "Festival du Verre", le Tréport (F), 31 March - 01 April 2007
 "Glaskunst in het Gelderse", Sculpture garden De Stegge, Winterswijk (NL), 06 May - 20 May 2007
 "Zomerhappening" Nationale Plantentuin van Meise (B), 01 - 03 June 2007
 Sculptures at the Lingedijk "De Elysische Velden", Aperen (NL), 06 May - 16 Sept 2007
 Gallery "De Pol", Pannerden (NL), 03 July - 15 Oct 2007
 "Dag van de Ambachten " in own studio, Lier 17 Febr 2008
 "Zien", exhibition for the benefit of Organization "Downsyndroom Vlaanderen",
 Tivoli Castle in Mechelen (B), 21 till 30 March 2008
 Exhibition in sculpture garden "De Stegge", in Winterswijk (NL), from 04 May till 14 Sep 2008
 "De Glasroute", 7th biennial glass-event, in Lier (B) and Hove (B), at 6 locations
 and + 80 participating glass artists, 30, 31 May and 01 June 2008
 Exhibition and demonstration " Fête de la Nature", Coudekerque (F) 7 Sept 2008
 Glaskunstbeurs Leerdam, (NL) 12, 13, 14 Sept 2008
 Participation "Dag van de Ambachten" in own studio, Lier (B), 7 Febr 2009
 3rd international Glass Festival Luxembourg 2009
 Participation "Dag van de Ambachten" in own studio, Lier (B), 7 Febr 2010
 "De Glasroute", 8th biennial glass-event, in Lier (B) and Hove (B), may 2010
 Project "Glas in Historisch Licht", Castle "Horn" (NL), june 2010