

# Jason Pollen

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## EDUCATION

- 1966.....Master of Arts in Painting, City College of New York
- 1964.....Bachelor of Fine Arts, City College of New York

## AWARDS

- 2012.....Outstanding Artist/Educator Award, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, North Carolina
- 2006.....American Crafts Council Fellow
- 2001.....Juror's Award, Fiber Focus, Art St. Louis, St. Louis
- 1992.....First Place Winner from the USA, Japan Foundation Sponsored Textile Design Contest
- 1992.....IdeaComo Award for Outstanding Achievement in Printed Textiles,  
Sponsored by the government of Italy
- 1991.....Mid-America Arts Alliance Fellowship Winner, Special Purchase Award,  
H&R Block Foundation
- 1989.....Mid-America Arts Alliance Fellowship Winner, NEA Grant
- 1987.....Missouri Arts Council Grant Distinguished Achievement Award,  
Kansas City Art Institute, Alliance of Independent Colleges of Art (AICA) Grant

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019.....Workshop at Minneapolis Textiles Center, Minneapolis
- 2017.....Professor Emeritus, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City  
Workshops at Penland School of Crafts, North Carolina
- 2016.....Lecturer, University of Scotland, St. Andrews, Scotland  
Lecturer, University of Scotland, St. Aberdeen  
Lecturer, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art, Dundee, Scotland  
Workshop at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts Deer Isle, ME
- 1997- 2010.....Chair of Fiber Department. Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City
- 1983 - 2010.....Professor, Kansas City Art Institute
- 1976 - present.....Workshop instructor, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, North Carolina  
Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, Maine
- 1980 - 1983.....Associate Professor, Parsons School of Design, New York City
- 1978 - 1980.....Associate Professor, Pratt Institute, New York City
- 1974 - 1976.....Lecturer, Royal College of Art, London

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020.....Witness Retrospective, Leedy-Voukos Art Center, Kansas City
- 2018.....INSIDE/OUT, The Box Gallery, Kansas City  
Outliers, Art Gym Gallery, Denver  
Ancestors/Descendants, Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2016.....Full Circle, MLB Designs Gallery, Kansas City

- 2015 ..... In Pursuit: 2015 Kansas City Art Institute Faculty Biennial, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City
- 2014-2015 ..... Jason Pollen Unfurled: Thirty Years in Kansas City, Central Library, Kansas City
- 2012..... Prophets, Jason Pollen Studio, Kansas City
- 2011..... Wounded/Healing, Kansas City Jewish Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City
- 2011..... Sentinels, Surface Design Association Confluence Conference, Minneapolis
- 2010..... Jason Pollen, Eugene Textile Center; Eugene, Oregon
- 2010..... Past, Present, Future, Loft 122, Kansas City
- 2005..... Chrysalis, Belger Arts Center, Kansas City
- 2003..... Haven, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City
- 2002..... Mats by Jason Pollen, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City
- 2000 ..... Chance of Rain, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City
- 1998 ..... Mining the Surface, Temple/Tyler Gallery, Philadelphia
- 1997..... Paradox, Leedy-Voulkos Gallery, Kansas City
- 1995 ..... Jason Pollen, Oregon School of Arts and Crafts, Portland
- 1993 ..... Terra Luminosa, Dolphin Gallery, Kansas City
- 1992 ..... Terra Ephemera, Kemper Gallery, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 ..... Body of Inquiry: The Art, Biology, and Being of Flatworms, UMKC Gallery, Kansas City
- 2015 ..... Arte & Arte 'Invito a Tavola' exhibition; Como, Italy (Large Installation)
- 2012..... FiberPhiladelphia, Distinguished Educators, Crane Arts Building, Philadelphia
- 2011..... Flatfile, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City
- 2011..... Re-Visioning Fiber, Lakewood Cultural Center; Lakewood, Colorado
- 2005..... Illusions and Realities, Craft Alliance Gallery, St. Louis
- 2004 ..... Outrageous Home, Hunterdon Museum; Clinton, New Jersey  
Group Show, Mint Museum; Penland, North Carolina  
Silk Symphony, Mendocino Art Center; Mendocino, California
- 2002..... Gathering Influence, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City
- 2001..... Fiber Focus, Art St. Louis, St. Louis  
Off the Record, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas
- 2000 ..... Material Evidence, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, Las Vegas  
Material Evidence, Sherry Leedy Gallery, Kansas City
- 1998 ..... Snyderman Gallery, Philadelphia  
Ten in Textiles, Craft Alliance Gallery, St. Louis
- 1997..... Surface Tension, Anheuser-Busch Gallery at COCA, St Louis  
Surface to Structure, Greenville Museum of Art; Greenville, North Carolina
- 1996 ..... Textile Museum Max Berk, Heidelberg, Germany  
Silk Roads, Roads of Contemporary Art; Central Museum of Textiles; Lodz, Poland  
Kyoto Museum, Kyoto, Japan

#### PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 ..... Jason Pollen Unfurled: Thirty Years in Kansas City, exhibition catalog
- 2011..... "Jason Pollen, Wounded/Healing," The Kansas City Star
- 2011..... Feature article by Gerry Craig, Winter, Surface Design Journal

- 2006 ..... Summer, Surface Design Association Newsletter
- 2004 ..... "Is it art if you can wipe your feet on it?" by Teliha Draheim, June/July, The Crafts Report
- 2003..... "Jason Pollen," Telos Art Publishing
  - "The Best Products of 2003," December, Architectural Record
  - "Jason Pollen," Review Magazine
  - "Jason Pollen," The Kansas City Star Magazine
  - "Jason Pollen," December, Fiberarts Magazine
- 2002..... "Mats by Jason Pollen," Sunday, October 20, Chicago Tribune
  - "Surface Design: 25 Years," by Jason Pollen, Summer, Surface Design Journal
  - "Art Textiles of the World," by Matthew Koumis, Telos Art Publishing
  - "Jason Pollen, Mining the Surface;" Winter, Surface Design Journal

**PRESS RELEASE**

- 2020..... ArtSpeak Radio KKFI interview with Maria Vazques Boyd

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2010..... President Emeritus, Surface Design Association
- 1993-2009..... President, Surface Design Association
- 2007 ..... Set Designer, Kansas City Ballet production of Carmen
- 2005..... Set Designer, Kansas City Ballet production of Haven
- 2003-2008 ..... Founder/ Design Director, Mats by Jason Pollen
- 1995-2000 ..... Director, Kansas City Friends of Tibet

**Textile Designer for:**

- Museum of Arts and Design, New York City
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago
- Jack Lenor Larsen, New York City
- Jim Thompson Thai Silks Ltd., Bangkok, Thailand
- Liberty of London, London
- Donna Karan, New York City
- Oscar de la Renta, New York City
- Yves St. Laurent, Paris

**SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

- Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City
- Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas
- Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Museum, Washington, D.C.
- Jack Lenor Larsen, New York City
- Jay Rosenberg and Joseph Magee, New York.
- Fifi White, Berkley, California