

JON MARTIN HICKS

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Studio Artwork

- HIXWERX Metal Arts Studio. 2001 to present. Owner, Designer, Metalsmith, Sculptor. Design and create furniture, sculpture, and home elements. Processes range from welding and fabricating to forging and casting.

Fabrication

- Science Museum of Minnesota. Exhibit Fabricator III. Occasional. 2017 to present.
- Atomic Props & Effects. Freelance fabricator. 2017.

Sculpture Conservation

- Kristin Cheronis, Inc. Sculpture and object conservation. 2012 to present.

Art Direction & Management

- Jack Morton Worldwide. 1998 to 2001. Art Director. Directed and managed designers, illustrators, and production timelines. Produced graphics and animations. Clients included Polaris and LifeTouch.
- Iconos, Inc. 1995 to 1998. Art Director. Directed and managed team of illustrators, animators, and production timelines. Produced graphics and animations. Clients included 3M, University of St. Thomas, and IDS Financial Services.

Teaching

- Guild of Metalsmiths. 2012 - 2016. Developed and taught foundry workshops.
- East Side Arts Council. 2005 and 2015. Taught sculpture and drawing to children.
- Minneapolis College of Art and Design. 1991 to 1998. Continuing Studies Faculty. Taught interactive media, 2D and 3D digital image making. Design Division faculty. Taught Interactive Design and Computer Aided Design.

Professional & Artistic Highlights

- Designed and built kinetic outdoor public sculpture "River Wind". Commissioned by Greening the Avenue, Inc. and funded by Saint Paul STAR program.
- Artist Initiative Grant. Minnesota State Arts Board awarded funding to set up foundry equipment to cast bronze artwork.
- Designed and built two-story studio.
- Directed and managed large, nationally distributed computer based projects.
- Visualized physical phenomena through interactive animations.
- Numerous commissioned works, exhibitions, and awards.

EDUCATION

- M.F.A. University of Minnesota
- B.F.A. Drake University

SKILLS

- 3D CAD, FormZ, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, Microsoft Office. Wide range of hand and power tools.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

- Guild of Metalsmiths. 2010 to 2016. Board of Directors. Program Committee Chair.