## gra-artworks

The Stables, Barnyards, Easter Skene, Aberdeenshire, AB32 6YB



I graduated from Gray's School of art in 1998 and set up my own business shortly after to help promote and showcase my work. My artistic practice includes fine art (painting and drawing), woodcarving, illustration, textiles, printmaking and tutoring.

I have worked on numerous private commissions ranging from large paintings to single wood carvings and illustrations (for the Toulmin prize - Word festival 2008). The Scotsman newspaper has named me as one of the top 20 artists in Scotland.

I come from a family deeply rooted in the traditional music scene of the North East of Scotland, my granddad and great granddad having played with James Scott Skinner.

I feel that a trophy made using the traditional skills of wood carving would be particularly appropriate for this award. My woodcarvings have a narrative which reflect the nature of traditional songs whilst the use of wood provides a link with the tradition of fiddle making.

Gabrielle Reith

### Education

1994 - 1998

BA Hons Fine Art (Drawing & Painting), Gray's School of Art, RGU



2007 - Present 2003 - Present 1995 - 2001

Illustrator for Morning Glass Art Tutor, Whitespace, Aberdeen Visual merchandising - Deputy

Manager, Debenhams Plc

2007 - Present 2001 - 2003

NEOS Co-ordinator Craft Workshop Co-ordinator, Turning Point Scotland, Aberdeen

### Galleries

Aberdeen Art Gallery, Baillie Gallery, Beauly Gallery, Carby Art, Cross Art, GHAT, Green Gallery, Heinzel Gallery, Just art, Larks, Leith Gallery, Mall Galleries, Milton of Crathes Oriel Art, Peacock Visual Arts, Scotlandart.com, Strathearn, Tolquhon, Tollbooth, Wills Art Warehouse (London)

## Skills

#### Art

Drawing, Oil Acrylic & Watercolour Painting, Photography, Textiles (weaving, felting & sewing), Basic Ceramics, Glass (fusing, mosaic, slumping), Papier-Mâché, Paper making, Woodcarving, Woodcurning, Pyrography, Enameling, Screen printing, Woodcut Printmaking

#### Other

Disclosure Scotland checked (Whitespace & Aberdeen Arts Centre), Committee member of the Friends of Aberdeen Art Gallery, Mental Heath Training, Child Protection Training, Assertiveness Training, First Aid, Full Clean UK Driving License

## Accomplishments (abbreviated)

#### 2008

Commissioned by the Elphinstone Institute to illustrate the winning entry of the "David Toulmin Award for creative writing" (Beth's birthday sheen - by Bill Bobertson) - Also published in the Leopard magazine (June 2008)

Commissioned by Aberdeen City Council to illustrate a childrens book of short stories

Production of Morning-Glass window design for Auchterless Church

Production of Morning-Glass window design for Westhill Academy

Commissioned by the Gordon Highlanders to produce "kids Bydand" logo

#### 2007 Wallace Space, Covent Garden, London

Tolquhon Gallery, Aberdeenshire
ScotlandArt.com, Edinburgh/Glasgow
North East Open Studios
St Columbus Hospice Annual Charity Show, Freemasons' Hall Edinburgh
Aberdeen Artists annual exhibition, Aberdeen Art Gallery
Scottish Society of Artists annual exhibition, RSA Edinburgh
Creative Cultures Scotland GAVAA (Gray's Aberdeen Visual Artists Award)
Commercial rental of 14 oil paintings, Geo-House Aberdeen
Inchgarth special needs class, Aberdeen
Gordon Highlanders children's art classes, Aberdeen
The Big Draw nationwide event, Aberdeen
Middlefield Primary School dinner hall mural project, Aberdeen

Joined Open Ground, an artists collective based in the North East of Scotland.

### 2006

2000
Two Private Commissions (wood carving & painting),
Aberdeenshire
MUSA arts cafe Christmas Show, Aberdeen
North East Open Studios
Strathearn Gallery Summer exhibition, Creiff
Aberdeen Artists annual exhibition, Aberdeen Art Gallery
Mall Galleries, London, Royal Water Colour Society Exhibition
Mall Galleries, London, Royal Pastel Society Exhibition
Children's Christmas Crafts at Oriel Art, Aberdeenshire
Sculpture trail at Oriel Art, Aberdeenshire
Hazelwood/Beechwood Schools special needs classes, Aberdeen
Bramble Brae School playground mural project, Aberdeen
Northfield Academy Fit for School project, Aberdeen

#### 2005 Wills Art Warehouse, London, Christmas show.

The Contemporary Art Fair Edinburgh with Carby Art Gallery.
Corporate Christmas Commission, Wallacespace, London.
Private commission, London.
North East Open Studios
The Carby Art Gallery, Aberdeen, solo show.
Aberdeen Artists annual exhibition, Aberdeen Art Gallery
The Chelsea Art Fair, London with the Baillie Gallery (London)
The Affordable art Fair, London with the Baillie Gallery (London)
Tartan2CV, Scottish greetings card company,
(three paintings as cards)
Kittybrewster School mural project, Aberdeen
Handbag making class at Whitespace, Aberdeen
St. Machar Academy fashion show project, Aberdeen
Northfield Academy fit for school project, Aberdeen
Byron Square & Moir Green [Northfield] shop shutters projects

Green Gallery, Aberfoyle, Loch Lommond.

#### 1998 - 2004

Aberdeen College purchase of 15 paintings for permanent collection The Scotsman newspaper, hailed as one of Scotland's top 20 artists (Tuesday 26th October 2004)
The Royal Botanic Gardens Applecross housing launch, Edinburgh The Bonham Hotel solo show, Edinburgh Commission of 15 large oil paintings for the Bonham Hotel, Edinburgh Duff House Amnesty International show, Banff Grampian Hospitals Art Trust, Aberdeen
The Affordable Art fair with the Strathearn Gallery, London
The Sunday Times "Ecosse" supplement on the Bonham Hotel.
London Art on Paper Exhibition, London
Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh
Middlefield allotment mural project, Aberdeen
Powis shop shutter project, Aberdeen
The Big Draw workshop (with Quentin Blake)

## Examples of Work @2008 Gabrielle Reith



Wood carving



Private Commission "Two Shores" (River Don)



"The Return" (Oil on canvas)



"A Quick Chat" (Oil on canvas)









"drawing a day 2008" pen & ink

## $Examples\ of\ Work\ {\scriptstyle{\tiny{\textcircled{\tiny{0}2008}\ Gabrielle\ Reith}}}$





"Beth's birthday sheen" Pen & ink + digital illustration



Auchterless Church -Private Commission -Collaboration with Collaboration with Gordon Watt Gordon Watt (Morning Glass Ltd.) (Morning Glass Ltd.)



"Oor wey 'o spiken" Paper cut out + digital illustration



Westhill Community Centre - Collaboration with Gordon Watt (Morning Glass Ltd.)