

# WOFFORD SCULPTURE STUDIO



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## WESLEY WOFFORD-FNSS, PSS

ACADEMY AWARD WINNING ARTIST WESLEY WOFFORD, FNSS IS AN AMERICAN FIGURATIVE SCULPTOR BORN IN 1972. HIS MONUMENTAL INSTALLATIONS AND PORTRAITS CAN BE FOUND IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. WESLEY HAS GALLERY REPRESENTATION WORLDWIDE, AND HIS SCULPTURE IS RECOGNIZED ON AN INTERNATIONAL LEVEL WITH VARIOUS AWARDS AND PUBLICATIONS CELEBRATING AND FEATURING HIS WORK. HIS STYLE EMPHASIZES THE SCULPTOR'S PRESENCE CHARACTERIZED BY A DYNAMIC USE OF FORM AND TEXTURE. WESLEY'S MONUMENTS PROVOKE PASSIONATE RESPONSES AND HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS INTIMATE, EMOTIONALLY CHARGED PORTRAITS.

WOFFORD GREW UP IN A RURAL GEORGIAN TOWN AND DISPLAYED ARTISTIC TALENT AT AN EARLY AGE THAT WAS RECOGNIZED AND NURTURED BY HIS MOTHER. SHE ENROLLED HIM IN PRIVATE ART LESSONS VERY EARLY, AND HE CONTINUED TO DEVELOP HIS SKILLS OF DRAWING AND SCULPTING THROUGHOUT HIS CHILDHOOD. HIS FATHER TAUGHT HIM A RIGOROUS WORK ETHIC AND HOME CONSTRUCTION SKILLS, AND THOSE COMBINED WITH THE ARTISTIC TRAINING FROM VARIOUS TEACHERS GAVE HIM THE FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS LATER NEEDED TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL SCULPTOR. HE ATTENDED VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY ON A COMPETITIVE ART SCHOLARSHIP FOR A BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE, BUT GREW RESTLESS AND LEFT WITH HIS ASSOCIATES DEGREE TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE OF STUDIO MAKEUP IN HOLLYWOOD, CA. UPON GRADUATION, HE BEGAN WORKING IN THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY, AND QUICKLY ROSE IN THE RANKS OF THE INDUSTRY WITH HIS OWN SILICONE PROSTHETIC TECHNIQUES. IN 2004, HE WON AN EMMY FROM THE ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES AND IN 2005 THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES AWARDED HIM A TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY AWARD FOR HIS GROUNDBREAKING AND NOW INDUSTRY STANDARD CONTRIBUTIONS. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS OTHER AWARDS AND ACCOLADES FOR HIS DECADE OF WORK OF OVER 75 PROJECTS IN THE FILM INDUSTRY.

IN 2002 HE MOVED TO THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH HIS FAMILY TO PURSUE FINE ART SCULPTURE FULL TIME. ODYSSEY WOFFORD IS HIS STUDIO DIRECTOR AND THE COUPLE OPERATES WOFFORD SCULPTURE STUDIO FROM A RIDGE-LINE OVERLOOKING THE NATIONAL FOREST. WESLEY CURATED A PERMANENT COLLECTION AND THREE BIENNIAL INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS WITHIN THE VILLAGE GREEN-A 12 ACRE PARK NEAR HIS HOME AS WELL AS SERVING AS A BOARD MEMBER AND PRESIDENT. HE ALSO CURATED AN INAUGURAL OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION AND SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE BASCOM IN HIGHLANDS, NC. IN 2011 HE BECAME AN ELECTED AND VOTING MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE PORTRAIT SCULPTORS SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAS AND SIGNATURE STATUS MEMBER OF THE PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA. IN 2016, WESLEY WAS ELECTED A FELLOW IN THE NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY, A DISTINGUISHED HONOR IN HIS FIELD, AND IS CURRENTLY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

HIS MONUMENTAL INSTALLATIONS AND PORTRAITS CAN BE FOUND IN NUMEROUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING THE NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL (LINCOLN, NE), WADE HAMPTON GOLF CLUB (CASHIERS, NC), AND THE ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES (BURBANK, CA). WOFFORD'S 9 FOOT HARRIET TUBMAN MONUMENT "THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM" WAS FEATURED ON THE COVER OF THE FALL 2020 ISSUE OF SCULPTURE REVIEW MAGAZINE AND IS CURRENTLY TOURING THE COUNTRY AS A TRAVELING EXHIBITION.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-THE NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY  
PELLETT MASTER SCULPTOR RESIDENT- 2018 BROOKGREEN GARDENS  
ELECTED FELLOW-NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY  
ELECTED SIGNATURE STATUS-PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA  
ELECTED MEMBER-ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES  
PROFESSIONAL MEMBER-PORTRAIT SCULPTORS SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015-2017-THE BASCOM: A CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS  
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL- BROOKGREEN GARDENS  
INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER  
FIGURATIVE SCULPTOR'S COMMUNITY  
TRI-STATE SCULPTORS ASSOCIATION  
AMERICAN MEDALLIC SCULPTURE ASSOCIATION

## PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD- CASHIERS, NC  
HARRIET TUBMAN THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM— DALLAS, TEXAS  
DR. LI WENLIANG- DALLAS, TEXAS  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH- SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA  
NEBRASKA STATE CAPITOL- LINCOLN, NE  
WADE HAMPTON GOLF CLUB-CASHIERS, NC  
THE SUMMER CHAPEL-CASHIERS, NC  
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY- CLEMSON, SC  
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY- COLUMBUS, GA  
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA- LINCOLN, NE  
THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA-SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE- ATHENS, GA  
EMMY HALL OF FAME- NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA  
THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS RESERVE- LAKE TOXAWAY, NC  
SCULPTURE FOR NEW ORLEANS- NEW ORLEANS, LA  
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS GROUP CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS- ATLANTA, GA  
LONE PINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- LONE PINE, CA  
HOLIDAY INN- MULTIPLE LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE  
HOLIDAY INN CLUB VACATIONS- KISSIMMEE, FL  
THE VILLAGE GREEN- CASHIERS, NC  
KEMMONS WILSON, INC.- MEMPHIS, TN  
SUMMIT CHARTER SCHOOL- CASHIERS, NC  
WAKE FOREST-ROLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL- WAKE FOREST, NC  
DAWGHOUSE GRILL- SAVANNAH, GA

## EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

“15TH INTERNATIONAL ARC SALON COMPETITION”

ONLINE SCULPTURE FINALIST FOR HARRIET TUBMAN- “THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM”

JANUARY 2021

“FELLOWS INVITATIONAL”

NSS GALLERY- NEW YORK, NY

AUGUST 24- OCTOBER 30, 2020

THE NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY- 87TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

BROOKGREEN GARDENS: PAWLEY’S ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 8- OCTOBER 25, 2020

“VISIONS OF VENUS”

ZHOU B ART CENTER CHICAGO, IL

APRIL 20TH 2018

“13TH INTERNATIONAL ARC SALON COMPETITION”

ONLINE SCULPTURE FINALIST FOR “21ST CENTURY GRACES”

FEBRUARY 2018

“WINTER COLLECTIVE”

HALLANDALE BEACH, FL

FEBRUARY 17-MARCH 17, 2018

“A BLESSING OF ANIMALS”

NAPLES, FL

OCTOBER 2017- JANUARY 2018

“A BLESSING OF ANIMALS”

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

JUNE 10-SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

“ARTFIELDS 2016”

LAKE CITY, SC

APRIL 22-MAY 1, 2016

THE ARTIST’S GAZE

“SEEING WOMEN IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY”

SIRONA FINE ART: HALLANDALE BEACH, FL

FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 22, 2015

“MINIATURE AND MAJESTIC”

SIRONA FINE ART: HALLANDALE BEACH, FL

NOVEMBER 15-JANUARY 11, 2014

## PUBLICATIONS/MEDIA (SELECTED)

NEWS 12 HUDSON VALLEY- APRIL 20, 2021

*"STATUE OF ICONIC HARRIET TUBMAN ARRIVES AT HAVERSTRAW AA PARK"*

NBC NEW YORK- APRIL 19, 2021

*"HARRIET TUBMAN STATUE COMES TO ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY"*

11 EYEWITNESS NEWS ABC- MARCH 2, 2021

*"OSCAR, EMMY-WINNING NC ARTIST CREATES 9-FOOT HARRIET TUBMAN*

STORY BY: TIM PULLIAM

ARTS WESTCHESTER- JANUARY, 28, 2021

*"HARRIET TUBMAN'S JOURNEY TO PEEKSKILL"*

STORY BY: MARY ALICE FRANKLIN

RIVER JOURNAL- DECEMBER 11, 2020

*"NATIONALLY TOURING HARRIET TUBMAN STATUE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PEEKSKILL"*

SCULPTURE REVIEW- FALL 2020

*"REMAKING HISTORY"*

STORY BY: JOE NAZZARO (COVER OF MAGAZINE)

PLATEAU MAGAZINE- OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020

*"IMMORTALIZING IDEAS"*

STORY BY: KIM HENRY

TIMES HUDSON VALLEY- OCTOBER 14, 2020

*"JOURNEY TO FREEDOM" MAKES A STOP IN NEWBURGH*

STORY BY: CLOEY CALLAHAN

WCU STORIES- SEPTEMBER, 28, 2020

*"BRONZE SCULPTURE CAPTURES ESSENCE OF LATE CHANCELLOR DAVID BELCHER"*

STORY BY: MELANIE MCCONNELL

FINE ART CONNOISSEUR- SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

*"NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY TOP HONOR GOES TO..."*

STORY BY: FINE ART TODAY

DORCHESTER BANNER- SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

*"TUBMAN WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH SCULPTURE"*

THE FRANKLIN PRESS WEEKENDER- SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

*"HOPS ON THE GREENWAY"*

STORY BY: BARBARA MCREE

## AWARDS (SELECTED)

THE NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY- 2020

87<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EXHIBITION AWARDS

THE AGOP AGOPOFF MEMORIAL PRIZE

PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S MEMBER'S ONLY COMPETITION- 2019

2ND PLACE FOR A COMMISSIONED SCULPTURE-"HARRIET TUBMAN-THE JOURNEY TO FREEDOM"

ARC SALON COMPETITION-2018

FINALIST IN SCULPTURE- "21ST CENTURY GRACES"

PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S MEMBER'S ONLY COMPETITION- 2017

FINALIST FOR A SELF-PORTRAIT-"AMERICAN LOVE"

PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S MEMBER'S ONLY COMPETITION- 2016

FINALIST FOR A COMMISSIONED PORTRAIT IN SCULPTURE-"A. WILLIAM MCKEE"

PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S MEMBER'S ONLY COMPETITION- 2014

4TH PLACE FOR A COMMISSIONED PORTRAIT IN SCULPTURE-"AL BALESTIERE"

PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL PORTRAIT COMPETITION- 2014

EXCEPTIONAL MERIT-"ALVIN SAUNDERS JOHNSON"

PORTRAIT SOCIETY OF AMERICA'S MEMBER'S ONLY COMPETITION- 2013

3RD PLACE FOR A COMMISSIONED PORTRAIT IN SCULPTURE-"CHUCK LORRE"

CALDWELL ARTS COUNCIL- 2010

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCULPTURE CELEBRATION

JUDGE'S AWARD-"THE REALIZATION" JUDGE-DR. LAWRENCE J. WHEELER-DIRECTOR-NC MUSEUM OF ART

THE NATIONAL SCULPTURE SOCIETY- 2009

76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EXHIBITION AWARDS

THE BEVERLY HOYT ROBERTSON MEMORIAL AWARD FOR A WORK BY A YOUNG SCULPTOR.

ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES- 2005

TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SPECIAL MODIFIED SILICONE MATERIAL FOR MAKEUP APPLIANCES USED IN MOTION PICTURES.

ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES- 2004-2005

PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS

OUTSTANDING PROSTHETIC MAKEUP FOR A SERIES, MINI-SERIES, MOVIE OR A SPECIAL

"THE LIFE AND DEATH OF PETER SELLERS"- HBO