

JEN ELEK**BIO**

Jen Elek is a studio artist and educator based in Seattle. Elek investigates interpersonal themes and the notion of community by creating objects and installations of colorful glass and neon light employed as a non-verbal form of communication.

Jen has been a member of the Northwest artist community since moving from Bethlehem PA to Seattle in 1995. Elek has traveled to Canada, Japan, Australia, and throughout the U.S teaching glassblowing workshops. Jen has worked for many notable artists including, Dale Chihuly, Ginny Ruffner, Nancy Callan and was a key member of Lino Tagliapietra's glassblowing team for 15 years. Jen's involvement in Northwest Art organizations include; Pilchuck glass school, The Museum of Glass -Tacoma, Hilltop Artists and guest lecturer at The University of Washington in Seattle. Her work has been exhibited at The Museum of Glass Tacoma, Tacoma Art Museum, Pittsburgh Glass Center and Traver gallery Seattle. Jen maintains a studio in south Seattle with husband Jeremy Bert.