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LESLEY CARRUTHERS

BORN:

ART EDUCATION:

1997 - 1999 Colchester Institute for Art, Foundation Studies, Art & Design
1999 - 2001 Colchester Institute for Art, BA Art & Design

EXHIBITIONS:

2000/02 Minories Art Gallery, Colchester, Essex
2001 Trinity Street Studios, Colchester, Essex
2002 Cuckoo Farm Sculpture Trail, Colchester, Essex
2002/05 Life Gallery, Colchester, Essex
2003 Head Street Gallery, Halstead, Essex
2003/05 Colchester Institute, Colchester, Essex
2003 - 07 Buckenham Galleries, Southwold, Suffolk
2003 Withindale Gallery, Long Melford, Suffolk
2005/07 Naze Tower Gallery, Walton-on-the-Naze
2005 The Mall Galleries, London
2006/07 Geedon Gallery, Fingringhoe, Essex
2006/07 Folkes-Miller Fine Arts, Long Melford, Suffolk
2007 Peter Pears Gallery, Aldeburgh, Suffolk
2007 - present ArtOne Contemporary, The John Russell Gallery, Ipswich
2008 The John Russell Gallery, Ipswich – First Major Solo Exhibition
2009 30th Anniversary Summer Show, The John Russell Gallery, Ipswich, Suffolk

Lesley Carruthers is a sculptor, working in aluminium, bronze and stone. The pieces are created in her studio on Mersea Island by experimenting with shapes and forms until a concrete idea begins to take shape. She works intuitively, without advance planning, allowing the pieces to evolve through the creative process, which is often unpredictable.

She finds Mersea Island a particularly inspiring place to work. On a daily basis, one is made acutely aware of the movement of the tides and the cycles of the moon. She is a keen sailor, and the influence of boats, the sea, and the marine landscape can often be traced in her work, although her pieces are largely abstract.

“I hope that my work will cause people to pause, take a deep breath, be ‘in the moment’ and absorb what is in front of them before being swept up again by the demands of daily existence. Having returned to my love of art after a business career of over twenty years, I now find myself overwhelmingly fulfilled by the process of creation. For me, it is a means of self-expression that is always life affirming.”

