

*Fly'n Gypsy Arts* 908 S. Lombard St., Lower Level, Oak Park, IL 60304

presents:

# Shaping Space

July 17th, 2009

6-9pm

Featuring the work of:



Will Slagel, Metal Meanders, Steel Sculpture



(Eve) Chulee Choowong-In  
Ceramic and Painting



J. Lynn Kronika, Mixed Media

Please enter at side gate through Bamboo Garden

For information: [www.flyngypsyarts.com](http://www.flyngypsyarts.com) or call Jessica: 847-722-7032



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What: Shaping Space Open Studio

Guest artists:

***(Eve) Chulee Choowong-In***  
***Ceramic Sculpture and Found Frame Paintings***

**Will Slagel**  
**Metal Meanders, Steel Sculpture**

Returning artists

Carol Johnson, photography

Jessica Kronika, mixed media

Grace Mary Katthryn, tarot readings

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Harrison Street Arts District

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**Fortune Cookies,  
Ceramic**

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**Man Singing,  
Found Frame & Paint**



**Me, Found Frame & Paint**



**Junk Food, Ceramic**

***(Eve) Chulee Choowong-In***

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***Born in Thailand, practicing art in Chicago, Illinois***

1996 Moved to Marshfield, Wisconsin from Thailand

1984 Born in Chainat, Thailand

***Education***

2009 Columbia College Chicago: Fine Arts Major

2009 Thai Tradition Medical Services Society: Thai Massage

***Volunteer and Work Experience***

2008 Assisted with The Archie Bray Foundation hosted by The Nevica Project  
Chicago, IL

2008 Practicum Experience at Marquett University Childcare Center  
Milwaukee, WI

2006 Nature Preservation  
Santiago, Costa Rica

***Group Exhibitions***

2009 BFA Fine Art Exhibition, Chicago, IL

2008 A2 Exhibition, Chicago, IL

2008 Pougilias Exhibition, Chicago, IL

2008 Honors Exhibition, Chicago, IL

2008 SOBS, Chicago, IL

2008 Celebration, Chicago, IL

2007 Shgara Lounge, Chicago, IL

2007 Photography I Exhibition, Chicago, IL

2007 Above the Canopy, Chicago, IL

2007 Sketchy 6, Chicago, IL

2001 New Visions Gallery, Marshfield, WI

### ***Scholarships***

2008 Diversity Scholarship: Columbia College, Chicago, IL

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### ***Artist Statement***

*Being transplanted at a young age, I am constantly being pushed and pulled between the two cultures. The constant reminder of memories back home is embedded in my mind. The aura of old photographs existed through shadows of my paintings. The transferring of old memories occurred onto the found paintings where my own memories find its way onto the surface.*

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Will Slagel,  
Metal Meanders



Cambrian Sea Creature, Steel



Twist Selection



Scroll Selection



Cambrian Bowl 3, Steel



Cambrian Bowl 2, Steel



Tresheree, steel

## Artist Bio

I have been fascinated by decorative metal since I was a young fellow. My folks gave me training in the lapidary arts, and building soldered sterling silver jewelry. Later, I became interested in ornate black powder guns, and tried on my own to learn the skills to make them. This led me down the path to blacksmithing, wood carving, engraving and calligraphy. The blacksmithing seems to have stuck. I have set myself a goal to learn as much as I can about the time tested techniques of ornamental ironwork, and to devise new and interesting applications for them, so the skills will live on and be appreciated by future generations of people who love art and unusual crafts.

Over 40 years spent as a precision machinist and fabricator rounds out my skill set. I seem to find my inspiration in all kinds of crazy places. Come! Join the party!

Will Slagel

**J. Lynn Kronika, Fly'n Gypsy Arts**  
**Mixed Media**

Shaping space utilizing relief etched brass plates for mono prints and metal sculpture. These works reinterpret the functions of the print and printing plate, while maintaining the democratic nature of the multiple. Inviting the viewer to explore symbolic variation and the context of ritual across global cultures, these metal and found material sculptures thwart rigid categories and move fluidly from ancient to modern imagery and mediums. These Sculptures are textural and invite touch, while maintaining a visually intriguing symbolism and color palette.



**Print Plate Books,  
Brass, Copper, linen, sinew**



**Water Wands  
Seashell, Glass, rose & hawthorne woods**

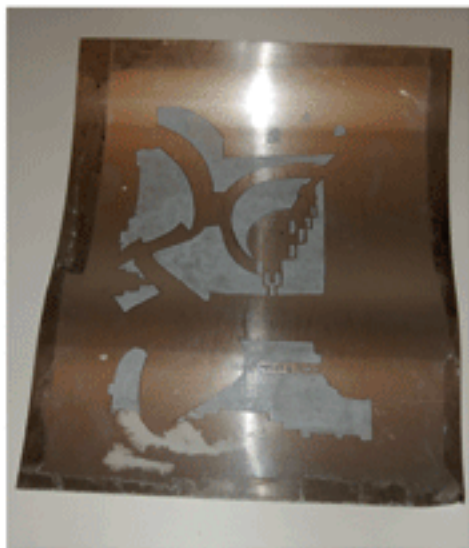
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**Arches , Aluminum Plate Sculpture**



## Professional Summary

Over twelve years art consultation for artists and organizations. Custom framing of fine art and artifacts. Display preparation for private and gallery exhibitions. Solo and collaborative curation of 150 events since 1999. Management, project coordination, research and development experience with non-profit and for profit art organizations and galleries. Three years teaching experience including park district and private art lessons, printing press and framing workshops, and college level writing tutoring.

## Selected Jobs

<i>Gallery Assistant, Head Preparator</i> The Center for Book & Paper Arts; Columbia College Chicago	Sept 2008-Current
<i>Custom Picture Framer, Gallery Consultant, Graphic Designer</i> Framing Mode & Gallery, Chicago, IL	Jan 2007 - Current
<i>Printmaking Intern</i> Anchor Graphics @ Columbia College Chicago, IL	Jan 2008 - May 2008
<i>Development Intern</i> Hubbard Street Dance Company, Chicago, IL	Jan 2007 - May 2007
<i>Writing Tutor</i> Student Development & Career Services Office; Governors State University	May -Aug 2006
<i>Art Instructor</i> Bourbonnais Township Park District, Bourbonnais & Bradley, IL	2003-2005
<i>Workshop Leader and Gallery Preparatory</i> Kankakee Community College Art Department, Kankakee, IL	2003-2005

## Selected Freelance Consulting

<i>Fine Artist &amp; Consultant</i> Fly'n Gypsy Arts, Oak Park, IL	2000-2008
<i>Executive Art Director</i> Halloween Art Exhibit and Children's Interactive Exhibit	2001- 2006
<i>Vice-President/ Curator</i> Community Arts Council, Kankakee, IL	Feb 2005-Oct 2006
<i>Assistant to Director</i> Gretchen Charlton Gallery, Kankakee, IL	2003-2004

## Education

Columbia College, Chicago, IL	Bachelor of Fine Arts	May 2009
Kankakee Community College, Kankakee, IL	Associates in Fine Art	2003-2005