

Summary

I'm an innovative and passionate sculptor with expertise in metalworking, welding, and mixed media. My work focuses on themes of resilience, transformation, and the interplay between strength and delicacy. Using my extensive construction background, I create large-scale installations and intricate hand-crafted pieces, blending industrial techniques with artistic vision to transform ordinary materials into unique works of art.

EXPERIENCE

2020-2024 **Weddings & Events** **OWNER/OPERATOR**

Gallo Welding has become a staple in Georgia's growing wedding industry, providing custom fabricated metal structures available to purchase or rent for any event. We've had the pleasure to collaborate with dozens of Atlanta's best floral designers, event planners, and venue owners.

2018-2024 **Art Sculptures & Festivals** **ARTIST**

From large interactive installations to public sculptures, I have the skills and ambition to execute any idea that gets proposed. As a solo artist or group collaborator, I have experience working in any setting with a variety of different artists.

2016-2024 **Construction** **LEAD WELDER**

Since learning how to weld in 2016, I've explored many industries along the way including HVAC, iron-worker, pipeliner, and restoration for commercial and residential projects. This also includes certifications including OSHA 40hr Safety Training and large equipment.

EDUCATION

2024-Present **Beltline Business Ventures** **SCULPTURE ARTIST**

Taught by TILA Studios and joined by Atlanta's top art curators, sculpture artists, and industry experts, this program teaches key business topics, including business model development, market feasibility, and business resiliency. Participants also receive support in workforce development, job quality improvement, and operational excellence.

2016-2019 **Lively Technical College** **ADV. WELDING STUDENT**

AWS certified in various welding techniques, including SMAW, GMAW, FCAW, and GTAW, as well as oxygen & acetylene cutting. This program is taught by nationally certified weld inspectors proficient in executing precise and high quality welds across different materials and applications. Graduating from this course is a testament to years of advanced training, including aluminum, carbon, and stainless steel.

SKILLS

Material Skills

- Steel
- Wood
- Graphic Design

- Aluminum
- Concrete
- Textile Block Prints

Business Skills

- Entrepreneurship
- Financial Management
- Marketing & Sales
- Customer Relations
- Operational Management
- Multi-artist Collaborations

Selected Works

2024 **"Oya"** **SoMo Walls - Tallahassee, FL**

"Oya" is a 15ft aluminum sculpture inspired by the Yoruba goddess of storms, transformation, and protection, symbolizing female strength and resilience. Featuring elements like a bo staff and tornado-inspired gele, it captures her warrior spirit and femininity.

2019 **"Angel Trumpets"** **Suwannee Hulaween - Live Oak, FL**

"Angel Trumpets" is a collaboration with textile artist Caitlin Gallo, featuring three hanging 12ft Angel Trumpet flowers made from hand-dyed fabric and welded steel frames. The installation draws from South American traditions where the flowers symbolize communication.

2018 **"Dragonfleidoscope"** **Okeechobee Festival - Okeechobee, FL**

"Dragonfleidoscope" is an 8ft interactive fully-functional kaleidoscope sculpture blending industrial strength with vibrant, nature-inspired beauty, featuring colorful bike rims with crochet design by textile artist Caitlin Gallo.

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