

DANI BONNET

Neon Artist & Glass Fabricator

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BIOGRAPHY

Dani Bonnet is a Los Angeles-based neon artist and fabricator working at the intersection of traditional glass-bending craft and contemporary fine art. Raised around neon — her grandparents ran a commercial neon repair shop in Las Vegas, where her father and uncle also worked — she trained to spot signage in need of repair from a young age. After studying Biochemistry at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (2015), she moved to Los Angeles and rediscovered neon while driving the city at night. She began an apprenticeship under Juan Ortega, using a toolbox of her grandparents' original bending equipment, and has since built a career spanning fine art, museum installation, and commercial fabrication.

Her fine art practice centers on salvaged corporate signage and traditional glass and metalwork as a means of social commentary on American economic and cultural decline. She is the founder of Neon Flamingo, a custom neon sign studio in Echo Park serving film and TV productions, commercial clients, and gallery installations.

SOLO & MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

America is a Company...	2023
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Solo Museum Exhibition — Muzeo Museum & Cultural Center, Anaheim, CA

Parallel Wednesdays	2018
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Solo Show — Tenants of the Trees, Silver Lake, Los Angeles, CA

Additional solo installation work presented at the Museum of Neon Art, Glendale, CA.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS & CURATORIAL PROJECTS

OFF // ON	2021
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Curator — Hollywood Palladium, Hollywood, CA

Electric Winter	2019
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Curator — Innerspace Gallery, Downtown Los Angeles, CA

Landscape Summer Opening	2019
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Group Show — Elsewhere Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY

She Bends: Women in Neon	2019
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Group Show — Var West Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

Artstagia	2018
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Group Show — Innerspace Gallery, Downtown Los Angeles, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Neon Bending & Glassworking	Ongoing
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Museum of Neon Art (MONA), Glendale, CA — select classes

SELECTED COMMISSIONS & INSTALLATIONS

- Netflix — large-scale neon art installation, Sunset Blvd campus, Los Angeles
- Vans — custom neon signage for retail and campaign activations

- Mercedes-Benz — hand-bent neon rendering of the newly released GLC model, created live and documented on video for the brand's launch campaign
- All Day I Dream Festival — 15-foot neon sculpture of a figure, commissioned as the festival's centerpiece installation

SELECTED PRESS & BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Dezeen — feature coverage of neon artwork
- CBS — Mission Unstoppable, featured segment on neon artwork
- Time Out — feature coverage
- Flaunt — coverage of Elsewhere Brooklyn, "Summer Landscape"
- Stay Creating Podcast — Episode 003: Neon Artist Dani Bonnet

EDUCATION

B.S., Biochemistry

2015

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly SLO)

Apprenticeship, Neon Glass Bending

Under Juan Ortega, Los Angeles, CA

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Lead Fabricator, Neon Flamingo

Present

Echo Park, Los Angeles, CA — Custom neon sign studio serving film/TV productions, commercial retail, and art installations

SKILLS

- Hand-bent glass neon fabrication
- Leaded stained glass
- Mixed-media and LED signage
- Pantone color matching, typography, and fabrication-ready vector production