

## Don Gummer

Don Gummer (born December 12, 1946 in Louisville, Kentucky) is an American sculptor. His early work concentrated on table top and wall-mounted sculpture, but in the mid 1980s he shifted his interest to large free-standing works, often in bronze. In the 1990s he added a variety of other materials, such as stainless steel, aluminum and stained glass. His interest in large outdoor works also led him to an interest in public art.

Critic Irving Sandler (writing in Art in America, January 2005) has noted that Gummer's work is recognizably rooted in constructivism, but also writes that "in extending and deflecting Constructivist art in a new direction, Gummer has rendered it peculiarly contemporary." Sandler also writes that Gummer's works "give postmodern life to classic principles of abstract composition."

Gummer grew up in Indiana. He studied at Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, and then at the Herron School of Art (also in Indianapolis) from 1964 to 1966. From 1966 to 1970 he studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Massachusetts, and then completed his studies at Yale University where he received his BFA and MFA.

Gummer's first solo show was in 1973. Since then, his works have been featured at two dozen solo shows at museums and galleries around the East Coast and Midwest. His work has also been exhibited in many group shows.

Gummer's commissioned works have included Primary Compass (2000), a site-specific outdoor permanent sculpture at the Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio and a sculpture/fountain in Historic New Harmony, New Harmony, Indiana. One of his most recent works is a stainless steel and stained glass sculpture titled Southern Circle, standing 25 feet (7.6 m) tall and weighing approximately 20,000 pounds, commissioned by the city of Indianapolis and dedicated in October, 2004. Another recent work is "Primary Separation", a permanent installation at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, completed in 2006.

In 1978, Gummer married actress Meryl Streep. They have four children (including actress Mamie Gummer) and live in New York. He was previously married to Peggy Lucas in Indianapolis.

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