



MICHAEL ANDERSON

SENIOR BLACKSMITH AND EDUCATOR

PROFILE

Highly skilled artistic blacksmith with a robust background in functional design and metal artistry. Spanning over a decade, expertise includes the crafting of both ornamental and practical metalworks that serve aesthetic and utilitarian purposes. Demonstrated ability to interpret historical styles while infusing modern interpretations, leading to unique creations that resonate with diverse audiences.

EXPERIENCE

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Craftsmanship Center

2016 - Present

- Designed and taught blacksmithing courses for students of all skill levels, fostering a passion for the craft.
- Produced functional art pieces, including kitchenware and garden sculptures, blending artistry with utility.
- Led community workshops promoting local artisanship and sustainable practices.
- Collaborated with local artisans to create site-specific installations.
- Implemented curriculum changes to enhance student engagement and creative expression.
- Developed partnerships with local schools to introduce blacksmithing into art programs.

ARTISTIC BLACKSMITH

Forge and Anvil

2014 - 2016

- Created a wide range of custom metalwork, including gates, railings, and decorative pieces.
- Utilized both traditional and modern techniques to produce high-quality metalwork.
- Engaged with clients to understand their vision and translate it into functional art.
- Participated in regional art shows, gaining recognition and expanding clientele.
- Maintained an organized workspace and adhered to safety protocols to ensure efficient operations.
- Mentored junior blacksmiths, fostering skill development and a collaborative environment.

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SKILLS

- artistic design
- teaching
- community engagement
- sustainable practices
- client collaboration
- workshop facilitation

LANGUAGES

- English
- Spanish
- French

EDUCATION

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN METAL ARTS,
ARTISAN UNIVERSITY, 2007

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recipient of the Local Arts Award for contributions to community art, 2019.
- Organized a blacksmithing exhibition attended by over 500 visitors, 2021.
- Developed a successful online platform for selling custom metalwork, increasing revenue by 30%.