

*Arts Council Prize 2010*

Multi-disciplinary artist photographer and graphic artist Gary Wornell is a Canadian who came to Finland via England in 1995. As an artist, he is like a chameleon adapting to new environments and exploring new territories with his work. His capability of changing from one art form to another in the last 15 years has been exceptional: from ceramics to photography and within photography from the traditional to a totally new photographic form combining traditional graphics with the computer and on to new printing materials. In recent years, he has also developed into an internationally recognized pioneer in new ways of working.

Already in the early days Gary Wornell showed his skills in seeking new solutions for problems that seemed impossible; as a ceramic artist he created new surfaces and made his clay to his own recipe. As a result he created versatile and unforgettable works. During the last years Wornell has created within photography, digital arts and graphics a totally new printing technique, which extends the working methods and boundaries and again with results that are exceptional. As an artist Gary Wornell is first of all an inventor and pioneer in opening up and breaking new ground and who is not just sticking to one art form. His choice is to move courageously around in the unknown with often seemingly impossible and challenging working methods that require an enormous amount of persistence and a wealth of ideas.

Moving between different art forms is as significant and central for Wornell as an artist and his individual art as being international. He is touching many people both through his art and his working ways. Gary Wornell leaves those working with him with an unforgettable chance to get acquainted with a daring creative and constantly radiant creator who is drawing from his roots from another culture. For all these above reasons The Finnish Arts Council of Häme is giving its recognition with the Arts Council Prize 2010.

