

Kevin Boylan was born and raised in Walla Walla, Washington. He was introduced to ceramics while attending Walla Walla High School and furthered his study of clay at the community college in his home town. At a gallery reception where his work was on display, he was recruited by Tom Dimond to visit the art department at Eastern Oregon University. After a self guided tour of the facility, Kevin transferred to EOU in the fall of 2000.

Having completed his basic education requirements at WWCC, Kevin spent the next three years immersed in the art department at EOU. In addition to expanding his knowledge of ceramics, Kevin studied drawing, printmaking, photography, design and sculpture. Drawn to 3-D sculpture, he experimented with a variety of mediums, including steel, wood, plaster and found objects, in search of his own esthetic voice. During his last year at EOU, Kevin served as studio assistant and technician for both Doug Kaigler and Tom Dimond in the sculpture and ceramics department, where kiln building and repair, welding, glaze formulation and tool maintenance became part of his everyday.

In the spring of 2003, as Kevin approached graduation, he was introduced to the world of glass as an art medium. Together with Tom Dimond, they built all the tools and equipment necessary for fusing, casting and blowing glass. Located in Cove, at 60881 Stackland Road, Dimond Art Glass is a hi tech glass studio where you can see nearly 7 years of the working relationship and friendship of Tom and Kevin combine to create wonderful works of art.

After taking summer classes at Pilchuck Glass School in 2007, Kevin saw opportunity at the school to further his passion for glass. In 2010 he was invited to join the Pilchuck staff as the Hot Shop Technician, and to utilize his skills learned at EOU and Dimond Art Glass. He will return again this summer under the same title.

When Kevin is not in the studio you can find him behind the bar at Ten Depot Street restaurant. He has been employed by Sandy Sorrels at Ten Depot for 6 years. Since 2008 Kevin has also been working as a rafting and fishing guide on the Snake and Salmon Rivers. From June to October he is navigating whitewater, preparing meals and showing guests how to enjoy the outdoors. When the summer is over Kevin looks forward to returning to Lagrande, back to the studio where he can realize his ideas.