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Marika Somogyi first trained at Budapest College of Fine Arts before going to the United States. There she studied at the University of California under Robert Arneson and attended a master class with Arnaldo Pomodoro. She was a guest artist and lecturer at the International Medallic Art Workshop at Pennsylvania State University.

Her works are in the permanent collections of the British Museum, Smithsonian Institute and the Art Museums of Berlin, Nuremberg, Dresden, Lisbon, Stockholm and Budapest.

Numerous commissions include 1991 and the 2001 Commemorative Silver Dollars. Medals for the San Francisco Opera, the British Art Medal Society, the Society of Medalists, the Magnes Museum and the Brookgreen Gardens, Placido Domingo Award, Maurice Spertus Award. Charlie Chaplin, Sherlock Holmes, Marc Chagall, Eleanor Roosevelt memorial medals.

Marika has exhibited in New York, Colorado Springs, Stockholm, Helsinki, Santa Fe, Hague, London, Budapest, Paris, and Florence.

She is the recipient of several awards including the American Numismatic Association Excellence in American Medallic Art Award.

You can visit her gallery online at www.marikasomogyi.com

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EDUCATION

Beaux Arts College,
Budapest, Hungary

Graduate studies: University of California, at Davis
with Robert Arneson

Mills College, Oakland, California: Master class
with Arnaldo Pomodoro

Guest artist and lecturer at the
International Medallic Arts Workshop

AWARDS, HONORS

"Excellence in American Medallic Art"
American Numismatic Association (1989)
Joel Meisner Award (1998)
C.A. Brown Award (1998)

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PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

London: British Museum
Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institute
Stockholm: Swedish Royal Museum
New York: The Statue of Liberty Museum
New York: Jewish Museum
Chicago: Maurice Spertus Museum
Berkeley: Magnes Museum
Berlin: Staatliche Museum
Nürnberg: Germanisches Nationalmuseum
Dresden: Staatliche Museum
Lisbon: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
Budapest: Hungarian Fine Arts Museum

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EXHIBITIONS

Three Dimensions Gallery, Berkeley, California, 1982
Kertesz Gallery, San Francisco, California, 1996

Federation Internationale de la Medaille (FIDEM) juried exhibitions at:

Florence, Italy (1983)
Stockholm, Sweden (1985)
Colorado Springs, Colorado (1987)
Helsinki, Finland (1990)
London, United Kingdom (1992)
Budapest, Hungary (1994)
Neufchatel, Switzerland (1996)
Hague, The Netherland (1998)
Weimar, Germany (2000)
Paris, France (2002)
Tampere, Finland (2010)

American Medalllic Sculpture Exhibitions:

New York (1983)
Colorado Springs (1984)
San Francisco (1984)
Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C. (1984 and 1985)
National Sculpture Gallery, New York, (1985)
Newark Museum of Art, New Jersey, (1990 and 1995)
Hands Across the Sea. A.N.A. Colorado Springs, Colorado, (2001)

Homage á la Terre Natale, Budapest, Hungary (1982)
Janus Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico (1988)
Cast Iron Galley, New York (1990)
Kala Institute Resident Artist Exhibit, Berkeley, California (1994)
Pen and Brush Club, New York, (1998, 1999, 2000, and 2002)
International Medal Biennial, Portugal. (2004)
Blue Door Art Association, New York, (2006)

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COMISSIONS

Silver Dollar Design Competition Winner for U.S. Treasury
Mount Rushmore Commemorative

Silver Dollar Design Competition Winner for U.S. Treasury
Capitol Building, Commemorative

Kurt Weill and Lotte Lenya Relief, Yale University

Statue of Liberty: bas-relief for permanent collection of the
Statue of Liberty National Monument Museum in New York

Spertus Award for the Maurice Spertus Museum, Chicago

Magnes Museum, Berkeley, California bas-reliefs to honor
Raoul Wallenberg
Judah Magnes
Benny Goodman
Irving Berlin
Leonard Bernstein
Arthur Miller

Eleanor Roosevelt centennial bas-relief;
J C. Bach-Handel-Scarlatti triple-tercentenary

FIDEM Medals for exhibits in London and Budapest

Ben Gurion centennial medal
Marc Chagall centennial medal
Sherlock Holmes bas-relief
World Trade Center 9/11 memorial medal
Pieta of Mother Earth medal

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COMISSIONS

Kurt Herbert Adler Award medal for the San Francisco Opera Guild
Lew Christensen Award for the San Francisco Ballet Company
Richard LeBlond bas relief for the San Francisco Ballet Company
The Society of Medallists, bas relief
Alfred Hitchcock medal
Brookgreen Garden, South Carolina, bas-relief
Charlie Chaplin commemorative bas-relief
Yosemite bas-relief for its 100th anniversary
Agatha Christie commemorative medal
Jerusalem 3000 year anniversary medal
Oskar Schindler commemorative bas-relief
Alfons Berger memorial medal
Placido Domingo award medal for Los Angeles Opera
Benjamin Britten for British Art Medal Society
Jussi Björling Society Medal
Jimmy Carter Medal, Habitat for Humanity
MSRI at University of California, Chicago Mercantile Exchange medal
Edgar Allen Poe Commemorative medal

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ARTICLES and REVIEWS

United States

New York Times:

January 2, 1983
March 11, 1984
October 7, 1984
July 28, 1985
August 5, 1985
May 11, 1986
July 5, 1987
December 27, 1987
August 13, 1989
December 10, 1989
December 22, 1990

Art Medal Society of America (AMSA)

Exhibit Catalogue, 1983
Exhibit Catalogue, 2000

Hands Across the Sea pages 78-79

Brookgreen Gardens Journal (South Carolina): 1989

Coin World:

November 3, 1982
December 22, 1982
October 17, 1984
May 22, 1985
July 31, 1985
June 10, 1987
November 18, 1987
September 20, 1989
March 1991
November 1991
October 20, 1992
March 26, 2007

Commemorative Coins of the United States: A Complete Encyclopedia,

By: Q. David Bowers. 1991, page: 718

Mint News, The United States Mint

February 1, 1991
February 28, 2001

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Numismatist: 1983
1990
2003

San Francisco Examiner, January 14, 1987
Beyond two Dimensions, 2005

FIDEM catalogues:

Florence 1983
Stockholm 1985
Colorado Springs 1987
Helsinki 1990
London 1992
Budapest 1994
Neuf Chatel 1996
Hague 1998
Weimar 2000
Paris 2002

The Society of Medalists: 1986

United States Mint,

Mount Rushmore Commemorative Silver Dollar, 1991

In the Round, 1992

The New Medal, 1994

National Sculpture Society, 1985

Jussi Bjorling Society, 2000

Monumental Miniatures, 2005

In Fitting Memory, by Sybil Milton, 1991

France

Medailles:

1993 page 56

1995 pages 17, 30

Germany

Europäische Medaillenkunst von der Renaissance bis zur Gegenwart,

By: Wolfgang Steguweit, Berlin Art Museum 1996, pages: 162-164

Bühne Dresden, April 27, 2003

Dresdener Kunsblätter, 2003

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Dresdner Morgenpost, April 26, 2003
Germanisches National Museum, 1998
Sächsische Zeitung, April 23, 2003

Hungary

Hommage a la Terre Natale, Budapest, 1983
Uj Kelet, April, 1994

Italy

Soldi Numismatica, 1985
Medaglia, Page 155. Milan, 1986

Portugal

International Biennial, 2003

Sweden

Stjarn Glans. Myntkabinettet, Stockholm, 2001

United Kingdom

The Medal, The British Art Medal Trust
Spring 1988
Autumn, 1989
Spring, 1990
Autumn, 1990
Spring, 1992
Autumn, 1995
Autumn, 1997
Autumn, 1999
Autumn, 2004