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Alwyn O'Brien

Born 1975, Salt Springs Island, BC, Canada
Lives and works in Salt Springs Island, BC Canada

Education

- 2008-2010 MFA, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington,
2002-2004 BFA, Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, Vancouver, B.C.
2001 Soda Firing Workshop with Julia Galloway, Summer Session, NASCAD,
Halifax, N.S.
1999-2002 Diploma, Sheridan College of Craft and Design, Oakville, Ontario,
Honors

Exhibitions

- 2017 *BUILD: Sculptural Ceramics*, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR
Can Craft? Craft Can!, Art Gallery Of Burlington, Burlington, On
"Groundbreaking: Innovations In Clay", Kimball Art Center, Park City, UT
Oh Ceramics!, Medicine Hat, Ab, Canada
- 2016 Kohila Ceramics Symposium, Kohila, Estonia
Northwest Pop Up, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2015 *Defying Gravity: Interventions in Clay*, Sun Valley Center for the Arts,
Sun Valley, ID
Taking Form: Quality in Clay, James Harris Gallery, WA
- 2014 *Astride the Bucket*, Solo Show, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA
Once + Future, Red Deer Museum of Art, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada
True North, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
Pulse, Miami, FL
- 2013 *Craft: Invested*, Pendulum Art Gallery, Vancouver, B.C.
Beyond the Vessel's Edge, Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, B.C.
Terra Linear: The Ceramic Line, Archer Gallery Clark College, Vancouver, WA
- 2012 *Essays in Objects*, Solo Show, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA.
Marks: Sculptors in Two Dimensions, curated by Vicki Halper for NCECA
(National Council for Education in Ceramic Arts), Washington State
Convention Center, Seattle, WA
Trespass as Whispers, Reno, Nevada
Quinary Gallery, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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- 2011 *RBC "Emerging Artist Competition" Award Exhibit*, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ONT
- 2010 *Pile*, Solo Show, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA.
Notes on A Walk, Solo Show, North Gallery, Ceramics and Metal Arts Building, University Of Washington, Seattle, WA
Objects of Unknowing, MFA Grad Show, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA
Summer Works, Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2008 *Contemporary Craft in B.C. : Excellence within Diversity*. Museum of Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2007 *Potters and Pitchers*, Crafhouse, Vancouver , B.C.
Mobile Structures, Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, B.C.
Built and Unbuilt, Solo Show, Prime Gallery, Toronto
Mobile Structures, Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan
Plume, Vancouver International Airport, Vancouver, BC
Sex Pots II, Prime Gallery, Toronto
- 2006 *Tea Party VI*, Prime Gallery, Toronto
New Faces, Comox Valley Art Gallery, Window Gallery, Courtenay, B.C.
Beauteous, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
- 2005 *Teapot Stories*, Crafhouse Gallery, Crafts Association of BC, Vancouver
Ceramics in Print, The Onion, Vancouver
Wandering Arcadia, Solo Show, Crafhouse Gallery, Vancouver
Emily Carr Graduate Show, Emily Carr Institute, Vancouver
- 2003 *Cram*, Co-Curator, Concourse Gallery, Emily Carr Institute, Vancouver
- 2002 *Emerging Ceramic Artists*, Lafreniere and Pei, Ottawa, Ontario
The Wheel Project, The Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto
Fusion, Sheridan College Graduation Exhibition, The Gardiner Museum, Toronto
Graduation Show of Sheridan College of Craft and Design, Annie Smith Gallery, Sheridan College, Oakville, Ontario

Work Experience

- 2011 University Of Victoria, Substitute Instructor, Victoria, B.C.
St. Georges School For Boys, Visiting Artist, Vancouver, B.C
- 2010 Emily Carr University, Special Topics Instructor, "Wheel Throwing Large Pots"

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- Canadian Clay Ceramics Symposium, Lecturer/Workshop Presenter,
Burnaby, B.C.
- 2009 University of Washington, Teaching Assistant and Teacher of Record
- 2006-2007 Emily Carr Institute, Sessional Ceramics Instructor, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2007 Surrey Art Gallery, Surface Decoration Workshop, Surrey, B.C.
- 2006 North Island College, Artist Lecture, Courtenay, B.C.
- 2003-2007 Cedar Grove Pottery, Assistant and production potter, Galiano Island, BC
- 2005-2006 Magee Secondary School, Artist in Residence, Exterior tile installation,
Vancouver, B.C.
- 2004 Yukon Public Art Gallery, Curatorial Internship, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2004 Ceramic Surface techniques, Demonstration, Emily Carr Institute,
Vancouver, B.C.
- 2002 Fusion (Ontario Clay and Glass Guild) Workshop, Silk Screening on Clay,
Toronto, Ont.
- J. Mitchell Gallery, Assistant Manager, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Philip Beasley Project, Slip Casting Assistant, Sheridan College, Ontario
- 2001 Mark Egan, Potter's Assistant, Toronto, Ontario
- Katrina Chaytor Workshop, Technician, Sheridan College, Ontario

Residencies and Visiting Artist

- 2017 Alfred University, Visiting Artist, Alfred, NY
- Nova Scotia School of Art and Design, Visiting Artist, Halifax, NS
- 2016 Kohila Wood Fire Symposium, Estonia
- Arquetopia, Puebla, Mexico
- 2014 The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- The Northern Clay Centre, Minneapolis, MN
- 2012 *1000 Miles Apart*, Ceramics Conference, Regina, SK, Canada
- Alberta College of Art and Design, Calgary, AB. Canada
- 2011 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine, USA
- John H. Hauberg Residency, Pilchuck Glass School, Washington, USA

Awards and Scholarships

- 2015 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- 2012 North-West Ceramics Foundation Award, Vancouver, BC
- 2011 RBC "Emerging Artist" Competition, Nomination, Toronto, Canada

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- 2009 Vancouver City Mayor's Award, "Emerging Studio Artist Award",
Vancouver, Canada
- 2008 "Emerging Artist Award", One of a Kind Show, Toronto, Canada
- 2004 *One of A Kind Craft Show Award* "Awarded For Best Use of Craft in
Emily Carr Graduate Show", Toronto, Canada
Circle Craft Award "Awarded for Best Use of Clay In Emily Carr
Graduate Show", Vancouver, BC
- 2002-2003 Gulf Islands Community Arts Council Bursary, Salt Spring Island, BC
- 2002 William and Mary Corcoran Award, Sheridan College, Ontario
Betty Cantor Silent Night Auction Award, Juried, Sheridan
College, Ontario
- 2001 Don McKinley Memorial Award, Sheridan College, Ontario
Tucker's Pottery Supply Award, Sheridan College, Ontario

Collections

Boise Art Museum, Boise, ID
The Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
Gardiner Museum, Toronto, Canada
Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
Surrey Art Gallery, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada

PUBLICATIONS

Hackett, Regina. "What If Flash Jordan" <http://www.artsjournal.com/anotherbb/2010/06/what-if-flash-gordon-went.html> June, 2010

Graves, Jen. www.thestranger.com/seattle/Content?oid=4319735, June, 2010
"Emerging Artist Feature", *Ceramics Monthly* May, 2008

Cramp, Beverly. "The Art of Craft", *Galleries West*, Summer edition, 2007

Cover Feature, Van Dop Arts and Cultural Guide, to British Columbia, Summer 2007

Amy Gogarty. "A Bell Rings Out", Mobile Structures Catalogue, Mackenzie Art Gallery, 2007