



THE WELCOME SWALLOW CITY GALLERY
PRESENTS



A Devotion to Form

Sculpture & Paintings by

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A Devotion to Form

“In the beginning of time, I was handed a pair of quirky, colorful shoes.

These odd shoes have taken me around the world, often aside the beaten track where it's less crowded and silence occasionally sings.

They point me in directions where I notice details others often seem to miss, or maybe just don't care about. I can sense stories, hidden patterns and above all I can see color, line and form.”

This retrospective exhibition has been a joy to put together. It is a celebration of my Art Practice in New Zealand over the past ten years, and it also includes a couple of projects made in Sweden before the big move down under.

I chose the title “A Devotion to Form” because the love for form has been at the core of my creative exploration all the way from the start. Since as far back as I can remember, I have had an affinity for form and an innate urge to make things. A curious mind and a strong need to be creative has led me to experiment with a multitude of mediums and techniques over the years - Everything from writing, painting, acrobatics (I used to be a trapeze acrobat in a Cirque Nouveau group), performance and most of all, sculpture in various materials. I found my way to clay in New Zealand and instantly caught, what potters call “The clay bug”. I can't think of anything better than being in flow and experimenting with ideas and exploring materiality.

When I was asked if I wanted to hold this exhibition, there was no lack of works to choose from. However, even if I'm a prolific maker, most of what I make never ends up in the public eye. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to show some of my work to an audience, as well as a possibility to finally document my art practice up to now, more in depth.

This Exhibition is both a closure and the start of something new.

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1. Thought Forms (2023)

Acrylic & Oil on board
900x1220 mm
Custom framed
\$4950



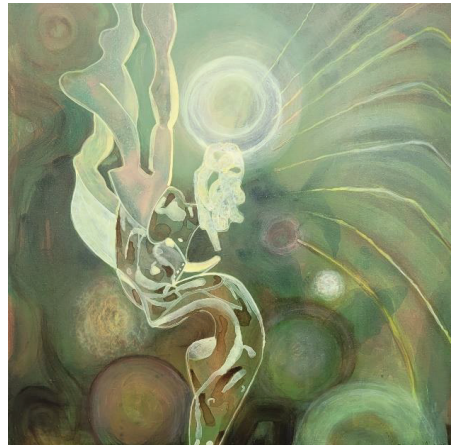
2. Essence (2023)

Acrylic & Oil on board
1220x900 mm
Custom framed
\$4950



3. Studio Dance (2023)

Acrylic on board
610x640mm
Custom framed
\$2950



4. Kaitiaki (2023)

Acrylic on board
610x640mm
Custom framed
\$2950



5. Fragments of Angels (2022)
 Finalist Portage Ceramic Awards
 2022. Hand building
 Stoneware
 \$2450



6. King & Queen (2023)
 Wheel throwing with aluminum
 details
 Terracotta
 \$1950



7. Contrasts in Union (2020)
 Hand-built Vessel
 Stoneware
 \$1750



8. Home (2020)
 Hand-built Vessel with Poem,
 Acrylic Painting & Aluminium Rim
 NFS



9. Rune Vessels

2015 - Finalist in NZ Potters Annual Exhibition. Hand building Stoneware
NFS



10. Rune Vessel (2018)

Hand-built Vessel with runic Inscription
Stoneware
NFS



11. Viking Warrior (2014)

Hand-built Form with Runic Inscription
Stoneware
NFS



12. A Measurement of Time (2018)

Finalist in Rick Rudd's Emerging Practitioner in Clay Award 2018.
Hand-built Form
NFS



13. Litter Angel (2023)

Suspended form
Recycled plastic
\$450



14. The Entertainer (2023)

Acrylic on board
300x300mm
Custom framed
\$750



15. Unfolding (2023)

Acrylic & Oil on board
300x300 mm
Custom framed
\$750



16. Litter Angel (2023)

Acrylic & Oil on board
300x300 mm
Custom framed
\$750



17. Serenity (2016)
Sculptural Vessel
Stoneware
\$1750



18. Bubbles (2022)
Installation of 17 pieces
Slip casting
\$2450



19. Contrasts in Union (2015)
Highly Commended in NZ Potters
annual exhibition 2015
Stoneware
\$1450



20. Ikebana Vessel (2021)
Hand building
Stoneware
\$850



21. Take Away Cow (2022)

Wheel throwing

Porcelain

\$1250



22. Game on (2022)

Wheel throwing

Terracotta

\$450 each



23. Sunset (2019)

Hand building mounted on board

Porcelain

\$850



24. Queens – Katrina & Ursula (2022)

Hand building & Gold details

\$295 each



25. Abstraction II (2021)

Finalist in RT Nelson Sculpture
Award 2021

Stoneware

\$1950



26. Abstraction III (2021)

Finalist in Waiheke Small
Sculpture Award 2021

Stoneware

\$1450



27. Echo (2021)

Stoneware

\$750

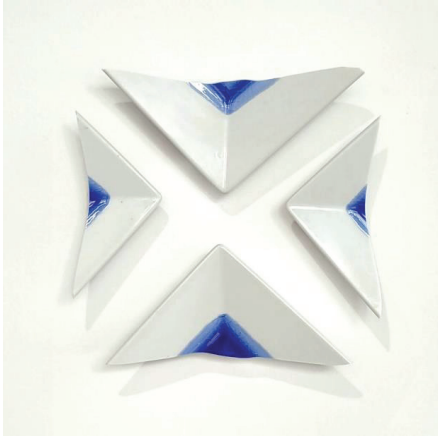


28. Abstraction I (2021)

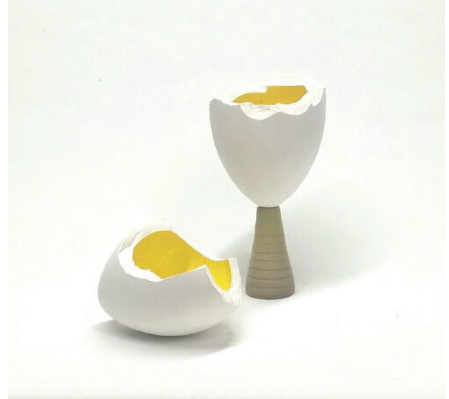
Finalist in RT Nelson Sculpture
Award 2021

Stoneware

\$2450



29. Negative Space (2018)
Glazed and re-fired shards of a
commercial dinner plate
\$250



30. I Killed My Darlings (2019)
Finalist in Waiclay Ceramic
Awards 2019
Wheel throwing
\$1250



31. Quirky Cats (2023)
Wheel throwing & hand-building
Terracotta
\$250 each



**32. Papatuanuku – The Earth
Mother (2023)**
Hand building
Terracotta
\$195 each



33. Forbidden Fruit

2003-2004

Stained Wood, Tempera, Acrylic,
24ct gold/Silver
\$1950 each



34. The Raglan Sea (2018)

Wheel throwing (altered)
\$950 (3pcs)



35. Lady Blue (2020)

Hand-built Ceramic Vessel with
Acrylic Painting & 24ct Gold Rim
\$1950



36. KaPow (2018)

Finalist in WSP Members
Exhibition 2018
Stoneware
\$950



37. My Body is a Temple (2018)

Hand-building
Stoneware
\$295



38. Violet's Box (2016)

Wheel throwing & Hand building
& a short story
NFS



39. The Maker's Hand (2017)

Finalists in Waiclay Ceramic Awards
2017. Hand building and Wheel
throwing
Stoneware
\$1750



**40. Transformation – Balance Act
(2016)**

Hand building with paper detail
Stoneware
\$850



41. Blue Bowl (2018)

Wheel throwing
\$175



42. Table Dance (2023)

Recycled plastic
\$250



43. Peacekeeper (2020)

Wheel throwing & Hand building
Stoneware
\$1250



44. Transformation (2016)

Hand building & Wheel throwing
Porcelain
\$850



45. Transformation – Ripe (2015)
Hand building
Stoneware
\$850 each



46. A Measurement of time I (2015)
Hand building mounted on Marble
\$450



47. A Measurement of time II (2015)
Hand building mounted on Marble
\$450



48. Coupling (2019)
Hand building
\$850



49. Chess pieces – Knight (2021)

Hand building

Stoneware

\$850



50. Chess pieces - King & Queen (2021)

Hand building

Stoneware

\$1950



51. Him & Her 2022)

Wheel throwing

Terracotta

\$1950

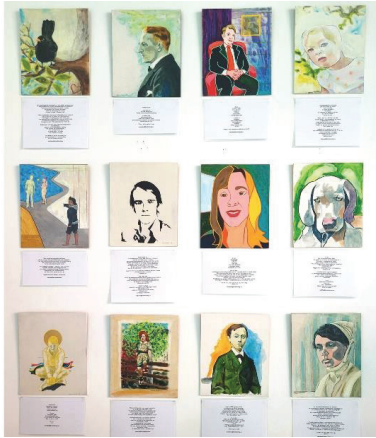


52. Chess pieces – Pawns (2021)

Hand building

Stoneware

\$450 each



53. Meeting (2011)

12 x Acrylic paintings on board
 & poetry/short stories
 NFS
 \$25 (book)



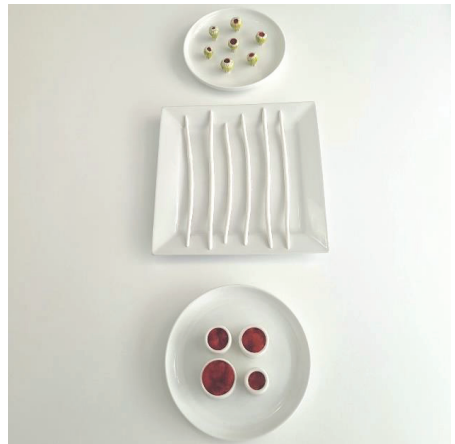
54. Abstraction (2020)

Hand building with acrylic
 painting
 \$1250



55. Magic Garden (2017)

Acrylic painting on board
 720x910 mm
 Custom framed
 \$3950



56. Fuck the knitting (2019)

Hand building and wheel throwing
 fired onto commercial plates
 \$850



57. Litter Angels (2023)
8 x Suspended Forms
Recycled plastic
\$95-195 each



58. Thought Form – Botanica (2023)
Recycled plastic & Wire
\$350



59. Boob-kind-of-a-thing (2023)
Recycled plastic & Wire
\$75



60. The Philosopher (2023)
Polystyrene mounted on steel
plinth
\$750



61. Head Planters (2023)
Wheel throwing & Hand building
Terracotta
\$250 each



62. Abstraction – Kingfisher (2021)
Hand building
Stoneware
\$750



63. Abstraction - Eliza (2021)
Hand building
Stoneware
NFS



64. Balance Act(2021)
Wheel throwing & Hand building
\$350



65. Sculptural Vases (2021)

Hand building
Terracotta
\$295 each



66. Lagoon Vase (2021)

Wheel throwing & hand building
\$450



67. Gold Vases (2018)

Wheel throwing
Terracotta
\$195 each



68. Flapper Vases (2021)

Wheel throwing with metal details
\$495 each



69. Royal Pearl – Yarn bowl (2022)
Wheel throwing
\$450 each



70. Shell Vessel (2022)
Hand building
Stoneware
\$1250



71. Shell Bowl (2022)
Hand building
Stoneware
\$350



72. Folded Bowl (2022)
Hand building
Stoneware
\$350