



JIM COOPER

Dunedin artist Jim Cooper's ceramic sculptures push clay to its absolute limits while adhering to and confirming his fine art intent. The installations of figures with colourful glazes are the result of more than 20 years of refinement, during which Jim has been experimenting with modelling clay, firing techniques and glazes.

EDUCATION

- 2000 MFA Otago Polytechnic School of Art
1989 BFA Otago Polytechnic School of Art

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Yea Well, Now Since Then*, Objectspace, Auckland, NZ. Solo.
2017 *Jim Cooper*. Apple Packing Shed Gallery, Guldagergaard, Skaelskor, Denmark. Solo.
2016 *The Suitcase Show*, Mansfield Gallery, Sydney, Australia. Group Show.
2015 *New Works*, Whitespace, Auckland, NZ. Solo.
Mine Mine Mind, Brett McDowell Gallery, Dunedin, NZ. Solo.
2013 *Birds*, Penrith Regional Gallery, NSW Australia. Group Show.
LOL Laugh Out Loud, Latrobe Regional Gallery, VIC Australia. Group Show.
2012 *Family Portraits*, Martin Browne Contemporary, Sydney Australia. Group Show.
The Family, Whitespace, Auckland, NZ. Solo.
Kete: Contemporary Craft & Design Fair, Academy of Fine Arts, Wellington, NZ
2011 *New Works*, Brett McDowell Gallery, Dunedin, NZ. Solo.
Clay Paint: Ceramic Group Show, Whitespace, Auckland, NZ
2010 Taiwan International Ceramics Biennale, Taipei County Yingge Ceramics Museum
New Ceramics, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney. solo
2009 *Its All Too Beautiful*, Auckland Art Fair, Whitespace, Auckland, NZ
Raining Cats and Dogs, Martin Browne Fine Art, Sydney
2008 *Peppermints and Incense*, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, NZ. Solo show.
The Spaceman and the Television Set, Brett McDowell Gallery, Dunedin, NZ. Solo
Botanicals E:Escape: Sculpture in the Landscape, Waitakaruru Arboretum, Hamilton, NZ
Recent works, COCA Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch. Solo.
Sgt P, Whitespace, Auckland, NZ, solo
Sgt P, Tauranga Art Gallery, Tauranga, NZ, Solo.
2007 *Gold*, Mary Newton Gallery, Wellington, NZ group.
Sgt P, Rotorua Museum of Art and History, Rotorua, NZ
Sgt P, The New Dowse, Lower Hutt, Wellington, NZ solo touring show.
2006 *Artfest*. Group exhibition. Community Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
Animals from Home Wanted, Whitespace, Auckland, NZ
Natural Selection, COCA Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, NZ

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019** *Dirty Ceramics*, Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt, NZ
Fire & Clay, The Pah Homestead, Auckland, NZ
Clay Gulgong Ceramics Festival, NSW, Australia
- 2018** *Clay Gulgong Ceramics Festival*, NSW, Australia
- 2005** *Animal Crackers*, Mary Newton Gallery, Wellington, NZ
Jim Cooper and Ewan McDougall, COCA Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, NZ joint show
- 2004** *Masters of Ceramics*, Group show, Masterworks, Viaduct Basin, Auckland, NZ
Blue Oyster International Art Fair and Cake Stall, Blue Oyster Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
- 2003** *B-Grade*, Blue Oyster Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
- 2002** Master's show, Lane Gallery, Auckland, NZ
- 2001** *Sex-Drugs-Rock and Roll*. COCA Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, NZ
Being Jim Cooper, Fluxus Gallery, Lower Stuart St, Dunedin, NZ
- 2000** *Beyond the Pale* (with Ewan McDougall). Moray Gallery, Princes St, Dunedin, NZ
Risk - Transformative Practices, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, Dunedin, NZ
Objects with Meaning - New Directions in South Island Craft, COCA, Centre of Contemporary Art, Christchurch, NZ
Recent Works, Fluxus Gallery, Stuart St, Dunedin, NZ
- 1997** Jim Cooper, Solo show. Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt, NZ
- 1995** *Not Bad, Eh!* Twentieth Century Folk and Popular Art from Aotearoa NZ, Dowse Art Museum, Wellington, NZ
Not Bad, Eh! Twentieth Century Folk and Popular Art from Aotearoa NZ, Auckland War Memorial, Auckland, NZ
Not Bad, Eh! Twentieth Century Folk and Popular Art from Aotearoa NZ, Rotorua Museum of Art and History, Rotorua, NZ

COLLECTIONS

Christchurch Art Gallery, NZ
Portage Ceramic Collection, NZ
Wallace Arts Trust Collection, NZ

AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

Awards

- 2018** Merit Award, The Portage, National Ceramics Awards. Juror Bari Ziperstein.
- 2016** Merit Award, The Portage, National Ceramics Awards. Juror Janet DeBoos.
- 2012** Premier Award, The Portage, National Ceramics Awards. Juror: Paul Scott (UK).
Inaugural Award of a Residency at Guldagergaard International Ceramics Centre, Denmark.
- 2009** Premier Award (jointly) The Portage, National Ceramics Awards. Juror: Scott Chamberlin, (USA).
- 2006** Supreme Award, all media. Norsewear Art Awards, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, NZ.
- 1996** Finalist: XPO NZ Ceramic and Glass Awards, Auckland, NZ.
- 1993** Winner Scotswood Award at the Cleveland Art Awards, Dunedin NZ.

Residencies

- 2016-17** Gudagergaard International Ceramics Research Centre, Skaelskor, Denmark
- 2009-10** Yingge International Ceramics Museum and Gallery, Taiwan



Taiwan International Ceramics Biennale, Taipei County Yingge Ceramics Museum