

# Patrick Bergsma



Patrick Bergsma (b. 1965) is a Dutch sculptor and ceramicist currently working in Heerhugowaard, Netherlands, known for constructing verdant growth emerging from antique pottery. The son of antique shop owners and grandson of an avid porcelain collector, Bergsma expresses the life and culture embedded into the valuable artifact, both demolished and held strong by his sculpted floral growth.

“What we call typically Dutch like Delft blue was originally an attempt to imitate the very popular porcelain imported from China and Japan. In this series I often use these 17th century “imitations”, combined with the natural elements like bonsai and ikebana. In Japan there is a tradition to repair broken porcelain with golden glue called “kintsugi.” According to the philosophy it treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise. In these works, it is as if the natural elements reshape these old cultural remains from our civilization.”  
-Artist Statement

## Education

1996 BFA, Royal Academy of Art at The Hague

## Selected Exhibitions

- 2021 Galerie Franzis Engels, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2020 Atelierhaus Aachen, Aachen, Germany  
Galerie Wilms, Venlo, Netherlands
- 2019 Stichting Kunstwerk, Schiedam, Netherlands  
Gorcums Museum, Gorinchem, Netherlands
- 2018 CODA Museum, Apeldoorn, Netherlands  
Art Karlsruhe, Galerie Chiefs and Spirits, Germany  
KunstRAI Amsterdam, Gallery Project 2.0, Netherlands
- 2017 ArtFair Rotterdam, Suzanne Biederberg, Netherlands  
AAF Hamburg, Chiefs and Spirits, Germany  
CODA Museum, Apeldoorn, Netherlands
- 2016 Suzanne Biederberg Gallery, Amsterdam  
Art Fair Köln. Gallery Project 2.0, Germany
- 2015 Suzanne Biederberg Gallery, Amsterdam  
Rotterdam Contemporary, Suzanne Biederberg Gallery, Amsterdam  
Keramiëk Triënnale, CODA Museum, Apeldoorn, Netherlands

## Selected Collections

- ABN- AMRO
- Accenture Amsterdam
- Deloitte
- Deutsche Bank
- The Drakes Collection Wassenaar
- KPMG Amstelveen
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kief
- Stedelijk Museum De prinsenhof Delft
- Stedelijk Museum Alkmaar

