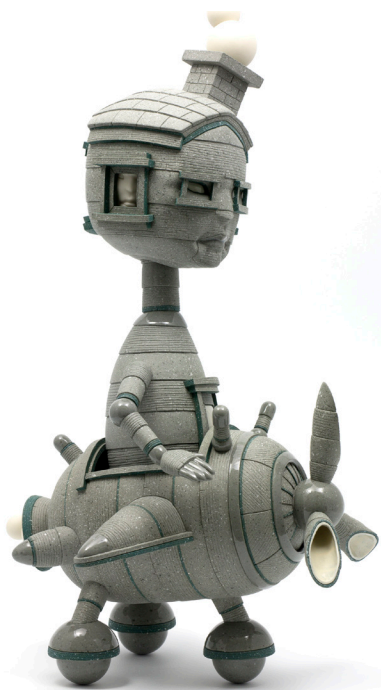


Calvin Ma



Calvin Ma is a ceramic sculptor born and raised in San Francisco, California. He received his BA in Industrial Arts from San Francisco State University and MFA in sculpture from the Academy of Art University. His work has been exhibited in numerous national shows and awarded a number of accolades for his ceramic work. Calvin's practice is both playful and adventurous, creating works that are rooted in childhood innocence and imagination. "My work draws inspiration from the toys and action figures I had growing up. As an introverted and socially awkward kid, the plastic heroes, villains and their vehicles helped me cope with my inability to socialize. Meeting new people, being in the company of strangers, crowds, peers and intermittently among friends and family brought about a heightened nervousness that took over and impeded my ability to function socially. Toys served as an escape for me then and remain a passion of mine. Now, as an introverted and socially awkward adult/artist, I create artwork that reflects on the struggles I still have with social anxiety. The toy element has become a visual influence in my artwork and in a way, still helping me cope."



Education

- 2012 MFA, Sculpture, Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
2007 BA, Industrial Arts, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

Selected Exhibitions

- 2016 Art Aspen, Duane Reed Gallery
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
- 2015 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
Sherrie Gallerie, Columbus, OH
Roscoe Ceramic Gallery, Oakland, CA
Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Art Palm Beach, Sherrie Gallerie, Columbus, OH
SOFA Chicago, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2014 Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
SOFA Chicago, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
Ohio Craft Museum, Columbus, OH
Clutter Gallery, Beacon, NY
Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA
The Artery, Davis, CA
- 2013 Roscoe Ceramic Gallery, Oakland, CA
Flower Pepper Gallery, Pasadena, CA
Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA
SOFA Chicago, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2012 The Cannery Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Roscoe Ceramic Gallery, Oakland, CA
Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA
The Artery, Davis, CA

Awards & Publications

- America's Clayfest III, 2nd Place
California Clay Competition, The Artery Award
ACGA National Clay & Glass Exhibition, 1st Place
2nd Annual Workhouse Clay National, Best of Show
American Art Collector, issue 114, April 2015