

Rudy Autio



Rudy Autio was one of the most influential artists working in clay over the last fifty years. A founding resident of the Archie Bray Foundation and 2007 recipient of the James Renwick Alliance's Master of the Medium for clay, Rudy Autio and his ceramic sculptures have influenced many, while successfully blurring the line between craft and fine art. He is known for his beautiful figurative ceramic vessels that evoke the narrative imagery of a Matisse odalisque as well as the Abstract Expressionism of DeKooning. His work can be seen in the permanent collections of the Museum of Art and Design, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the Brooklyn Museum, the Carnegie Museum, and the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution, among many other worldwide.



Education

- 1952 MFA in Sculpture, Washington State University, Pullman
- 1950 BSc, Montana State College, Bozeman

Public Collections

- Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Art Museum, Seto City, Japan
- American Craft Museum, New York, NY
- Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
- Arabia Porcelain Factory, Helsinki, Finland
- Banff Centre of Art, Alberta, Canada
- Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- Brooklyn Museum of Art, NY
- Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- Cleveland Art Museum, Cleveland, OH
- Contemporary Crafts Association Portland, OR
- Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI
- Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
- Gummesons Konstgalleri, Stockholm, Sweden
- Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Johnson Wax Co.
- Kohler Co.
- Kunstindustrimuseet, Oslo, Norway
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA
- Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY
- Montana Historical Society, Helena, MT
- National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C.
- Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, KS
- Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR
- Renwick Gallery, Nat Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- Safeco Insurance Companies
- Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- Shigaraki Mus. Of Conetmporary Ceramic Art, Japan
- St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
- The Victoria & Albert Museum, London
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- University of Montana, Missoula, MT
- University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- University of Utah, Salt Lake, UT
- Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- Yellowstone Art Center, Billings, MT

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