

JULIE CROMWELL

Julie Cromwell (b.1971 Leeds UK) has been working with clay for many years, graduating from Derbyshire University with a major in Studio Ceramics, later receiving a bachelor's in education from Leeds University. Since 2001, Cromwell has taught, lived, and worked in Northland, where she continues to develop her ceramics practice. In 2019, she completed her Master of Fine Arts degree at Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design.

Cromwell's practice is an ongoing exploration into how vessels can explore the histories of their physical form, as well as embody intangible qualities such as the sensual and ethereal. The transmutation of clay itself captivates the artist - the material moving through states from mud to clay, to form, through fire to permanence. The artwork carries marks from the hands of the creator, while being exposed to carbon firing techniques.

Cromwell was the first-prize winner of the 2019 Glaister Ennor Graduate Art Awards and was selected as an exhibiting finalist in the Portage Ceramic Awards held at Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland in 2023. In 2022 she was featured in the UK based and internationally recognised publication Ceramic Review where she presented an article discussing her unusual 'crawl' glaze technique. Cromwell's works are held in private collections worldwide.

BIOGRAPHY

BORN: UK

LIVES: Whangārei, Northland

EDUCATION: Major in studio ceramics, Derbyshire University, UK; Master of Fine Arts, Whitecliffe College of Arts & Design, Aotearoa New Zealand (2019)

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS: Exhibited Finalist in the Portage Ceramic Awards, Te Uru Waitākere Contemporary Gallery, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland (2023); Finalist in the Richard T Neslon Awards for Sculpture (2023, 2022); First-prize winner of the Glaister Ennor Graduate Art Awards (2019)

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