

ADRIAN SASSOON

Walter Keeler

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1942, London, England

1958-1963 Harrow School of Art, London, NDD Pottery
1994-2002 Professor of Ceramics, UWE, Bristol

Working in Monmouth, Wales

"The pottery tradition is at the heart of all my work. Pottery for use has been central to all settled human communities. Seldom *merely* functional, it has been a vehicle for expression and the fulfilment of a delight in the pleasure of handling a sensual and incredibly versatile material; the useful bound up with the intellect and the imagination.

I discovered pottery as a boy, becoming intimate with fragments of ancient pots picked up on the beaches of the Thames in London. They infiltrated my mind and my senses, giving me an insight to the syntax of thrown pottery; a sense of what is authentic, which I only understood as I gained experience in the craft.

So my work is informed by my passion for pots from the past, but also by making and firing, and the world and times in which I live. Sometimes I make simple useful things like mugs or jugs, on other occasions my work is less straightforward, making demands, even challenging the user to negotiate with an unexpected pot to do an ordinary job. I hope my pottery brings with its seriousness, some humour and sensual pleasure."

Solo Exhibitions

- 2007 Candover Gallery, Alresford, Hants.
Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth, Wales
- 2006 *Pots for Flowers*, Gallery Nine, Bath
- 2004 *Walter Keeler*, Ruthin Craft Centre & City Art Gallery Leicester & tour
- 2002 *Walter Keeler*, Contemporary Ceramics, London
- 2000 *Timelight*, Derek Topp Gallery, Derbyshire
Candover Gallery, Hampshire
- 1999 *Walter Keeler: Ceramics in Space*, Peter's Barn Gallery, Sussex
Contemporary Applied Arts, London
- 1998 Showcase, Crafts Council Gallery Shop, London
Ink and Crocus, Galerie Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
- 1997 Brook Street Gallery, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire
Ballenberg, Switzerland
- 1995 *Walter Keeler: Salt Glazed Ceramics*, Rufford Craft Centre, Nottinghamshire
- 1994 Crafts Council Shop at the V&A, London
- 1993 *Slatglaze by Walter Keeler*, The Craft Centre and Design Gallery, Leeds
- 1991 *Walter Keeler*, Oxford Gallery, Oxford
- 1990 Wako Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1989 *Walter Keeler*, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
- 1988 Monmouth Museum, Monmouth
- 1987 Gryphon Gallery, Grosse Pointe, Detroit MI, USA
- 1986 Crafts Council Shop at the V&A, London
Butler house, Kilkenny, Eire
- 1985 *Ceramic Series*, Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth
- 1983 Showcase, National Museum of Wales
- 1982 Craftsman Potter Shop, London
- 1980 *Saltglazed Stoneware*, Century Galleries, Henley-on-Thames
- 1972 Scopas Gallery, Henley-on-Thames

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2012 *Adrian Sassoon*, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
- 2011 *Adrian Sassoon*, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
- 2010 *Adrian Sassoon*, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2009 *Inspired by The Wallace Collection*, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar,
London
Welsh Table, The Ruthin Craft Centre Galleries, catalogue
Age of Experience, The Ruthin Craft Centre Galleries, catalogue
- 2008 *Walter Keeler & Takashi Yasuda*, Gallery at Bevere, Worcester
Adrian Sassoon, International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
Walter Keeler, An Artist's Selection, Glyn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2007 *Adrian Sassoon*, International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2006 *Adrian Sassoon*, International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
To Hold, Farmleigh Gallery, Dublin, Eire, catalogue

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2006 *Adrian Sassoon*, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2005 *Table Manners*, Crafts Council Gallery, London & tour
Adrian Sassoon, International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
Functional Form Now, Galerie Besson, London
- 2003 *Adrian Sassoon*, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
Modern Ceramic Art from an International Perspective,
Museum of Modern Art, Gifu, Japan
Adrian Sassoon, International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
- 2002 *Adrian Sassoon*, ART2003, Business Design Centre, London
Adrian Sassoon, ART2002, Business Design Centre, London
Walter Keeler and Colin Pearson, Centrum Goed Werk, Sulte, Belgium
Mugs as Celebratory Vessels, The Craft Centre and Design Gallery, Leeds
- 2001 Jerwood Applied Arts Prize 2001: Ceramics, Crafts Council, London & tour
Contemporary Applied Art Exhibition, Sotheby's, London
Adrian Sassoon, ART2001, Business Design Centre, London
Feats of Clay, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
- 2000 *Adrian Sassoon*, ART2000, Business Design Centre, London
Three Decades: Objects selected from the Crafts Council Collection 1972-1999,
touring- London, Middlesborough, Bexhill-on-Sea, Swansea
Adrian Sassoon, *The Fine Art and Antiques Fair*, Olympia, London
Firing Imagination, Brazil. The British Council – catalogue
Mashiko Sogo Gymnasium, Mashiko, Hagg-Gun, Tochigi-Ken, Japan
British Ceramics 2000.dk, Keramikmuseet, Grimmerhus, Denmark
Crosscurrents, Freehand, Los Angeles, USA
Walter Keeler and Michael Casson, Worksop Gallery, Chepstow
- 1999 *Adrian Sassoon*, ART99, Business Design Centre, London
(Un)Limited, Crafts Council Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, *The Fine Art and Antiques Fair*, Olympia, London
Connections, Rufford Craft Centre, Nottinghamshire
Salt and Soda, The City Gallery, Leicester
Harrow: The First Decade 1963-74, the staff, Alpha House, Sherbourne
The Cat Scratched Little Johnny, Aberystwyth Arts Centre, Aberystwyth
Adrian Sassoon, *The International Ceramics Fair and Seminar*, London
- 1998 *Contemporary Pots*, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
Adrian Sassoon, *The International Ceramics Fair and Seminar*, London
*Meltdown: works inspired by the silver and ceramics collections of the Victoria
and Albert Museum*, V&A, London
Table of Delights, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
Adrian Sassoon, *The Fine Art and Antiques Fair*, Olympia, London
Adrian Sassoon, ART98, Business Design Centre, London
Meltdown, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Contemporary Decorative Arts, Sotheby's, London
Three Potters from the Past, The Craft Centre and Design Gallery, Leeds
Cool Clay, Rufford Craft Centre, Nottinghamshire
Six Ceramicists from Wales, Welsh Arts Council exhibition at Ceramics Art
& Perception Gallery, Sydney, Australia
Made in Clay, Greenwich House Pottery, New York, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 1997
Adrian Sassoon, ART97, Business Design Centre, London
British Ceramics & Glass Works Gallery, Philadelphia, USA
Song in Salt: Visions and Traditions, New Lines in British Saltglaze,
Princessehof Ketamiekmuseum, Leeuwarden, Netherlands
Saltglaze, City Gallery, Leicester
Adrian Sassoon, The International Ceramics Fair and Seminar, London
- 1996
Soft Hard Hot Contemporary Ceramics, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Fired with Enthusiasm, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen
Objects of Our Time, Crafts Council, London, touring – Belfast, Edinburgh,
Swansea, Manchester, American Craft Museum, New York, USA
William Morris Revisited: Questioning the Legacy, Whitworth Art
Gallery, Manchester, touring- Crafts Council Gallery, London,
Birmingham City Museum and Art Gallery
British Saltglaze, Keramik Galerie Hilde Holstein, Bremen, Germany
What's Brewing?, Art Commissions Gallery, London
Fired with Enthusiasm, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Aberdeen
Salt and Soda, Contemporary Ceramics, London
Saltglaze Ceramics: An International Perspective, Galerie B15, Munich
Ceramists of Fame and Promise, The Orangery, London
- 1995
Teapotmania, Norwich Castle Museum, touring – Manor House Museum, Bury St
Edmunds, Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museums, Burnley, Callendar House,
Falkirk, Paisley Museum & Art Gallery, Sunderland Museum and Art Gallery,
Hove Museum and Art Gallery, York City Art Gallery, Shire Hall Gallery,
Stafford, Swansea Museum, Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro
Saltglaze, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
Biennale International d'Art Ceramique, Jodoigne, France
Crafts Potters Association exhibition, Athens
Walter Keeler with Lisbeth Holst Jensen, Galerie Norby, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1994
Teapots, Crafts Council, London
New Craft Forms, Lillehammer, Norway
Something to put flowers in, Gibbs Gallery, Canterbury
Pots for Food, Manchester Craft Centre
Studio Ceramics '94, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Bettles Gallery, Ringwood, Hampshire
Candover Gallery, Alresford, Hampshire
- 1993
The Framed Teapot, Pro-Art, St. Louis, MO, USA
25th Anniversary, Oxford Gallery, Oxford
Gestaltendes Handwerk - Visuelle Spiele, International Trade Fair, Munich, Germany
Juliet Gould Gallery, Fowery, Cornwall
Form and Function, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
Contemporary British Ceramics, King Alfred's College, Winchester
Walter Keeler, Craft and Design Gallery, Leeds
Maveety Gallery, Salishan, Oregon, USA
Gallery Desko, Disempel Kortemark Co., Belgium
High Table, UK touring exhibition
Clay in Hand, Portcullis, Gateshead

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 1992/93 *Teapot*, The Works Gallery, Philadelphia, USA
1992 *British & Dutch Ceramics*, Rufford Craft Centre, Nottinghamshire
 50:50, Collection Gallery, Ledbury, Herefordshire
 Having it Made, Oriol, Cardiff
 British Art in Holland, Galerie Amphora, Oosterbeek, Holland
 25 Years in Covent Garden, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
 The Expressive Teapot, Swidler Gallery, Detroit, MI, USA
1991 *Ceramics from the 80's*, The Bindley Collection, Crossman Gallery,
 Whitewater, WI, USA
 Cleveland Crafts Centre, Middlesbrough with Takeshi Yasuda
 Colours of Earth, British Council Touring Exhibition to India

Awards

- 2008 Arts Council of Wales, Creative Wales Major Award, to enable time for
 creative development
2007 Welsh Artist of the Year, Arts Council of Wales, presentation St David's Hall,
 Cardiff
2004 Gold Medal, The National Eisteddfod of Wales, Newport, Wales
2001 Short Listed for Jerwood Applied Arts Prize: Ceramics

Information

- 1965 First studio at Bledlow Ridge, Buckinghamshire
1976 New studio at Penalt near Monmouth, Gwent

Public Collections

Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museum, Aberdeen
Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Bolton
Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham
Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, Bristol
Carmarthenshire County Museum, Carmarthen, Wales
Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum, Cheltenham
Cleveland Craft Centre, Middlesbrough
Crafts Council, London
Derby Museum and Art Gallery, Derby
The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
The Holden Gallery, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester
Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, Glasgow
Leeds City Art Gallery, Leeds
Leeds School Loan Service, Leeds
Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, Leicester
National Museums Liverpool, Liverpool

Public Collections (continued)

Manchester City Art Gallery, Manchester
Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesbrough
National Museum & Gallery of Wales, Cardiff
Newport Museum & Art Gallery, Newport, Wales
Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, Northampton
Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery, Norwich
Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery, Nottingham
Paisley Museum & Art Gallery, Paisley
Peterborough City Museum and Art Gallery, Peterborough
Portsmouth City Museum, Portsmouth
Royston and District Museum, Royston, Hertfordshire
Shipleigh Art Gallery, Gateshead
Somerset County Museum, Taunton, Somerset
The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent
Swindon Museum & Art Gallery, Swindon
Towneley Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Burnley
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Wales
University of Derby, Derby
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Yorkshire Museum, (WA Ismay Collection), York
Ulster Museum, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Prinssshof Keramiekmuseum, Leewarden, The Netherlands
Musée Ariana, Geneva, Switzerland
National Museum of Sweden, Stockholm, Sweden
Muzej Grad, Bistrica, Slovenia
Musée National de Céramique, Sèvres, France
Musée Ariana, Geneva, Switzerland
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, USA
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania, USA
Museum of Arts & Design, New York, USA
Tokyo National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto, Japan