ADRIAN SASSOON

Natasha Daintry

Curriculum Vitae



Born, 1966, London, England

1986-1989	University of Cambridge, BA Hons. Japanese
1992-1995	Surrey Institute of Art & Design, BA Hons Three-Dimensional Design
2000-2002	Royal College of Art, London, MA Ceramics & Glass

Working in London

My thrown forms are pared-down and minimal. Their potency comes from a tension of opposites. They defy gravity with their floating pale rims but are also steeped in a visceral materiality. The glazes are fat. They overflow, and roll plumply around bases with an edible quality, like luminous lemon curd. I revel in the exhilarating risk of making technically demanding large forms to show off porcelain's muscular power and simultaneous delicacy. The scattered cylinders are tiny but intense, like Persian miniature paintings.

Colour is pivotal. I try to harness the near physical power it has to immerse you, like being in water. I want to know if that luminous space inside a bowl, where the colour hovers, can increase in intensity. I combine the cool transparent qualities of old Chinese glazes with the hot raw brashness of modern industrial stain colorants. I pursue subtle translucencies as well as strange milky oranges or violent opaque yellows bordering on lime. Inspired by the ancient architecture of ziggurats I stack colour and rely on the way one colour reacts with another to create a kinetic vibrancy, like an electrical charge.

Solo Exhibitions

2013	Ocean, Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Carlisle
	Fluid Colour, Touchstones Art Gallery, Rochdale
2009	Raw Material, Egg, London
2007	Porcelain and Colour. New Ceramics by Natasha Daintry, New
	Ashgate Gallery, Farnham, Surrey

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025	Adrian Sassoon, The Treasure House Fair, London
	Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2024	Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
2023	Adrian Sassoon, The Treasure House Fair, London
2022	Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
	Famham, Oxford Ceramics Gallery, Oxford
2020	Time, Suspended – Group Show of Women Artists, Ting-Ying at The Gallery at
	Catherine Prevost, London
	Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2019	Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2018	Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
	Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
2016	VASE: Function Reviewed, National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland
2015	Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
	Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
	Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
2014	Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
	Natural Order, Purdy Hicks Gallery, London
	Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
	Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
2013	Crafted – Makers of the Exceptional, Somerset House, London
	Art of the Curious, Colnaghi Gallery, London
	Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
2012	Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
	Red, The Conran Shop, London
	Tradition: Historic and Modern Pots, gallery Oldham, Oldham
	Adrian Sassoon, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
	Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
2011	Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art&Design London, London
	Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
	Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
	Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
2010	Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art&Design London, London
	Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
	Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
	Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
2009	Better Than Grey: A serious Consideration of Colour,
	Bury St Edmunds Art Gallery, Suffolk
	Tablewares – An International Collection, Rex Irwin, Sydney, Australia

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

2008	Adrian Sassoon, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London The Cup, Contemporary Applied Art, London
	Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
2007	Adrian Sassoon, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
	Three X 3, The Makers Guild in Wales, Cardiff
	Hue, Line and Form, Contemporary Applied Art, London
2006	Adrian Sassoon, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
	To Hold, Farmleigh Gallery, Dublin
2005	Adrian Sassoon, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
	Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
2004	Christmas Exhibition, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield
	Adrian Sassoon, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
2003	Adrian Sassoon, ART2003, Business Design Centre, London
	Adrian Sassoon, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
	Double Glazed, Crafts Council Gallery Shop, London
2002	Feast of Colour, Crafts Council Shop at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London
	Graduation Show, Royal College of Art, London

Awards

2009	Short-listed, British Ceramics Biennial Awards, One-Off Category
2005	Future Classic Award, Elle Decoration, Chelsea Crafts Fair, London
2003	Crafts Council Development Award
	Adrian Sassoon Award for the arts of the Kiln, Chelsea Crafts Fair, London
	Best Domestic Product, Evening Standard Homes & Property
2002	Distinction, RCA Critical and Historical Studies dissertation
1995	Habitat Design Award, New Designers, Business Design Centre, London

Bibliography: Books & Catalogues

2007	The Essential Vessel, Breaking the Mould, Black Dog Publishing
2006	To Hold exhibition catalogue, Brantwood Publishing

Bibliography: Articles & Essays

2018	Finch, M., Scaling Up: Natasha Daintry on the Power of Porcelain, Sotheby's
2007	Britton, A., Testing the Zeitgeist, Ceramic Review, January issue

Large Scale & Public Commissions

2016-18 Sowing Colour, Chatsworth House Trust, Chatsworth House, Derbyshire

Public Collections

Devonshire Collections, Chatsworth House, Derbyshire Gallery Oldham, Oldham, Greater Manchester Nottingham Castle Museum, Nottingham, Touchstones Rochdale, Rochdale, Greater Manchester Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery, Carlisle, Cumbria