

ADRIAN SASSOON

Bouke de Vries

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1960, Utrecht, The Netherlands

1978-1981

Design Academy, Eindhoven, The Netherlands (3-D Design)

1981-1982

Central St. Martin's, London (Textiles)

Also worked for Stephen Jones, John Galiano, Zandra Rhodes

Working in London

Using his skills as a restorer his 'exploded' artworks reclaim broken pots after their accidental trauma. He has called it 'the beauty of destruction'. Instead of reconstructing them, he deconstructs them. Instead of hiding the evidence of this most dramatic episode in the life of a ceramic object, he emphasises their new status, instilling new virtues, new values, and moving their stories forward.

The spaces in between the fragments become an essential part of the structures and the objects sometimes take on a cubist quality. With some works the viewer may be confused as to where the original makers of the piece stop and where the artist begins, making the work biographical and giving it new currency.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Fragmented Beauty - Bouke de Vries*, Princessehof National Museum of Ceramics, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
- 2023 Bouke de Vries: Memories in Porcelain, Legion of Honor, San Francisco, USA in association with Adrian Sassoon
Visions in Porcelain: A Rake's Progress, Sir John Soane's Museum, London in association with Adrian Sassoon
- 2020 *War and Pieces*, Installation, The Frick Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA
- 2019 *War and Pieces*, Installation, Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens, Washington, USA
War and Pieces, Installation, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, Alabama, USA
- 2018 *War and Pieces*, Installation, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, Connecticut, USA
Nieuw Amsterdams Peil, Ron Mandos Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2017 *Un-Damaged*, Museo Della Ceramica Mondovi, Mondovi, Italy
Fractured Images, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
- 2016 *The Golden Box*, Croome Court, High Green, Worcestershire
War and Pieces, Berrington Hall, Berrington, Herefordshire
Studying Human Activity Through the Recovery of Material Culture, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
The Silk Route, Kristin Hjellegjerde Gallery, London
War and Pieces, The Harley Gallery, Worksop, Nottinghamshire
War and Pieces, Hetjens-Museum, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 2015 *War and Pieces*, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, Den Haag, The Netherlands
- 2014 *Fragments*, Chateau de Nyon, Nyon, Switzerland
Threads of My Life, Gloria Maria Gallery, Milan, Italy
- 2013 *War and Pieces*, Alnwick Castle, Alnwick, Northumberland
Portretten Op Buitenplaats Beeckestijn, Velsen, The Netherlands
War and Pieces, Charlottenburg Palace, Berlin, Germany
War and Pieces, Residency with Outset Netherlands, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Bouke de Vries: Bow Selector, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester
- 2012 *War and Pieces*, The Holbourne Museum, Bath
- 2011 *Signs (Metamorphosis)*, Gloria Maria Gallery, Milan, Italy
Precious, Art at Annoushka, 41 Cadogan Gardens, London
Fire, Works, Vegas Gallery, London
- 2010 *Pieces*, Super Window Project, Kyoto, Japan
A Grand Tour of My Mind, Gloria Maria Gallery, Milan, Italy
Deconstructions, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF New York, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2024 *Adrian Sassoon*, Design Miami, Miami Beach, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, The Treasure House Fair, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
The shape of things: still life in Britain, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester
- 2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, Design Miami, Miami Beach, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, The Treasure House Fair, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2022 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York, New York, USA
Homo Faber: Porcelain Virtuosity, organised by the Michelangelo Foundation, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy
- 2021 *Adrian Sassoon at Parham, a House of History*, Parham House, West Sussex
- 2020 *Adrian Sassoon at Sotheby's*, Sotheby's, London
Adrian Sassoon at The London House of Modernity, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
Material Earth: Beyond The Vessel, Messums Wiltshire, Tisbury, Salisbury
An Exhibition with Work by Marcos Castro, Anna Franceschini, Ni Haifeng, Nicolas Lamas, Praneet Soi, Adriana Varejão, Ana Vaz, Bouke de Vries, Belen Zahera and Karlos Gil, Witte de With, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
A Tea Journey: From the Mountains to the Table, Compton Verney, Warwickshire
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
Derived from the Decorative, Cheekwood Estate, Nashville, Tennessee, USA
Beyond the Vessel, Mesher Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
The Precious Clay, Museum of Royal Worcester, Worcester
Taiwan Ceramics Biennale, Yingge, Taiwan
Glitch Art, Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art, Vaasa, Finland
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Vasa Vasorum, Peters Projects, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
Material Earth II, Myths, Materials and Metamorphoses, Messums Wiltshire, Salisbury
Revive, Remix, Respond, The Frick Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
Sometimes I Look East and Sometimes I Look West, Officina Saffi, Milan, Italy
- 2017 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA

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- 2017
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
Material: Earth, Messums Wiltshire, Salisbury
- 2016
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Skelet, Museum Beelden aan Zee, The Hague, The Netherlands
Isis Phoenix Arts with The House of the Nobleman, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Face Value – A Reflection on Contemporary Portraiture, Collyer Bristow Gallery, London
Hollandaise, New Art Projects (association with The Dutch Embassy), London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Vernieuwd Verleden, CODA Museum, Apeldoorn, Denmark
Asia in Amsterdam: The Culture of Luxury in the Golden Age, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts, USA
RE-Renanimate, Repair, Mend and Meld, Ferrin Contemporary, North Adams, Massachusetts, USA
- 2015
My Blue China, Musée Ariana, Geneva, Switzerland
Skelet, Museum Beelden aan Zee, Den Haag, The Netherlands
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Re-reanimate, repair, meld & mend, Bluecoat Display Centre, Liverpool
Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheongju, Korea
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Sweet 18, Kasteel d'Ursel, Hingene, Belgium
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Blue and White, Fondation d'entreprise Bernardaud, Limoges, France
- 2014
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
Taiwan Ceramics Biennale, Taipei, Taiwan
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Re-Used, Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2013
Anders, Historisch Museum, Haarlem, The Netherlands
artSOUTH: collaborations, Southampton Art Gallery, Southampton, Aspex Gallery, Portsmouth, St. Barbe's (solo presentation), Lymington
The Masks We Wear, ArtEco Gallery, London
Collection Gilles Balmet, Medusa Caravage Salon, Nouvelles Vagues, Galerie Dominique Fiat, Paris, France
Beastly Hall, Hall House, Bexley
Old Master Dialogues, Collyer Bristow Gallery, London
The Return, The House of a Nobleman, Cornwall Terrace, London
- 2012
Vanitas / Contemporary Reflections, Moscow MoMA, Moscow, Russia
Mono No Aware, Bo Lee Gallery, Bath
Bad For You, Shizaru Gallery, London

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2012 *This is London*, Shizaru Gallery, London
4 The Korenbeurs Schiedam, Summer Group Exhibition with National and International Artists, Korenbeurs Schiedam, The Netherlands
Earthly Delights, Laleh June Gallery, Basel, Switzerland
Waste, Tanya Rumpf Gallery, Haarlem, The Netherlands
Lots Wife, Salisbury Arts Centre, Salisbury
WWF Pandamonium, collaboration with Stephen Jones, Hyde Park, London
- 2011 *Between Dimensions, The Representation of the Object*, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesbrough
Craft, Raiders of the lost Art, Pertwee, Anderson and Gold, London
Chezlegrandbag, Art & Rapy, Monaco
Roulette, Vegas Gallery, London
Rose Meditative, Laleh June Galerie, Basel, Switzerland
Contemporary Eye, Crossovers, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester
- 2010 *Questions of Belongings*, Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesbrough
Vanitas: The Transience of Earthly Pleasures, All Visual Arts, London
The Borrowed Loop, Man & Eve Gallery, London

Public Collections

Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums, Aberdeen
Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Middlesbrough
National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Pallant House Gallery, Chichester
Ulster Museum, Belfast, Northern Ireland
York Art Gallery, Yorkshire
Zabludowicz Collection, London
Kasteel d'Ursel, Hingene, Belgium
The National Museum of Art, Architecture, and Design, Oslo, Norway
Le Château de Nyon, Nyon, Switzerland
Musée Ariane, Geneva, Switzerland
Musée cantonal de design et d'arts appliqués contemporains, Lausanne, Switzerland
Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
LAM, Sassenheim, The Netherlands
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, The Netherlands
Legion of Honor, San Francisco, USA
Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Massachusetts, USA
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania, USA
Museum of Old and New Art, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

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