

Jason Walker

"In my ceramic sculpture I have been exploring American ideas of nature and how technology has changed our perceptions of it. For quite some time the inspiration for my imagery has come from day-to-day experiences which inform my perceptions more significantly than anything else. I travel to specific American wilderness locations and backpack with my sketchbook to gather imagery because the wildness of the outdoors embodies our most idealistic perception of nature. I also explore the landscapes of technology. Traveling to both large cities and wilderness areas has been an important exploration of the dichotomy of culture and nature. Perhaps through examination we may once again reinstate our own naturalness and, one day, find balance between the planet and ourselves. Ultimately, in doing so we may come to a better realization of what it means to be human." -Jason Walker

Born: 1973, Pocatello, ID

Resides: Bellingham, WA

Education:

1999 MFA, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

1996 BFA, Utah State University, Logan, UT

Solo Exhibitions:

- 2014 On the River, Down the Road; Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
- 2012 Blind Admiration, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2012 Corporeal Perspectives, Cross MacKenzie Fine Arts, Washington, DC
- 2009 Human Made Wild; Ferrin Gallery, Pittsfield, MA
- 2007 Nature Seeker, SOFA Chicago, represented by Ferrin Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Pacini Lubel Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2006 Biomorph, Ferrin Gallery, Lenox, MA
- 2004 New Works, Gallery Materia, Scottsdale, AZ Featured Artist, SOFA Chicago, represented by Ferrin Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2003 Featured Artist, SOFA Chicago, represented by Ferrin Gallery, Chicago, IL Drawing on Form, Lill Street Art Center, Chicago, IL Taunt Fellowship Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT

Group Exhibitions:

- 2014 Sustaining, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2014 20th San Angelo Ceramic Competition at San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
- 2013 Ceramic Top 40, Red Star Studios at Belger Crane Studios, Kansas City, MO
- 2013 Uncanny Congruencies, Palmer Museum of Art, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2013 Animal Stories, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, Canada
- 2011 Pursuit of Porcelain, Ferrin Gallery, Pittsfield, MA
- 2011 SOFA New York, Represented by Ferrin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 BAM Biennial 2010: Clay Throwdown!, Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
- 2009 SOFA Chicago, represented by Ferrin Gallery, Pittsfield, MA
- 2008 Ceramics Ireland International Festival Exhibition, Kozo Gallery, Thomastown, Kilkenny Co., Ireland
- 2008 SOFA New York, represented by Ferrin Gallery, Pittsfield, MA
- 2008 SOFA Chicago, represented by Ferrin Gallery, Pittsfield, MA
- 2008 Perspectives in Clay, Lucia Douglas Gallery, Bellingham, WA
- 2007 Red, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD

- 2007 Northwest Figurative Ceramics Invitational, Turman Larison Contemporary Gallery, Helena, MT
 2006 SOFA Chicago, represented by Ferrin Gallery, Chicago, IL
 2006 Interface: A Selection of Contemporary Ceramics, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK
 2006 Pots in Portland, The Japanese Garden Pavilion, Portland, OR
 2006 Coming of Age: 21 Years of Ceramics, Utah State University, The Hall Gallery, Portland, OR
 2006 Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Logan, UT
 2006 Charlie Cummings Clay Studio and Gallery, Fort Wayne, IN
 2005 International Ceramic Conference Exhibition, Yixing, China
 2005 13 + 1: Chris Staley and Penn State Alumni, The Works Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
 2005 SOFA Chicago, Ferrin Gallery, Chicago, IL
 2005 House of Wonder: Surrealism + Still Life + Objects of Curiosity, Ferrin Gallery, Lenox, MA
 2005 A Tale to Tell, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
 2005 Japan/USA: A Cross Cultural Exchange, Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe, NM
 2005 The Animal Instinct, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD
 2005 Drawings, Turner Carroll Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
 2004 The Drawn Surface, Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe, NM
 2003 NCECA Clay National Exhibition, San Diego, CA
 2002 ACGA Exhibitors Show, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA
 2002 The Cube Gallery, Kansas City, MS
 2002 Strictly Functional National Exhibition, Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster, PA
 2001 NCECA Clay National Juried Exhibition, Winthrop Gallery, Rock Hill, SC
 2001 New Works, invitational at the Odyssey Gallery, Asheville, NC
 2001 Porcelain 2001, Esmay Fine Art, Rochester, NY; (received 'Juror's Award')
 2000 Sonoma County Museum Invitational Exhibition, Santa Rosa, CA
 1997 Kutani International Decorative Ceramics Competition, Komatsu Dome, Komatsu, Ishikawa, Japan
 1997 Strictly Functional Pottery National Exhibit, The Clay Studio, Euphrata, PA
 1989 National Scholastic Art Show, New York City, NY

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

- 2002 Taunt Fellowship Award, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT

Collections

- Arizona State University Art Museum, Ceramic Research Center, Tempe, AZ
 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
 Diane and Sandy Besser Collection, Santa Fe, NM
 Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco: De Young, San Francisco, CA
 Island Hospital, Anacortes, WA
 Nora Eccles Harrison Museum, Logan, UT
 Permanent Collection Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT
 Sonny and Gloria Kamm Teapot Collection, Los Angeles, CA
 Yixing Ceramics Museum, Yixing, China