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LEISA RUSSELL

Solo Show: Pipedreams

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Leisa's passion for sculpting began during early childhood when she started sculpting with clay and the objects she found in the bush around her home. Growing up on a rural property in the Gold Coast Hinterland, Leisa developed a strong affinity with and appreciation for both nature and animals. This is evident in some of her most recent works which reflect the strong energy and presence of natural found objects.

Essentially a self-taught artist, Leisa's work showcases a broad skills base and her versatility in the use of a wide variety of mediums including bronze, clay, resin, silver, wood, forged steel and concrete. Her work ranges in scale from small table top pieces to life size works. She displays an unwavering insistence on maintaining the integrity of the process and the materials used in developing her pieces.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I developed a passion for making artworks from found objects either from natural or industrial environments. Using clay as my medium I replicate and manipulate the objects to create forms that complement the themes and messages around what my projects portray.

Pipedreams evolved from a long-time obsession with plumbing fittings which led to this body of work depicting my personal and environmental views through a series of structured pipe works. Over 56 moulds were produced of the different pipe and fitting profiles. Those pipes with distinctive features were carefully inlaid by hand then layers of coloured slips poured in sequence. When each component was removed from its mould it was trimmed, dried, sanded, polished then fired once, glazed, then fired a final time before being assembled into their desired sequence, a labyrinth of pipes and fittings which resemble sometimes organic, sometimes industrial forms.

I enjoy using colour, texture and design to arouse not only the visual journey but most importantly to provoke a tactile experience for my audience.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Swell Sculpture Festival, Currumbin Beach, Gold Coast QLD
- 2015 Sexy – A Ceramics Expose, Group Show, 19 Karen Contemporary Artspace, Gold Coast QLD
- 2014 Tactile Fusion, 19 Karen Contemporary Artspace, Gold Coast QLD
- 2014 Inner Self, Gallery One, Gold Coast QLD
- 2013 Swell Sculpture Festival, Currumbin Beach, Gold Coast QLD
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- 2012 Border Art Prize
- 2012 Gold Coast Potters' Association Annual Members' Exhibition QLD
- 2012 Ignition Awards, Butter Factory Arts Centre, Sunshine Coast QLD
- 2012 Townsville Ceramic Awards, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville QLD
- 2011 The Womens Project, 19 Karen Contemporary Artspace, Gold Coast QLD
- 2008 Gold Coast Potters' Association Annual Members' Exhibition QLD
- 2008 Swell Sculpture Festival, Currumbin Beach, Gold Coast QLD
- 2007 Sculptors Society Annual Exhibition QLD

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LEISA RUSSELL | PIPEDREAMS

Solo Show | 21st October - 1st December 2017

	<p>LEISA RUSSELL</p> <p>PIPE DREAMS Stained Southern Ice Porcelain 40(W) 30(L) 18(H)</p> <p>\$2950</p>		<p>LEISA RUSSELL</p> <p>PIPE PYTHON Stained Southern Ice Porcelain 31(W) 28(L) 28(H)</p> <p>\$2950</p>
	<p>LEISA RUSSELL</p> <p>FREE RADICALS Stained Southern Ice Porcelain 30(W) 24(L) 20(H)</p> <p>\$2950</p>		<p>LEISA RUSSELL</p> <p>LIQUID GAS Stained Southern Ice Porcelain 22(W) 22(L) 19(H)</p> <p>\$2600</p>