Benjamin Oswald

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Education

- 2021 M.F.A. Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada
- 2008 M.Ed. Secondary Education, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- 1999 B.Ed. University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Scholarships

2019 Robert Weghsteen Memorial Award, Ceramics. Emily Carr University of Art and Design

Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 The Shape of Absence, Mitchell Art Gallery, Curated by Carolyn Jervis, Edmonton, Alberta Canada
- 2023 Up on the Square Featuring Benjamin Oswald, Edmonton Arts Council. Curated by Danny Ross, Edmonton, AB, Canada
- 2019 Spotlight: Benjamin Oswald Ceramics, Alberta Craft Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 2018 Benjamin Oswald: Beyond Form and Function, Harcourt House Artist-Run Centre -Incubator Gallery. Curated by Jacek Malek and Ruta Nichol. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2023-24 Between Things: Alberta Ceramics, Art Gallery of Alberta. Curated by Lindsey Sharman and Diana Sherlock, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- 2022 Latitude 53, Schmoozy. Curated by Ash Hariharan, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2022 Represented artist, Studio 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2022 Articles of Faith Symposium: Colonialism in a time of reckoning, Mitchell Gallery/Grant MacEwan University and Concordia University Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2021 Becoming. MFA Final Exhibition. Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Vancouver, BC
- 2020-21 RAW MFA Online Exhibition. Juried. University of Montana, Montana, USA
- 2020 Making: A Career in Craft. Alberta Craft Council, Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta
- 2020 Unearthing. ECUAD MFA online interim exhibition, Vancouver, British Colombia
- 2018-19 HCZ Industrial Ceramic Design Competition and Exhibition. Dehua, China

Awards and Honours:

- 2023 Edmonton Arts Council Grant recipient, \$10,000
- 2021 Edmonton Arts Council Grant recipient, \$10,000
- 2018 HCZ 2018 Industrial Ceramic Design Competition, Bronze Prize winner, Dehua, China
- 2018 Western Living Magazine, Designer of the Year 2018: 'One to Watch' category
- 2018 Western Living Magazine, Designer of the Year 2018 Finalist: 'Maker' category
- 2004 Juror for the Edmonton Arts Council, Edmonton Artists Trust Fund
- 2003 Edmonton Arts Council delegate, South Korea

Teaching and Related Experience

- 1999-present Edmonton Public School Board, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada,
- 2008-2011 University of Alberta, Faculty of Education, Edmonton, AB, Canada.
- 2010-2016 Adjunct Professor, University of Alberta, Faculty of Education, International Science Educator Norway

Art Instruction & Workshops

- 2023 Emergent Technologies in Ceramics with Brian Cera, Medalta: International Centre for Contemporary Ceramics, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada
- Throwing Large with Grace Han, Medalta: International Centre for Contemporary Ceramics, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada
- 2021-22 Mentorship: Richard Selfridge/Selfridge Pottery, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- 2017 Mold making and slip casting porcelain workshop, Sasha Wardell, Wiltshire, England
- Hand throwing porcelain, Elisabeth Barry Ceramics, Bath, England
- 1995-99 Art Fundamentals, Figurative Sculpture, Methodologies in Art Instruction, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB,
- 1996 Sculpture in stone tutorials, Kyea Nak Young & Han Jung Mu, Chonbuk University, Chunju City, South Korea,

Residencies

- 2023 Guldagergaard International Ceramic Research Centre, Skælskør, Denmark
- 2021 & 2020 Contingency of Care, OCAD and the Toronto Art Biennial

Collaborations

- 2022 Alayne Spafford (painter), collaboration work for private sales and exhibition
- 2020 Studio Bramble, ceramic light design for Art Gallery of Alberta, Art on the Block

2018-19 Place Unlimited, Public Art Initiatives with Industrial Designer Tyler Vreeling

Public Artwork Experience

- 2019 Shortlisted with Place Unlimited, Stage 2 Public Art Competition, Edmonton Arts Council
- 2007 Stage 1 competition, Wild Rose Foundation, Edmonton, Alberta

Galleries

Studio 21, Halifax, Nova Scotia Latitude 53, Edmonton, Alberta Gust Gallery, Waterton, Alberta

Publications/Press/Writing:

- 2022 Teacher Fan Club (University of Calgary), Podcast Ep. 18, Living our Passions at Work and Prioritizing the Arts with Benjamin Oswald
- 2022 Edmonton Public School Board, High School Ceramics Curriculum, locally developed courses, Advanced Techniques in Ceramics 15, 25, 35
- 2020 Alberta Craft publication (Front Cover and artist feature), January-April issue
- 2018 Western Living Magazine, October issue, Designer of the year, "One to Watch"
- 2018 Avenue Magazine, October issue
- 2018 Vue Weekly, Sept 26
- 2018 Western Living Magazine, May issue, page 30
- 2017 The Crafted Dish, National Clay Week publication, book
- 2017 Gifted Edmonton Made Gift Catalogue
- 2007 "Unlimited Potential", Saint City News, St. Albert, AB. March
- 2001 "30 under 30", Edmonton Journal, April

Memberships:

- 2022-present Alcove, Latitude 53, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2019-present Make and Do Ceramics, Canada
- 2017-present Alberta Craft Council, Professional Membership
- 2003-present Edmonton Arts Council, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2000-present Sculptors Association of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta
- 1999-present Alberta Teachers Association