

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.

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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

- 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
- 2008 *Adrian Sassoon*, The International Ceramics Fair & Seminar, London
The Cup, Contemporary Applied Art, London

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2008 *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