



SPECULATIVE ARCHEOLOGY

Bruce Reynolds | New Exhibition at artisan

artisan, 45 King Street, Bowen Hills Q 4006

5 November 2022 - 5 March 2023

In *SPECULATIVE ARCHEOLOGY*, Bruce Reynolds hijacks our attention with elements of familiarity, through his beautifully elegant and carefully crafted use of texture, motif, colour and form.

Closer inspection exposes them as *ambiguous*, as it becomes obvious that the forms merely allude to the many *layered histories* they reference. The impression is that we are well acquainted with these objects, and yet, we are not.

Bruce Reynolds studied at the ANU School of Art, ACT, and at the Victorian College of the Arts in Melbourne. Now based in Brisbane, his career spans more than 30 years in Australia and abroad. As an arts practitioner and an educator,

Reynolds has exhibited in Australia and overseas and contributed extensively to Brisbane's public art landscape. His work is held in major collections including National Gallery of Australia; Queensland Art Gallery; Museum of Brisbane; Artbank; the High Court, Queensland; and HOTA. This will be his first exhibition with artisan.



Placing oneself by the surrounding sea, I imagine decorating a newly formed vessel. With echoes of origin stories, motifs colonize surfaces even before forms are cast. Image and object are brought together and the gypsum, like chalk, is made of the calcium of crustaceans and other organisms both familiar and exotic that float and sink. Their motifs embrace the archaic and in the absence of digital technologies serve to marry ideas with the physical.

Bruce Reynolds 2022

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EVENTS

OPENING EVENT | MEDIA AND INDUSTRY

Friday 4 November 2022 6-8pm

Public

Celebrate Bruce Reynold's exhibition opening along with Steve Szell's Szephyr Guitars exhibition. Please join us at our King Street venue an evening of live music, networking, socialising, and refreshments.

IN CONVERSATION

TBA February 2023

Public

Join Bruce during the final weeks of the exhibition to discuss his practice and working methods.





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ABOUT ARTISAN

artisan is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting contemporary craft and design practice for both makers and their audiences. Since 1970 artisan has been the home of craft and design in Queensland.

LOCATION

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CREDITS:

1. Bruce Reynolds, *Bull in Pink* (detail), 2021, plaster
2. Bruce Reynolds, *Animal Vessel*, 2021, plaster
3. Detail image provided by the artist
4. Bruce Reynolds, *Language Vessel #2*, plaster
5. Bruce Reynolds, *Cornet Sconce #4*, plaster