

Mark Rayner

Mark Rayner began working in ceramics in 2003 and has produced numerous works for local and national exhibitions since. In August 2007, he and his brother Paul opened Rayner Brothers Gallery in Whanganui, where they show their own work along with guest artists. Rayner's glazed plates and figurines are a modern and playful take on the grotesque; a style characterised by exaggeration, excess, the fantastic and sometimes the abject. In recent years, Rayner has begun to work across a variety of other media, including photography and latch hook rugs. He explores unlikely juxtapositions between medium and subject, playing with traditional craft techniques to create objects and images that can be alternately construed as frightening, beguiling and absurd.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Mystery Box*, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
- 2016 *Unnatural Selection*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2015 *Memento*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2014 *M*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2013 *Toy*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2011 *Bad*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2010 *All Saints*, Thermostat Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ.
- 2007 *Headspace*, Thermostat Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 *Hi-Fibre*, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Claytopia, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Chroma, Velorose Gallery, London, UK.
- 2018 *Pork Chops* (with Paul Rayner), Rabbit Room Gallery, Napier, NZ.
Heads Road, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Nightmare on Glasgow Street, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Killer Moulds, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Little & Large, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Selfie, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
- 2017 *Strangeways* (with Paul Rayner), Rabbit Room Gallery, Napier, NZ.
The Elephant in the Room, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
In the Round, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Blue, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Damaged Goods, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Paul and Mark Rayner, Quartz Museum of Studio Ceramics, Whanganui, NZ.
- 2016 *Garden Party*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
Bangers & Mash, (with Paul Rayner), Rabbit Room Gallery, Napier, NZ.
Plate Oh!, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Trans, Helium Gallery, Rotorua, NZ.
Gay Men, Politicians, Celebrities and Friends, The Board Room, Palmerston North, NZ.
Art Decade, with Paul Rayner, Kina Gallery, New Plymouth, NZ.

- 2015 *Skullicious*, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Headquarters (with Paul Rayner, Sam Mitchell and Gavin Hurley) Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Glitterati, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
LiterARTies, Gallery on Guyton, Whanganui, NZ.
Your Place or Mine? with Paul Rayner, Space Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Flora and Fauna, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
- 2014 *Shelf Life*, with Paul Rayner, Pataka Gallery, Wellington, NZ.
Paper, Paint and Polystyrene, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
Inches to Metres, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2013 *Downright Weird* (curated by Warwick Brown), Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
Alphabet, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2012 *Exquisite Corpse*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
Not a Pretty Picture, Thermostat Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ.
Going Ape, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Natural History, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
- 2011 *You Say Tomato*, Toi Poneke Gallery, Wellington, NZ.
- 2010 *Ship of Fools*, Quadrant Gallery, Dunedin, NZ.
Bowl Me Over, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
Mark Rayner, Natasha Cantwell, Kristin Perrett; Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
Vent, Thermostat Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ.
- 2009 *Hoopla*, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
The Weird Ones; Mark Rayner and Paul Rayner, Seed Gallery, Auckland, NZ.
Abnormals Anonymous, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
- 2008 *Rayner Brothers Media Circus*, Thermostat Gallery, Palmerston North, NZ.
Skullduggery, Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.
Vent 6, Thermostat Gallery, Palmertson North, NZ.
- 2005 Guest Artist, Community Arts Society Show, Whanganui, NZ.
- 2004 *Whanganui Artists*, Gallery Dalgleish, Whanganui, NZ.

Awards

- 2017 First Overall Winner, Lysaght Watt Trust Art Awards, NZ.
2017 Fibre Category Award Winner, Taranaki Art Award, NZ.
2016 Open Award Winner, Sarjeant Gallery Arts Review, Whanganui, NZ.
2013-18 Finalist, Wallace Art Awards, Auckland, NZ.
2011 Finalist, Wallace Art Awards, Auckland, NZ.

Experience

- 2006 - Present Co-manager of Rayner Brothers Gallery, Whanganui, NZ.