

Solène Chatain

SUMMARY

As a mainly self-taught ceramic sculptor, I have honed handbuilding techniques to bring my ideas to life in three dimensions. I have specialized in slab building but lately, I have been carving figurative ceramic sculptures for my 'iron age frescoes' series. It's a series that explores the fusion of silica and iron. These multimedia sculptures showcase materials that seeded our earth after cosmic explosions. Both material have been flowing through humanity's veins ever since. Living on the B.C. coast, I am always on a quest for discarded rusty metal machinery bits whether on the beach or in the forest. I often think of the metal parts of my pieces as metaphors for the technology we, human, invent out of need, revere but in the same breath despise and fear. My pieces may remind you of humanity's historical moments—both past and yet to come—but they also reflect who I am today: imperfect and striving.

EXHIBITION GROUP SHOW

Artist of the month at qathet art wares, Powell River, BC Feb 2025

"Present II" at qathet art centre, Powell River, BC Dec-Feb 2025

Curated

Piece in the show "Sunset"

"Activism" at qathet art centre, Powell River, BC April-July 2024

Curated

Piece in the show: 'Weighted down'

"Pieces of me" at Metchosin art pod, Metchosin, BC May-July 2024

Curated

Pieces in the show: 'Onward' and 'Nestled'

"Present I" at qathet art centre, Powell River, BC Nov-Jan 2024

Curated

Pieces in the show: 'Air', 'Mer', 'Terre'

"Portals" at Tidal art centre, Lund, BC August 2023

Curated

Piece in the show: 'Come on in'

"Major Rock" at Tidal art centre, Lund, BC July 2023

Curated

Piece in the show: 'Nerikomi Savary'

"Sculpture Splash ", Esquimalt, BC April 2023

Curated- paid artist fee

Piece in the show: 'Treasured', 'Weighted down', 'Air' and 'Horned'

"Lost species" at qathet art centre, Powell River, BC, Nov 2022

Curated-paid an artist fee

Piece in the show 'Weighted down'

Other group exhibitions my pieces were part of:

"Ebb and flow" at Tidal art centre, Lund, BC, August 2022

"Creative utility" at Crucible gallery, Powell River, BC, April 2022

"Memento Mori " at The Art Centre, Powell River, BC, Nov 2020

"Expose yourself" at The Art Centre, Powell River, BC, Feb 2019

"Expose yourself" at the BMO building, Powell River, BC, Feb 2018

Timberlane fine arts studio holiday sale, Powell River, BC Nov 2018-2024

GALLERY

Collection "Air, Mer, Terre" at Artifact gallery, Powell River, BC in 2024

TRAINING AND LEARNING

Taught myself to make 2-part plasters molds for slip casting thanks to many YouTubers (especially Tiki technical Tuesday), 2025

'Clay camp' 3-day surface workshops, including Laura Caroline Casas on underglazes, Andrew Clark on Terra Sigillata, Marita Manson on coloured clay designs, 2025

Workshop on ceramic tools with Sherrod Faulks, 2023

Handbuilding workshop with Ave Rivera (pinch, coil, slab), 2023

Handbuilding workshop with Jeremy Randall (finishing techniques), 2022

Hand building workshop with Sarah Anderson (scraffito), 2022

Handbuilding workshop with Andrea Keys Connell:

building hollow, bigger scale sculptures, 2021

Handbuilding workshop with Samantha Dickie at Metchosin summer school of arts:

multi-day, slab building, making multiples, 2019

Handbuilding workshop with Debra Sloan at the Metchosin Summer school of arts:

multi-day, building sculptures from slab cylinders, 2018

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Bachelor of Education, 2015

Nantes University, France, Bachelor in Language arts, 2002

ART WORK EXPERIENCE TEACHING

Designer/Instructor 'Stay and clay' ceramic sculpture workshop, Powell River, BC

August 2024

Designer/Instructor 'Stay and clay' ceramic sculpture workshop, Powell River, BC

July 2024

Designer/Instructor "Fold bowl" workshop, Tidal art centre, Lund, BC 2019

Nerikomi sculpture demo at Sculpture Splash, Esquimalt, BC, April 2023

Elementary-intermediate art classes, weekly, Côte du Soleil school 2009-2024

Open studio facilitator and mentor at Timberlane Fine arts studio, Powell River, BC 2013-2019

AWARDS

Juror's honourable mention at "Pieces of me" Exhibition for the sculpture "Onward"

May 2024

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

Timberlane Fine arts member since 2011 in Powell River , BC

Vancouver Island Sculptor's guild member since 2023

International ceramic artist network member since 2023 (ICAN)

Member of the Canadian directory of ceramics: makeanddo.ca