Motivation letter from Gallery Adrienne D (Belgium) to become affiliate member of the <u>AIC</u></u>

The reason we want to join AIC as a gallery is to be able to participate in international conferences in order to increase our level of knowledge in this world, to attend leading symposia, to get in touch with the best ceramists from several continents and above all to actively contribute to the image that the art of ceramics deserves throughout the world.

Who are we :

I have been working in ceramics for 7 years, taking courses at the Academy of Fine Arts and in various workshops (eg Jane Norbury, Brigitte Marionneau and Corinne Guého, Dalloun in August 2023).

It is by working clay myself and by passion for ceramics that the idea of creating an art gallery for ceramic art.

Together with my husband, we created the Adrienne D art gallery in Kortrijk (Belgium) in 3/2020, with a focus on abstract contemporary ceramics.

Since then, we have organized several exhibitions and shown the works of different international ceramists.

https://www.adrienne-d.art

In 2021 we also opened a second gallery at the Grand-Place in Ypres where we permanently exhibit contemporary ceramics.

Thus we are targeting the Belgian, Dutch and northern France markets and are planning publications in the Revue de la Céramique et du Verre, Klei, De kleine K.

We focus on international and emphasize top quality.

We find that ceramic art in Belgium often receives too little attention compared to other art forms. However, this art form requires a lot of knowledge, techniques, expertise, patience, perseverance and budget. With our gallery, we want to support the artist and help raise awareness.

With the artists we work with, our goal is to build a good relationship based on respect, trust and honesty. We want to understand what motivates them and what their concepts and points of view are in the works they present.

The gallery is housed in a town house dating from 1945 and has several exhibition spaces, which allows you to vary the accents in a friendly atmosphere. The exhibition space covers about 120 square meters in total.

My husband, Guy Gadeyne is Belgian, is 65 years old and has been a small animal veterinarian for 40 years.

Myself, Chantal Buyse, 65 years old and Belgian, graduated in law, worked for 40 years as director of human resources in various companies.

We have shared the love of art for 40 years and wish to develop it with the gallery in the future.

Exhibitions that took place in the Galerie Adrienne D in Marke (Kortrijk) Expo 1 - 03/2020 – honorary artist JANE NORBURY Expo 2 - 10/2020 – honorary artist BRIGITTE LONG Expo 3 - 06/2021 – honorary artist AKASHI MURAKAMI Expo 4 - 03/2022 – honorary artists BENOIT POUPLARD - SANGWOO KIM - CHLOE PEYTERMANN - DANIELA SCHLAGENHAUF Expo 5 - 10/2022 – honorary artists MONIKA DEBUS - METTE MAYA GREGERSEN -PETRA BITTL Expo 6 - 04/2023 - honorary artists CLAUDE CHAMPY - NANI CHAMPY SCHOTT -ANNOUK THYS -------Expo 7 - scheduled for 09/2023 - honorary artists MATTHIEU CASSEAU - KIM SANGWOO - ...

Expo 8 - scheduled for 04/2024 - honorary artists FRANCOIS THIERION - FRANCINE MICHEL - \dots

Expo 9 - scheduled for 09/2024 - honorary artist SEUNG-HO YANG - ...

Other exhibitions

Expo Ypres - 05/2022 - LUISA MAISEL Expo Kortemark - KUNSTROUTE - 06/2022 Expo Poperinge - GHEUS MUSEUMHUIS - 06/2022 Gallery days in Ypres (Kunst in Ieper) - 05/2023

Artists of whom we exhibit/have exhibited pieces of art

Petra Bittl - Gisèle Buthod-Garçon - Dominique Coenen - Merel Cremers Daloun - Monika Debus - Mette Maya Gregersen - Corinne Guého - Sangwoo Kim - Blayne Knox - Jacques Laroussinie - Brigitte Long - Luisa Maisel - François Maréchal - Brigitte Marionneau - Francine Michel - Akashi Murakami - Jane Norbury - Chloé Peytermann -Benoît Pouplard - Isabelle René - Annouk Thys - Daniela Schlagenhauf - Karina Schneiders -Jean-François Thiérion - Sian Van Driel - Sandrine Valézy - Horacio Venturin - Léna Von Busse - Barbara Weibel -

David Whitehead - Christiane Wilhelm - Seung-Ho Yang

Chantal Buyse Guy Gadeyne 23 05 2023