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An internationally recognised ceramic artist brings her coastal inspired creatures to our country locale

Fresh off the plane from Japan where she was invited to exhibit at the Tokyo International Art Fair, internationally acclaimed ceramic artist Sally Walk brings a solo exhibition to Suki & Hugh Gallery in Bungendore.

Sally Walk's career is riding high. In 2015 she was awarded the 'Lorenzo il Magnifico' Award for Ceramics (first place) at the Florence Biennale in Italy. She has been short listed to the North Queensland Ceramic Art Award and attended the Changchun International Ceramics Symposium in China.

International travel and accolades aside, the journey for Sally has been evolving since 1991 when she completed a Bachelor of Art in ceramic design. She has built her career over the past 30 years and is currently completing a Masters' Degree in Visual Arts (Sculpture).

Her exhibition at Suki & Hugh Gallery is entitled *Semblance* which refers to Sally's fascination with human nature, in particular the facades often created to ensure belonging. Personality traits are represented by an array of highly textured and patterned surfaces.

Heavily influenced through her upbringing by the sea, the theme of an 'outer shell' is particularly evident in the series of frilled spheres of various sizes. With the appearance of exotic sea creatures or imagined tribal eggs their hard exterior is softened with meticulously carved curved lines and almost fabric like frilly ceramic skirts.

The wall hung artworks and tall pots are also highly textured, some with spikes. These could be armoured sentinels except for a quirkiness which challenges their toughness.

Each piece combines to present such an exquisite body of work it is certain to leave a lasting impression on Bungendore, and beyond.

Sally has exhibited extensively over the last 10 years in France, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Italy and Australia. In 2018 she will present her work in a solo exhibition at Artifact Gallery in Manhattan New York.

The exhibition opening reception at Suki & Hugh Gallery is 3 – 5pm on Saturday 9 April 2016. It will run until 29 May 2016.

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