

# HELENE KIRCHMAIR





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was born in 1981, lives and works in Tulfes / Tirol.

Working experiences with various potters in Scotland motivated her 2011 to attend a ceramic school in Germany and a guest study at the Institut für künstlerische Keramik und Glas, Koblenz.

Back in Austria, she set up her own studio in 2015.

Her works are internationally represented in exhibitions and collections and have received several awards at prestigious competitions.

Participations in artist-in-residence and symposia followed.

On the one hand, HELENE KIRCHMAIR places her focus on the interplay between form and surface, on the other hand, on the plastic implementation of conceptual discussions.

She integrates mixed media, as well as ready-mades and found objects with ceramics, which however always remains the predominant and preferred material.

The mostly trivial objet trouvè is not imitated, it gets transformed by a location change and material-transformation to an individual object and unique ceramic piece.

She takes things their original function, through their new function the objects get a completely new value and are put into a new context.

It's playing with being and appearance. With sense and non-sense. Often graphic works - like drawings, photographs or etchings - complete the ceramic objects.



### BELLIES

35 x 26 x 19 cm, each | 2015

Steinzeug, engobiert, glasiert, Umdruck, Applikationen  
stoneware, slip, glaze, wire, print, application

Förderpreis für Künstler unter 35 Jahren | Award for artist under 35  
Biennale internationale de Vallauris, France 2016





BOBBLES

Diam. 36 cm | 2014  
Steinzeug, engobiert, Draht  
stoneware, slip, wire

Förderpreis für Künstler unter 40 Jahren  
Award for artist under 40  
59. Premio di Faenza, Italy 2015





SAME SAME BUT DIFFERENT

8 x 4 x 17 cm | 15 x 5 x 14 cm | 13 x 4 x 18 cm

Porzellan | porcelain

2019





MEMORIA

27 x 23 x 9 cm

Steinzeug, engobiert | stoneware, slip  
2016





BALANCE

60 x 50 x 25 cm

Steinzeug | stoneware  
2017





### DIE LETZTEN VON VIELEN

Installation

Steinzeug, Aquatinta-ätzung, Gipsform, Kupferplatte

stoneware, etching, plaster mould, copper

2014





### TEXTILE FANTASY

50 x 50 cm | Diam. 35 cm | Diam. 40 cm

Steinzeug, engobiert, Acryl, Steingut | stoneware, slip, acrylics, earthenware  
2019



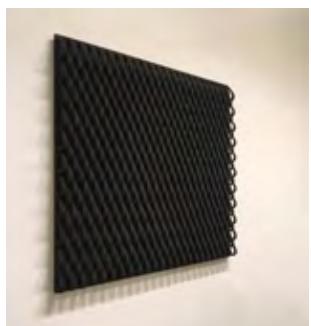


BOBBLEBOWLS

Diam. 36 cm / 19 cm

Steinzeug, engobiert | stoneware, slip  
2016

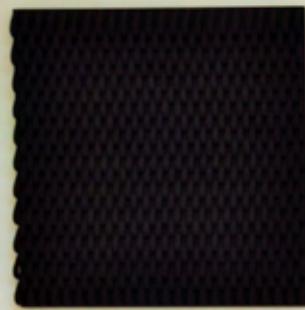




STILLIFE IN GREEN

50 x 50 cm | 30 x 15 x 18 cm

Saphirkeramik Fa.Laufen, Acryl, Porzellan | stoneware, acrylics, porcelain  
2018





BREATHING SOUL

35 x 42 cm

Steinzeug, Acrylfarbe | stoneware, acrylics  
2017





ROCKET SCIENCE WHITE

29 x 37 cm

Steinzeug, engobiert | stoneware, slip  
2018





### SERIOUS SERIES

17 x 9 x 2 cm, each

Steinzeug, Porzellan, engobiert, Röfix, Acrylfarbe, Wolle

stoneware, porcelain, slip, Röfix, acrylics, wool

2017





LET IT HAPPEN

Installation

Steinzeug, Play-Mais

stoneware, play-mais

2016





GIGGELING ALONG

49 x 42 x 6 cm

Porzellan, Acryl | porcelain, acrylics  
2019





### CRIME SCENE

Installation

Steinzeug, engobiert, Blumentopf, Band  
stoneware, slip, flower pot, band  
2013





PIMP IT

H 40 cm | Diam. 27 cm  
Steingut | earthenware  
2019





**GOLDEN BELLY**

35 x 26 x 19 cm / 40 x 30 cm

Steinzeug, glasiert, Radierung in Rahmen

stoneware, glaze, etching, frame

2014





I HAVE THOSE WORDS FOR YOU

ca. 9 x 5 x 3 cm, each

Porzellan | porcelain

2014

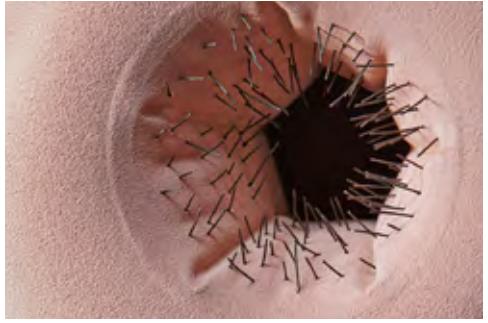




KRINGEL

27 x 25 x 8 cm  
Steinzeug, engobiert, Röfix  
stoneware, slip, Röfix  
2017





ROSETTENQUARTETT

Diam. 23 x 9 cm  
Steinzeug, engobiert, Draht  
stoneware, slip, wire  
2014





ROCKET SCIENCE BLUE

27 x 25 cm | Diam. 8 cm

Steinzeug, engobiert | stoneware, slip  
2018





### TRANSFORMATION

Diam. 18 x 13 cm, each  
Porzellan | porcelain  
2013





## EDUCATION

- 2015 own studio in Austria  
2014 College for technical ceramics and ceramic-design, Höhr-Grenzhausen (DE)  
2014 2 Semester Institut für künstlerische Keramik und Glas, Höhr-Grenzhausen (DE)

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2017 XXIV Concorso di ceramica mediterranea di Grottaglie (IT)  
2016 Biennale Internationale de Vallauris (FR) Artist under 35  
2015 59<sup>th</sup> Premio Faenza (IT) Artist under 40

## RESIDENCIES AND SYMPOSIA

- 2020 Resident artist at StylNove ceramics (IT)  
2019 Clay Collective Symposium Tuscany (IT)  
2018 Keramiksymposium Gmunden (AT)  
2017 IKSIT Symposium Innsbruck (AT)  
2016 Resident artist at Officine Saffi, Milan (IT)

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS / GROUP EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

- 2020 CICA, Museu de Ceramica, L'Alcora (ESP)  
2018 European Ceramic Context, Bornholm (DEN)  
Terralha, Festival européen des Arts Céramiques, St. Quentin la Poterie (FR)  
Ceramic Art Andenne (BE)  
BICMA Biennal de Cerámica, Marratxi (ESP)  
2017 XIII Bienal internacional de Cerámica de Manises (ESP)  
Concours-Expo de la Jeune Céramique Européenne, Saint-Quentin-la-Poterie (FR)  
Artist in Residence #2, Officine Saffi, Mailand (IT)  
2016 „Nasapreis 2016“, Keramikmuseum Höhr-Grenzhausen (DE)  
Biennale Internationale de Vallauris 2016, Musee Magnelli (FR)  
2015 59<sup>o</sup> Premio di Faenza 2015, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza (IT)  
2014 „Keramik Europas 2014“, Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen (DE)

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