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Melt, Drip, Lustre

Bega Valley Regional Gallery: Port

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Melt, Drip, Lustre is an exhibition of new works by Sydney based ceramic artist Luke Ryan O'Connor presented at Bega Valley Regional Gallery: Port – BVRG's pop-up gallery space, situated on the wharf in Eden at the new Welcome Centre. The show sees O'Connor continue his process driven exploration of the ceramic vessel through intriguing experiments into colour, texture and form. Made in the context of the ongoing pandemic and NSW Lockdown, the exhibition sees the artist embrace the limitations of working within his home studio to create a multitude of small-scale alluring vessels.

Approaching making in a playful manner his sculptures incorporate a combination of throwing on the potter's wheel, coiled hand building and haphazard slip cast additions. While referencing the utilitarian language embedded in the history of ceramics the work remains formally and functionally ambiguous.

Conceptually O'Connor's practice plays to notions of queer adversity, to celebrating scars and dissociating enhancement from conventional ideals of perfection. His work has been exhibited across Australia as well as recent international shows in New Zealand & Germany.







Melt, Drip, Lustre - LUKE RYAN O'CONNOR at Bega Valley Regional Gallery



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MDL Polychrome Vessel, Beige & copper green + Taupe melt
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Platinum Lustre, 26 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Barrel Vessel Pink Green & white + Platinum Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, platinum Lustre, 30 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Barrel Vessel, Pink & Blue + Gold Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 23 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Big Barrel Vessel, Pink & Chartreuse
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, platinum Lustre, 32 x 25 x 25cm, \$1,800





MDL, Big Barrel Vessel, Turquoise & Gold Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 32 x 25 x 25cm, \$1,800





MDL, Donut Vessel, Pink + Dark Green Melt
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 25 x 20 x 20cm, \$1,100





MDL, Monochrome Full Metallic Gold (2)
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 29 x 19 x 19cm, \$1,100





MDL, Monochrome Full Metallic Gold (3)
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 29 x 19 x 19cm, \$1,100





MDL, Monochrome Metallic Gold (1)
2021, Stoneware, Gold Glaze, 27 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Blue & Orange + Platinum Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 28 x 19 x 19cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Yellow & Grey + Gold Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 28 x 19 x 19cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel Beige & chartreuse
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 27 x 17 x 17cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel Orange and Blue
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 28 x 17 x 17cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel Pink & lime Green + Gold Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 27 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel Yellow and Blue + Gold Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 24 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Charcoal & Blue
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 27 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Chartreuse + Gold Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 27 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Deep Brown & green + Platinum Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 23 x 16 x 16cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Pink & Buttercup Melt
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold, Pink Lustre, 26 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Pink & Green + Gold Lustre
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 26 x 17 x 17cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Yellow & Green + Beige Melt
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 26 x 17 x 17cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome Vessel, Yellow, Grey & Pink
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, platinum Lustre, 26 x 17 x 17cm, \$1,100





MDL, Polychrome vessel, Turquoise & Beige Melt
2021, Stoneware, Glaze, Gold Lustre, 27 x 18 x 18cm, \$1,100



Luke O'Connor

CV

Born 1993

Lives and works in Sydney, Australia

Education

2016 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Honours (first Class) Sydney College of the Arts

Selected Solo and Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Melt, Drip, Lustre*, BVRG: PORT, Eden
Fuze, Online Exhibition, Arterreal Gallery
New works from the studio 2021, Group Online Exhibition, Arterreal Gallery
- 2020 *Sydney Contemporary Presents 2020*, an Online Art Fair, Sydney
Back From Outer Space, Arterreal Gallery, an Online Exhibition, Sydney
NOW IN COLOUR, Michael Reid Berlin, Germany
Sydney Mardi Gras Exhibition, Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Sydney
- 2019 Launch exhibition, Canteen, Sydney
Do you hear the people sing?, curated by Luke Letourneau, Metro Arts, Brisbane
- 2018 *Churchie Emerging Art Prize*, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
Les Misérables '18, Kudos Gallery, Sydney
It's all about the decoration, AVID Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
HUNKS, Wellington St Projects, Sydney
- 2017 *Geon*, Interlude Gallery, Sydney
Oh, it's a horror show, Kudos Gallery, Sydney
27.04.17, Home@735, Sydney
NO Parking, Cold Cuts Project Space, Sydney
A Fresh Perspective, Kerry Lowe Gallery, Sydney
Neo, Arterreal Gallery, Sydney
- 2016 *Makers Matter*, Gaffa Gallery, Sydney
Degree show, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney
Capiche, aMBUSH Gallery, Sydney
HUMAN 3.0 with HAARD (Homo Art & Recreation Division), aMBUSH gallery, Sydney
Secret Qwerks, HAARD (Homo Art & Recreation Division), Secrete Garden Bar, Sydney
- 2015 *Degree show*, Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney

Awards

2018 Finalist, *Churchie Emerging Art Prize*, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane



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