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Bruce Cochrane



Bruce Cochrane is a distinguished ceramic artist whose work blends tradition with innovation. With a career spanning decades, he has explored the functional and sculptural aspects of ceramics, pushing the boundaries of form and texture. His expertise has earned him international recognition, with pieces housed in prestigious collections such as the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art. As a professor and mentor, Cochrane has influenced generations of ceramicists, leaving a lasting impact on the field.

Education

1976 – 78 New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred, N.Y.; MFA

1973 – 76 Nova Scotia College of Art and Design; BFA

Exhibitions

2025 Summering, Oeno Gallery, Bloomfield Ontario

2024 Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery Waterloo Ontario

2022 Harbourfront Centre; Toronto, Ontario

2016 David Kaye Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

2015 David Kaye Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

2014 Dust Evans Gallery; Ottawa, Ontario

2014 Water Mill Gallery; South Hampton, New York

2013 David Kaye Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

2010 David Kaye Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

2010 Harbinger Gallery; Waterloo, Ontario

2006 Prime Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

2006 Lafreniere & Pai Gallery; Ottawa, Ontario

2004 25 Year Review-Burlington Art Centre; Burlington, Ontario

2003 Prime Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

2000 Studio 21; Halifax, Nova Scotia

1998 Prime Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

1994 Prime Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

1993 Pro-Art Gallery; St. Louis, Missouri

1990 Wesleyan Potters Gallery; Middletown, Connecticut

1989 Prime Gallery; Toronto, Ontario1984 Prime Gallery; Toronto, Ontario

1981 Dexterity; Toronto, Ontario

1980 Ontario Crafts Council; Toronto, Ontario

Selected Permanent Collections

Canada Foreign Affairs Department

Victoria and Albert Museum; London, England Montreal Museum of Fine Arts; Montreal Quebec

George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art; Toronto, Ontario

Royal Ontario Museum; Toronto, Ontario Canada Council Art Bank; Ottawa, Ontario Winnipeg Art Gallery; Winnipeg, Manitoba Kansas City Art Institute; Kansas City, Missouri

Canadian Crafts Museum; Vancouver, British Columbia

New York State College of Ceramics; Alfred, New York

Burlington Cultural Centre; Burlington, Ontario Nova Scotia Art Gallery; Halifax, Nova Scotia

Canadian Museum of Civilization; Ottawa, Ontario

Islip Art Museum; East Islip, N.Y.

Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute; Jingdezhen, China

Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec; Québec City, Québec

Mackenzie Fine Arts Centre; Dearborn, Michigan

Selected Magazine Publications

Ceramics Arts and Perception; 2007 Feature Article, #69 Ceramics Arts and Perception; 2003 Feature Article, #54

Ceramics Monthly; 2003 Feature Article

Fusion; 2003 Cover Article, winter Fusion; 2000 Cover Article, spring Contact; 1999 Cover Article, spring

Ceramics Monthly; 1990 Cover Article, November

Selected Book Publications

Studio Ceramics in Canada Ceramics: Ways of Creation The Ceramic Surface

Clay & Glazes for the Potter
The Penland Book of Ceramics
Contemporary Studio Porcelain

Porcelain and Bone China

New Majolica

Tin Glazed Earthenware

The Yixing Effect
Ceramic Spectrum

The Teapot Book
Functional Pottery
Ceramics of the World

Teaching Experience

2011 – Present Professor Emeritus 1978 – 2010 Professor & Studio Head

Sheridan College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

Ceramic Studio Advisor

1999 - Present
 1987 - 1994
 1983 - 1985
 Mississauga Living Art Centre
 Harbourfront Craft Studios
 Harbourfront Craft Studios

Selected Honours

Governor General's Award – Nominee (2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014) Saidye Bronfman – Nominee, Finalist (1985, 2000)

2004 John Mathers Award, Ontario Craft Council – Outstanding Contribution to Craft in Ontario

2004 Mississauga Visual Artist of the Year

2003 Elected to the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts

2000 Elected to the International Academy of Ceramics

Grants

Canada Council Travel/Study Grants (2001, 1994, 1986) Ontario Art Council Exhibition/Research Grants (2016, 2013, 2010, 2005, 2004, 2001, 1998, 1994, 1993, 1989, 1984)