Brian Rochefort
Biography

Brian Rochefort was born in Lincoln, Rhode Island, in 1985. He currently lives and works in Los Angeles.

Brian Rochefort primarily works with ceramic and glazes as a mixed media sculptor, creating one-of-a-kind vibrant sculptures covered in abstract patterns and fascinating textural features. The process of his work involves breaking apart unfired clay objects and layering them up with more material, then firing between each layer of glaze to produce volcanic masses and craters overflowing with colour. The surfaces of the sculptures are a blend of rough, uneven clumps and smooth, bubbly drips, all suspended in place by the kiln firing.

Rochefort's work is in the permanent collection of the NMAC Foundation, Cádiz, Spain; the Zabludowicz Collection, London; the Chapman University, Orange and the Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, USA. Rochefort was awarded the Lillian Fellowship from the Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts in Montana, 2007-2008.

Solo exhibitions

2025

2025 - Erratic Patterns, Bernier / Eliades, Athens, GR

2024

2024 - Staring at the Moon, Sean Kelly, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2024 - The Hunter, Van Doren Waxter, New York, NY, USA

2023

2023 - Burned Out Stars, presented by Dries Van Noten, The Little House, Los Angeles, USA
2023 - Midnight, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC, USA

2022

2022 - Freddie Mercury, MASSIMODECARLO, Hong Kong, PRC
2022 - 5 4 3 2 1, Van Doren Waxter, New York, USA

2021

2021 - Stellar Gems, Bernier Eliades, Athens, G
2021 - Perhaps An Asteroid Hit, MASSIMODECARLO, Milano, I

2019

2019 - Brian Rochefort: Ceramica Azul, The Mistake Room, Los Angeles, USA
2019 - Absorption by the Sun, curated by Alexandra Terry, Museum of Contemporary Art, Santa Barbara, USA
2019 - Collapse, Caterina Tognon in collaboration with Van Doren Waxter, Venezia, I
2019 - 2030, Van Doren Waxter, New York, USA
2019 - Jaguar! Jaguar!, Massimo De Carlo, London, UK

2018

2018 - Brian Rochefort - Simon Demeuter, Sorry We're Closed, Brussels, B

2017

2017 - HotSpots, Van Doren Waxter, New York, USA

2016

2016 - Love Letter, Lefebvre & Fils, Paris, F

Group exhibitions

2025

2025 - Made in LA , Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, USA
2025 - TBT, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2025 - Los Angeles, Give Me a Miracle: Benefit Show for Ruby Neri, MASSIMODECARLO, London, UK

2023

2023 - Slip Tease, Kasmin, New York, USA
2023 - Forms, Gagosian and Jeffrey Deitch, Miami Beach, USA
2023 - Clay Pop, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, USA
2023 - The 3 Musketeers, Patricia Low, Gstaad, CH
2023 - Hot Spring, The Pit, Los Angeles, USA
2023 - Liu Shangying and Brian Rochefort, MASSIMODECARLO, Beijing, PRC

2022

2022 - Toucher Terre, Fondation Villa Datris, L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue, F
2022 - Lush 2: A contemporary Ceramics Exhibition, Lighthouse Art CenterTequesta, Tequesta, USA
2022 - Contre-Nature, Mo.Co. Montpellier, Montpellier, F. Catalogue
2022 - West Bund Art & Design, Shanghai, PRC

2021

2021 - Cracked, Tristan Hoare, London, UK
2021 - Clay Pop, Jeffrey Deitch, New York, USA
2021 - On Boxing, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, USA
2021 - Fragile and Unregulated, curated by Brian Rochefort, MASSIMODECARLO, VSpace,

2020

2020 - 100 Sculptures, No Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
2020 - Artifices Instables. Histoires de céramiques, Villa Sauber , NMNM, Monaco, MC. Catalogue

2019

2019 - Cool Clay, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, USA
2019 - Mutant Nature, Workshop Gallery, Paris, F

2018

2018 - Summer Show, Zidoun & Bossuyt, Luxembourg, LU
2018 - Melting Point: Movements in Contemporary Clay, Craft Contemporary, Los Angeles, USA

2017

2017 - Ceramic Biennial, CAFAM, Los Angeles, USA
2017 - From Funk to Punk: Left Coast Ceramics, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, USA
2017 - All The Small Things, Steve Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, USA
2017 - Regarding George Ohr, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, USA
2017 - "It's All Good…", Diane Rosenstein Fine Art, Los Angeles, USA

2016

2016 - Taste My Raindrops, Mindy Solomon, Miami, USA
2016 - Marinade, BBQLA, Los Angeles, USA
2016 - Cavity, Some Time Salon, San Francisco, USA
2016 - Matt Mignanelli, Brian Rochefort, Russell Tyler, Richard Heller Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

2015

2015 - Vault Exhibitions, AMOCA, Pomona, USA
2015 - Gerasimos Floratos and Brian Rochefort, Sorry We’re Closed, Brussels, B
2015 - Highland Park Museum of Art, Monte Vista Projects, Los Angeles, USA
2015 - Art Miami, Harper's Books, Miami, USA
2015 - In Reverse Order, The Cabin, Los Angeles, USA

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2017

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2016

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Vitrine, Blaire.*Love Letter*, exhibition catalogue, Lefebvre & Fils, 2016.

2015

Olson, Erica. "Brian Rochefort Ceramics", *Ligne Magazine*, March 2015.

2014

Clark, Garth. "High Mass Goblets for Glaze Worship", *Cfile*, December 2014.

Public Collections

Spain

NMAC Foundation, Cádiz

United Kingdom

Zabludowicz Collection

United States of America

Chapman University, Orange
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento