

ANNA JOHN

ocarina something

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Anna John is an artist currently working in Sydney on Gadigal land. Her practice comprises sculpture, object, space and sound. The last three years have seen her return to working with clay as an isolated medium and practice.

I started working with ceramics over fourteen years ago, and its position has drifted from the centre to the periphery of my practice and back again. Weirdly, I find freedom in the framework of the tradition. It gives me some rules to break, and ceramics production is bound with all kinds of energy to work with and against. It gives a ground for me to explore texture, surface, motif and image in a way I don't find in other material - sometimes I think of it more akin to painting

When I began working on this show, I was interested in the vessel as a space that was already occupied by mutations of the material itself. Busy surfaces, difficult entry points. This collection of objects continues a trajectory of ceramic works that explore a gentle refusal of the expectation for the vessel to simply hold. Disobedient handles, vents, motifs and perforations corrupt the narrative of support and neutrality.

Anna John, March 2023

Recent solo exhibitions include Sea Tooth (shhell), Airspace, Sydney, Sea Tooth (votum), Cool Change Contemporary, Perth (2019), Ripple Mode, Knulp, Sydney and Gift, Ajaar, curated by Mitchel Cumming, Sydney College of the Arts (2018). Prior to this she held solo exhibitions at KFAK, Kassel, Germany, Gertrude Contemporary, Melbourne, First Draft, Sydney and Kings ARI, Melbourne.

Her work has been included in Double A-Side, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney (2017), Sunday Punch, Laneways festival, Sydney College of the Arts, Redlands Konica Minolta Art Prize, National Art School Gallery, Sydney, New Contemporaries, Sydney College of the Arts (2016), A Degree of Blindness, curated by Isobel Parker Philip, MOP, Sydney and SPVI II, Turner Gallery, Tokyo (2015).

This is Anna John's first exhibition with Darren Knight Gallery.



Anna John - *ocarina something* 2023
installation view



snow cornea 2023
glazed stoneware
17 x 17.5 x 15 cm
\$1,400.00



snow cornea 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
17 x 17.5 x 15 cm
\$1,400.00



ursula's retreat 2023

glazed stoneware

14 x 16 x 8.5 cm

\$1,200.00



ursula's retreat 2023 (back)

glazed stoneware

14 x 16 x 8.5 cm

\$1,200.00



other world 2023
glazed stoneware
23 x 18 x 6 cm
\$1,400.00



other world 2023 (back)

glazed stoneware

23 x 18 x 6 cm

\$1,400.00



casa quadratto 2023
glazed stoneware
20.5 x 17 x 5.5 cm
\$1,200.00



casa quadratto 2023 (back)

glazed stoneware

20.5 x 17 x 5.5 cm

\$1,200.00



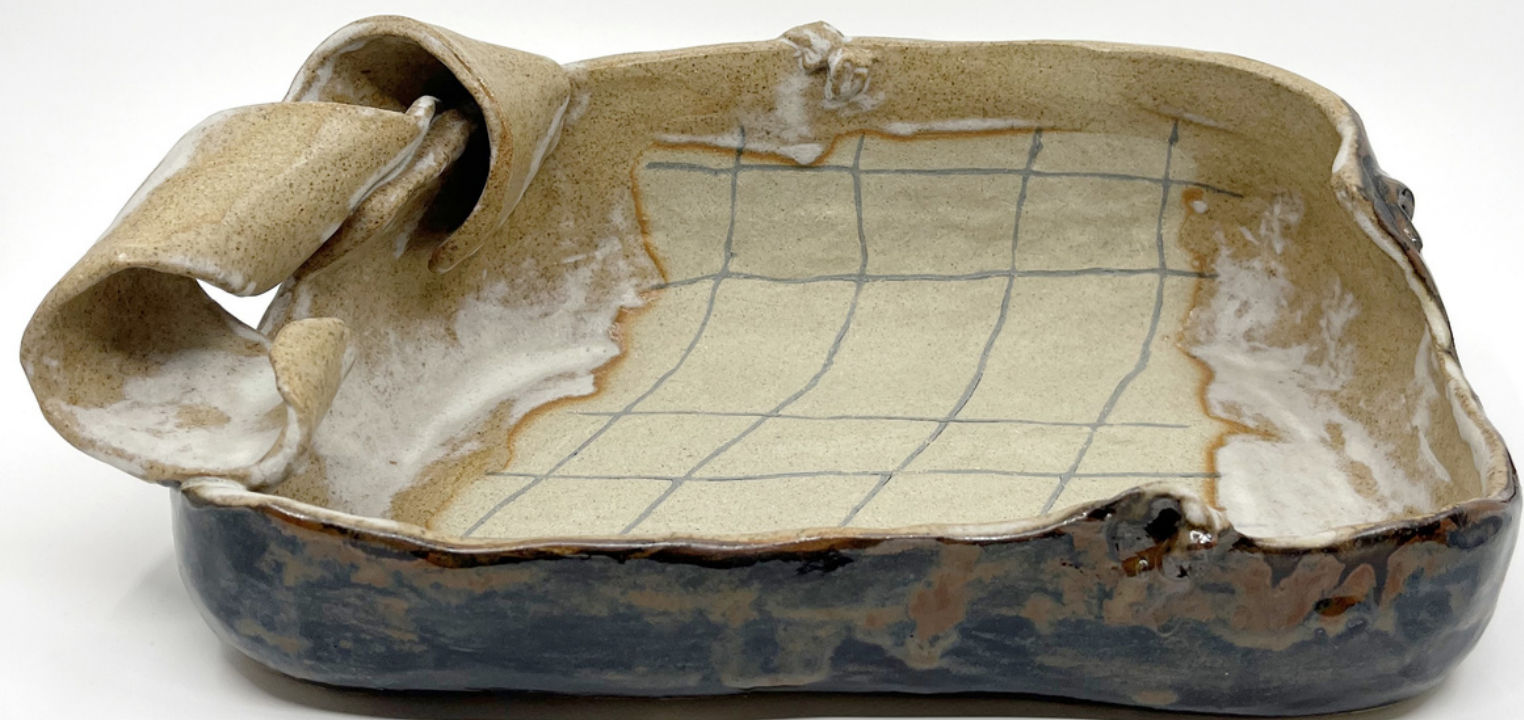
underwater wheat 2023
glazed stoneware
19 x 31 x 13.5 cm
\$1,500.00



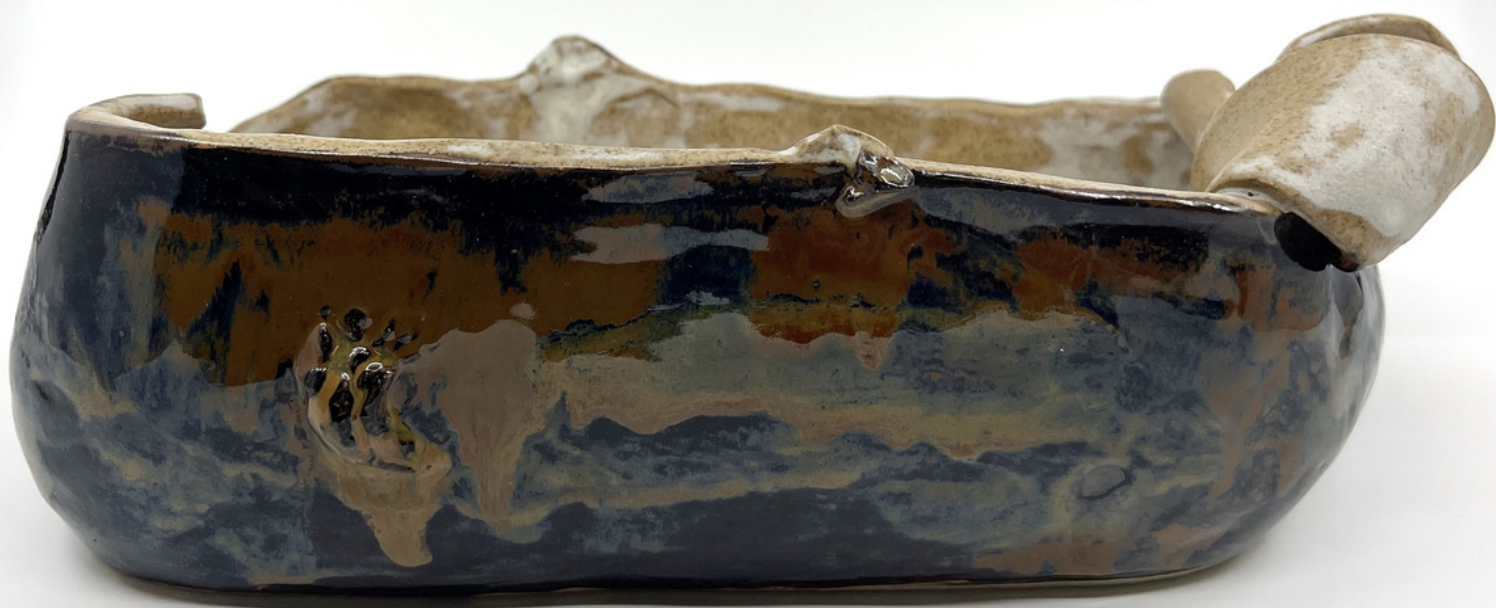
underwater wheat 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
19 x 31 x 13.5 cm
\$1,500.00



sand blanket 2022
glazed stoneware
22 x 18 x 23 cm
\$1,650.00



bread couch 2022
glazed stoneware
32 x 19 x 10 cm
\$1,650.00



bread couch 2022 (back)
glazed stoneware
32 x 19 x 10 cm
\$1,650.00



bakelite hockney 2023
glazed stoneware
9 x 16 x 15 cm
\$850.00



bakelite hockney 2023 (back)

glazed stoneware

9 x 16 x 15 cm

\$850.00



intro 2023
glazed stoneware
10 x 24 x 18 cm
\$1,400.00



intro 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
10 x 24 x 18 cm
\$1,400.00



desert breath 2023
glazed stoneware
18 x 13 x 13 cm
\$1,400.00



desert breath 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
18 x 13 x 13 cm
\$1,400.00



vitellus finestra 2023
glazed stoneware
21 x 20 x 20 cm
\$1,650.00



vitellus finestra 2023 (back)

glazed stoneware

21 x 20 x 20 cm

\$1,650.00



vitellus finestra 2023 (side)
glazed stoneware
21 x 20 x 20 cm
\$1,650.00



grub dais 2022
glazed stoneware
12.5 x 19 x 12 cm
\$850.00



grub dais 2022 (back)
glazed stoneware
12.5 x 19 x 12 cm
\$850.00



dorsal view 2023
glazed stoneware
15 x 20.5 x 12.5 cm
\$1,500.00



dorsal view 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
15 x 20.5 x 12.5 cm
\$1,500.00



orrery segment 2023
glazed stoneware
15 x 13.5 x 12 cm
\$850.00



dairy rest 2023
glazed stoneware
37 x 11.5 x 15 cm
\$1,500.00



coronet 2023
glazed stoneware
30 x 15 x 16 cm
\$1,500.00



coronet 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
30 x 15 x 16 cm
\$1,500.00



white mire 2022
glazed stoneware
12 x 11 x 11 cm
\$650.00



rubber thyrus 2023
glazed stoneware
20 x 13 x 12 cm
\$1,200.00



gap shack 2023
glazed stoneware
10 x 13 x 7 cm
\$550.00



low albedo 2023
glazed stoneware
7 x 12 x 5.5 cm
\$550.00



low albedo 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
7 x 12 x 5.5 cm
\$550.00



iced coil 2023
glazed stoneware
6.5 x 12 x 6.5 cm
\$550.00



iced coil 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
6.5 x 12 x 6.5 cm
\$550.00



mallow crook 2023
glazed stoneware
10.5 x 14 x 8.5 cm
\$550.00



mallow crook 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
10.5 x 14 x 8.5 cm
\$550.00



moss horn 2023
glazed stoneware
11.5 x 10.5 x 6 cm
\$550.00



moss horn 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
11.5 x 10.5 x 6 cm
\$550.00



ribbon sty 2023
glazed stoneware
7 x 14 x 12 cm
\$550.00



karaoke stone 2023
glazed stoneware
9.5 x 14.5 x 4.5 cm
\$550.00



karaoke stone 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware
9.5 x 14.5 x 4.5 cm
\$550.00



sopot harvest 2023
glazed stoneware with decal
9.5 x 17 x 9 cm
\$850.00



sopot harvest 2023 (back)
glazed stoneware with decal
9.5 x 17 x 9 cm
\$850.00



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