

JACK DOHERTY

THE PICTURE ROOM

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LIVING SPACE

For our house is our corner of the world. As has often been said it is our first experience of the universe, a real cosmos in every sense of the word.

Gaston Bachelard, *The Poetics of Space*

"My soda-fired porcelain vessels are embedded with ancient stories and contemporary narratives. They create an intervention with domestic space and daily life. I am intrigued and inspired by the potency of archetypal vessel forms. Anonymous and uncomplicated pots from pre-history have been used for storing, containing, cooking and keeping people safe through winters by providing protection. In our everyday modern world I believe that ceramic forms can also function in many different ways. Translated as guardians of emotion and connectors with the spiritual, I want my vessels to inhabit our domestic spaces in the light, shadow and darkness with qualities that neither painting nor abstract sculpture can.

I live with ceramic vessels. Their forms and volume, edges and textures spill from the studio into every room. In these living spaces the pots speak for themselves, displayed on ledges windowsills and mantelpieces.

For me, the kiln is both a tool and a creative environment. The family groupings of vessels in the exhibition consider how objects can be positioned in a confined space to develop dynamic relationships between the forms and fire.

Technically, my work is focused on using soda firing to evolve a new palette of colour and surface texture closely integrated with the form. Over the years the process has become simpler and more refined, using one clay, one colouring mineral and a single firing with sodium bicarbonate. I believe in stripping away the unnecessary to produce work with complexity and depth."

Jack Doherty, 2018

List of works overleaf

WORKS FOR SALE

Tea Bowl I, £110
Tea Bowl II, £110
Tea Bowl III, £110
Tea Bowl IV, £110

Cylindrical Bud Vase I, £45
Cylindrical Bud Vase II, £45
Cylindrical Bud Vase III, £45
Cylindrical Bud Vase IV, £45
Cylindrical Bud Vase V, £45
Smokey Round Bowl, £1,250

Guardian Vessel, £2,500

Harbouring Vessel, £85
Harbouring Vessel, £460
Harbouring Vessel, £250
Harbouring Vessel, £380
Harbouring Vessel, £650

Pod Form I, £480
Pod Form III, £360
Pod Form, £180
Pod, £80
Pod I, £90
Square Vessel, £850

Oval Vessel, £220
Cylindrical Vessel, £190

Shallow Triangular Vessel, £220
Square Keeper, £180
Triangular Keeper, £320

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