

**Monica Rickhoff Wilson**

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Born 1976 in Greeley, Colorado. Lives and works in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.

**Biography:**

Monica Rickhoff Wilson is an American artist, born in 1976 in Colorado, now working and living in Michigan. She is a ceramic sculptor and is best known for her color and high temperature, custom made, micro-crystalline glaze palette. Variations in glaze chemistry and flocked fiber surfaces give this work its visual and physical tactility.

In this ceramic art collection, Rickhoff Wilson references abundance and fertility with an edge toward excess and obsession. She builds on earlier works where soft thrown hollow forms are combined and finished in one glaze. The new generation of pieces are made in multiple parts and glazed separately. Parts are glazed on all sides and suspended while being fired in the kiln. The final works are assemblies of porcelain, stoneware, and terracotta – conglomerates, that shift and move, unlike traditional sculpture.

Rickhoff Wilson earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Eastern Michigan University in 2003, where she studied ceramics and sculpture. Her training continues through travel and artist residencies. Residencies include: Penland School of Craft, Penland North Carolina; Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village Colorado; Centro de Arte Curaumilla, Valparaíso, Chile; Maker Works, Ann Arbor Michigan; and Kripal Kumbh Pottery, Jaipur, India. Her works have been exhibited throughout Michigan, in Chicago, and up-state New York. She was given the Award of Excellence at the Original Art Fair, Ann Arbor Michigan, and was awarded Emerging Artist with the Michigan Ceramic Art Association. Her notable exhibitions are Pewabic Pottery, Detroit; Steidel Contemporary, SOFA Chicago; Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon; the Robertson Gallery, BBAC, Birmingham; and WSG Gallery, Ann Arbor Michigan.

**Education/training:**

[2021-2022]: *Studio Photography, Anderson Ranch, Virtual*

[2020-2022]: *Glaze Chemistry Studies, 300 hours, Ceramic Materials Workshop, Virtual*

[2000-2003]: *Ceramics and Sculpture/Bachelor of Fine Arts, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan*

[1999-2000]: *Fashion Design and Ceramics, Chicago Institute of Arts, Illinois*

**Teaching experience:**

[2023] *Presenter, "Michigan Mud," Traverse City, MI*

[2022] *Instructor, Glaze Formulation, PottersGuild, AnnArbor, MI*

[2021] *Mentor, Artist Intern, Studio Camelot, Ann Arbor, MI*

[2020] *Artist Talk, BoothCentral, Virtual*

[2019] *Artist Talk, Center for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI*

[2018] *Lecturer Substitute, UM Residential College Ceramics, Ann Arbor, MI*

*Artist Talk, SOFA Chicago, Chicago, IL*

[2017] *Instructor, PottersGuild, AnnArbor, MI*

[2016] *Instructor, MeshCAM Workshop, Maker Works, Ann Arbor, MI*

[2015] *Panel Discussion, Overbrooke Gallery, MCC, Muskegon, MI*

[2014] *Artist Talk, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit, MI*

[2013] *Art Instructor, Summers-Knoll, Ann Arbor, MI*

*President and Events Coordinator, Clay Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI*

*Ceramics Instructor, Blue Lake Fine Arts, Twin Lake, MI*

*Visiting Lecturer, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT*

[2011] *Pottery Instructor, Ann Arbor Potters Guild, AnnArbor, MI*

[2009] *Video Editor, Final Cut Pro, Studio Art*

[2008] *"Video Documentary for the Artist," Center for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI*

*Videographer, National Geographic TV, South Jordan*

[2007] *Instructor, Life Drawing, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI*

*Presenter, "Michigan Mud," Detroit, MI*

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*Membership Coordinator, Clay Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI*

*Talk, "Influences from India," Interlochen Center Arts, Interlochen, MI*

*Photographer/Videographer, Expedition to Gujarat, India*

*Photographer/Videographer, Expeditions to Atlas Mountains, Morocco*

[2006] *Events/Exhibitions Coordinator, Clay Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI*

*Presenter, Pottery Workshop, Ann Arbor Potters Guild, Ann Arbor, MI*

*Member, Ann Arbor Potters Guild, AnnArbor, MI*

[2005] *Visiting Adjunct Faculty, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI*

**Selected exhibitions:**

- [2023] *Earthy Assemblies, solo exhibition, Robertson Gallery, Birmingham, Michigan*
- [2023] *Heap, solo exhibition, WSG Gallery, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2023] *The Original Ann Arbor Art Fair, art fair, booth number, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2022] *The Original Ann Arbor Art Fair, art fair, booth number, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2021] *Westside Art Hop, group exhibition, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2020] *Holiday Show, virtual group exhibition, online, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2018] *SOFA Chicago, group exhibition, Steidel Contemporary, Chicago, Illinois*
- [2018] *MCAA, group exhibition, Janice Church Gallery, West Bloomfield, Michigan*
- [2017] *14 +14, group exhibition, WSG Gallery, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2017] *MCAA with Richard Notkin, juried exhibition, Center for Design Education, Detroit, Michigan*
- [2016] *Holiday Show, group exhibition, Clay Work Studio, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2016] *16 +16, group exhibition, WSG Gallery, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2015] *Regional Exhibition, juried exhibition, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, Michigan*
- [2015] *Cycle, solo exhibition, Overbrooke Gallery, Muskegon, Michigan*
- [2014] *Expanding Edges, group exhibition, Gallery One, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2014] *Manufactured Momentos, solo exhibition, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit, Michigan*
- [2014] *Legacy of Land Through Art, group exhibition, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2014] *Table of Contents with Margaret Carney, juried exhibition, The Dinnerware Museum, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2013] *Fire Power, group exhibition, DAM, Detroit, Michigan*
- [2012] *MCAA with John Glick, group exhibition, BBAC, Birmingham, Michigan*

**Awards, residencies & grants:**

- [2023] *Winter Resident, Penland School of Craft, Penland, North Carolina*
- [2022] *Award Of Excellence, The Original Ann Arbor Art Fair, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2020] *Virtual Resident Scholarship, Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village, Colorado*
- [2019] *Resident Artist, Centro de Arte Curaumilla, Valparaíso, Chile*
- [2016] *Resident Artist, Maker Works, Ann Arbor, Michigan*
- [2012] *Visiting Artist, Kripal Kumbh, Jaipur, India*
- [2012] *Emerging Artist Award, Michigan Ceramic Art Association, Bloomfield, Michigan*

**Selected press & bibliography:**

- Jessica Ramirez, "Rising Stars" in *VoyageMichigan* 2023
- Jordyn Pair, "Memories in Clay" in *Mlive* 2022 at [www.annarbor.com](http://www.annarbor.com), consulted on 12 July 2022.
- Maggie Cease, "Maker Works Artist in Residence" in 2016 at [www.maker-works.com](http://www.maker-works.com), consulted on 26 August 2015.
- John Carlos Cantu, "A Challenging 2-Person Exhibit" in *Mlive* 2011 at [www.annarbor.com](http://www.annarbor.com), consulted on 17 August, 2011.