

OLEN HSU

Ceramic Art, Creativity Teaching/Mentorship, Music Improvisation | American, b. 1975

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Music — Improvisation, Composition, Sound Installation

- 2021 Music for People — Live and recorded collaborative music improvisation (cello, piano)
- 2008 *Pain Without Injury*. Group exhibition. Sculpture/New Music installations. PS 122 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007 *New York Electronic Art Festival*. New Music Installation & Artist Talk. Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Swing Space, New York, NY
- 2007 *Future Anterior: Terry Adkins, Jill Godmilow, Olen Hsu*. Live New Music and video performances/installations. BRICstudio, Brooklyn, NY
- 2007 Winter Concert Series. New Music and video performance/installation with artist talks. OM Factory, New York, NY
- 2007 *Spectral Evidence*. Sculpture and Sound Installation. Curated by Steven Lam. The Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2006 *Open Network: Brooklyn*. Sculpture and sound installation. Curated by Patricia Maloney. Ampersand International Arts, San Francisco, CA
- 2006 Director, Children's Sculpture/Sound Installation Workshop. The John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Sheboygan, WI
- 2005 *Out of Context*. International new music symposium. InterSpace New Media Arts Center. Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2005 New York State Council on the Arts, Individual Artist Grant for Sculpture and New Music
- 2005 BRIC Media Arts Fellowship, Brooklyn, NY
- 2005 Harvestworks Digital Media Arts Center, New Music Commission, New York, NY
- 2005 AIM 25, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 *Olen Hsu: New Ceramics*. Beaux Arts Gallery. Bath, United Kingdom
- 2015 *Olen Hsu: Holding Silence*. Valley City State University. Valley City, ND
- 2014 *Olen Hsu: New Ceramics*. Beaux Arts Gallery. Bath, United Kingdom
- 2012 *Olen Hsu: New Ceramics*. Beaux Arts Gallery. Bath, United Kingdom

2003 *Olen Hsu: New Work*. Contemporary Art Workshop. Chicago, IL

2003 *Olen Hsu: Installations + Drawings*. Evanston Art Center. Evanston, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

2018 *Masterworks Ceramics: International Invitational Exhibition*. Jianshui International Ceramics Conference. Jianshui, Yunnan Province, China

2016 *Teabowl 2016*. Oxford Ceramics Gallery. Oxford, UK

2015 *Parachute Market: "Ad Hoc" Design Fair*. Showing with Matin Gallery. Ceramics by Kirsten Coelho, Olen Hsu & Warren MacKenzie. Los Angeles, CA

2014 *50th Anniversary National Invitational Exhibition*. Duke Gallery. The Potter's Guild, Wallingford, PA

2013 *31st Annual Smithsonian Craft Show*. National Building Museum. Washington, DC

2012 *30th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show*. National Building Museum. Washington, DC

2011 *35th Annual Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show*. Philadelphia, PA

2011 *29th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show*. National Building Museum. Washington, DC

2010 *Craft Forms 2010: 16th International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Craft*. Wayne Art Center. Wayne, PA

2010 *Ceramics Invitational*. The Trenton City Museum. Trenton, NJ

2010 *Faculty Exhibition*. Wayne Art Center. Wayne, PA

2010 *Associate Artists Group Exhibition*. The Clay Studio. Philadelphia, PA

2010 *Porcelains and Celadons*. The Myers Gallery. Santa Ana, CA

2008 *Pain Without Injury*. PS 122 Gallery. New York, NY

2007 *New York Electronic Art Festival*. Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Swing Space. New York, NY

2007 *Future Anterior: Terry Adkins, Jill Godmilow, Olen Hsu*. Sound and video performances/installations. BRICstudio. Brooklyn, NY

2007 Sound and video performance/installation. Winter Concert Series, OM Factory. New York, NY

2007 *Spectral Evidence*. Curated by Steven Lam. The Rotunda Gallery. Brooklyn, NY

2006 *Open Network: Brooklyn*. Curated by Patricia Maloney. Ampersand International Arts. San Francisco, CA

2006 Turbulence Net Art Commission (with Steven Lam and Dana Karwas), New Radio and Performing Arts, Inc. New York, NY

2006 *Scope New York* (with James Nicholson Gallery). New York, NY

- 2005 *Set It Off*. James Nicholson Gallery. New York, NY
- 2005 *Out of Context*. InterSpace New Media Arts Center. Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2005 *AIM 25*. The Bronx Museum of the Arts. Bronx, NY
- 2003 *Graduate Show*. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Chicago, IL
- 2003 *16th Evanston + Vicinity Biennial Exhibition*. Evanston Art Center. Evanston, IL
- 2003 *Fittings: Ben Butler, Olen Hsu & Rena Leinberger*. The Storefront. Chicago, IL
- 2003 *Olen Hsu: New Work*. Gallery 2. Chicago, IL
- 2001 *Olen Hsu: Apartment 1E*. Gallery 2. Chicago, IL
- 2001 *Graduate Exhibition*. H+R Block Artspace. Kansas City, MO
- 2001 *Amplified Spaces*. Stamper Photographic Gallery. Kansas City, MO
- 2001 *Recent Installations: Olen Hsu and Kathinka Willinek*. Warehouse 1325. Kansas City, MO

Permanent Collections

Jianshui Ceramics Museum. Jianshui, Yunnan Province, China

Grants / Awards

- 2018 Museum Purchase Award. Jianshui Ceramics Museum. Jianshui, Yunnan Province, China
- 2011 Exhibitor's Choice Bronze Award. 29th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show. Washington, DC
- 2006 John Michael Kohler Arts/Industry Fellowship. Sheboygan, WI
- 2006 Turbulence Net Art Commission. New Radio and Performing Arts, Inc. New York, NY
- 2006 Joan Mitchell Foundation Full Fellowship Award. Vermont Studio Center. Johnson, VT
- 2005 New York State Council on the Arts, Individual Artist Grant
- 2005 BRIC Media Arts Fellowship. Brooklyn, NY
- 2005 Harvestworks Digital Media Arts Center, New Music Commission. New York, NY
- 2005 AIM 25. The Bronx Museum of the Arts. Bronx, NY
- 2004 Dedalus Foundation Master of Fine Arts Fellowship. New York, NY
- 2003 James Nelson Raymond Fellowship. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Chicago, IL
- 2001 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago Trustee Scholarship (MFA full-scholarship funding award)

- 2000 Special Project Artist Grant. Industrial Embroidery Facility at Gear for Sports. Kansas City, MO
- 1997 Sudler Grant for the Visual Arts. Yale University
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- 1996 David W. Baer Memorial Fellowship in Architecture. Yale University
- 1996 Richter Summer Research Fellowship. Yale University
- 1995 Edward A. Bouchet Research Fellowship (3-year research/travel fellowship). Yale University
- 1995 Richter Summer Research Fellowship. Yale University
- 1993 National Endowment for the Humanities, Younger Scholars Grant

Education

- 2021 **Music for People** — Live and recorded collaborative music improvisation
- 2014 **Alfred University** — Studies in Ceramic Materials & Glaze Chemistry
- 2003 **The School of the Art Institute of Chicago** — MFA Sculpture
- 2001 **Kansas City Art Institute** — BFA Ceramics & New Media
- 1999 Live and work with potters Carol and Arthur Rosser — Eungella Rainforest, Queensland, Australia
- 1999 Live and work with potter Gwyn Hanssen Pigott — Queensland, Australia
- 1998 One-year apprenticeship with potter Maishe Dickman — New Haven, CT
- 1997 **Yale University** — BA History of Art and Architecture, Minor in Music

Artist Residencies

- 2006 John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Arts/Industry Residency. Sheboygan, WI
- 2006 Vermont Studio Center. Johnson, VT
- 2005 Harvestworks Digital Media Arts Center, Artist-In-Residence. New York, NY
- 2005 BCAT/Rotunda Gallery Artist Residency. Brooklyn, NY
- 2004 AIM 25, The Bronx Museum of the Arts. Bronx, NY
- 2000 Artist in Residence, Industrial Embroidery at Gear for Sports. Kansas City, MO

Teaching & Work Experience

- 2015-present Inner Creativity Workshop — intensive individual and group workshops developing creative practice with a focus on ceramics and printmaking. Olen Hsu Studio, Glenside, PA
- 2019-20 Acting Head, Department of Ceramics. Arcadia University. Glenside, PA
One-year sabbatical replacement.
- 2018 One of 6 Invited Artists representing the United States — Jianshui International Ceramics

Conference. Slide Talk, Panel Discussions, Studio Demonstrations and Exhibition.
Jianshui, Yunnan Province, China

- 2014-20 Advanced Teaching & Mentorship Training — The School of Humanity and Awareness.
Atlanta, GA and New York, NY
- 2017-20 Adjunct Faculty in Ceramics — Arcadia University. Glenside, PA
- 2015-present Artist-Teacher — The Clay Studio. Philadelphia, PA
- 2010-2017 Adjunct Faculty in Ceramics — Montgomery County Community College. Blue Bell, PA
- 2010 Instructor in Ceramics — Abington Art Center. Jenkintown, PA
- 2010 Instructor in Ceramics — Wayne Art Center. Wayne, PA
- 2006 Director, Children's Sculpture/Sound Installation Workshop — The John Michael Kohler Arts
Center. Sheboygan, WI
- 2003 Artist-Teacher for Pre-College Youth Arts Development Program — Marwen Foundation.
Chicago, IL
- 2002 Graduate Teaching Assistant for undergraduate curriculum, Survey of the History of Art:
Prehistory to Modern — The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Chicago, IL
- 2002 Visiting Critic for undergraduate studio in Architectural Drawing — Columbia College.
Chicago, IL
- 1999-2001 Private instructor in Piano Performance
- 1999-2000 Private instructor in French language
- 1997 Assistant Teacher in Ceramics — Creative Arts Workshop. New Haven, CT

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