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recent ceramics

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stancer 5, 2020, 8 x 7 x 6.5 inches





stancer 4, 2020, 9 3/4 x 5 x 5 inches, private collection

I make my work by improvising with an array of hollow mostly cylindrical forms I hand-build from clay slabs – basic forms that I manipulate while wet and think of as building blocks. I amintrigued by the ceramic process, including how glaze alchemically fuses color to surface, radically transforming the character of a piece.

My working process is a dialogue with the piece, a dialogue with myself. The unconscious always figures in — reverie occurs. Unexpected images, realizations or memories come up and become attached to the crystallization of the work. Making work is both excavation and discovery — I look for something from the piece that I can both recognize yet be surprised by or even become uncomfortable with.

My work has evolved in a circular manner. There is an ongoing re-working, re-visiting and re-imagining of forms and processes. I am using clay now, after a hiatus of nearly 30 years, because I still have unfinished business with clay and what it elicits from me. Although I've varied processes and materials over the years, there's a recurrence of concerns and images, such as references to the body, nature, and the expression of states of mind through form, all interwoven with memory.

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feeler, 2019, 9.5 x 6 x 8 inches











roundout, 2020, 6.5 x 5 x 5 inches opposite page: blue blau, 2020, 8 x 8 x 6.5 inches







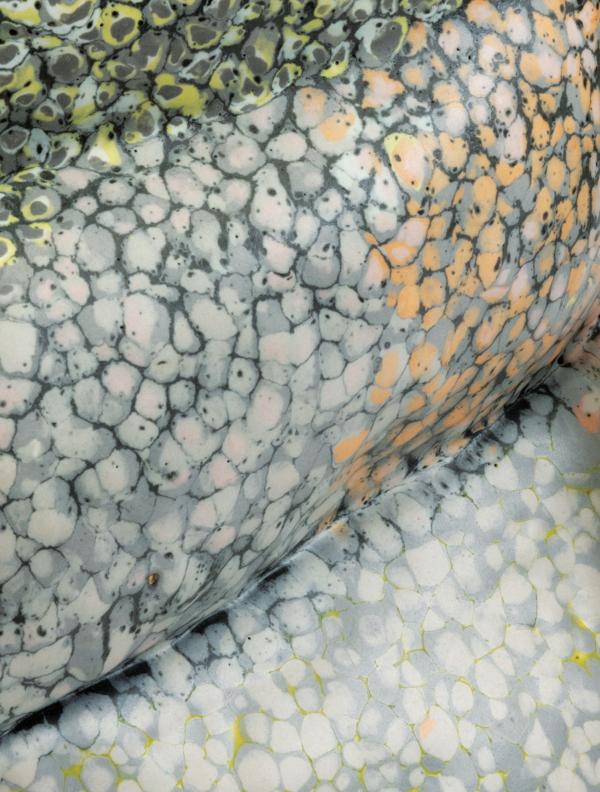
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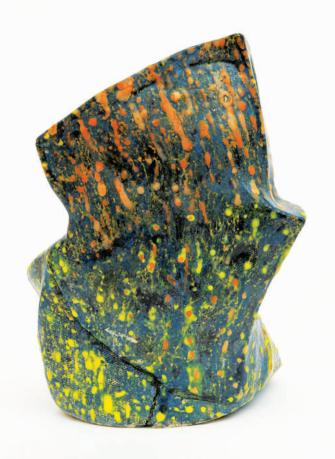
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