

Jason Fitzgerald

Alchemy

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Jan Murphy Gallery is delighted to present *Alchemy*, a new collection of sculptures by Jason Fitzgerald.

Experimenting with robust shapes and glazes, Fitzgerald has embraced the 'trials and errors' inherent in the production of stoneware.

Having trained as a professional cabinet maker, Fitzgerald is acutely aware of the parameters of form and function. Borrowing from a modernist aesthetic, his ceramic sculptures and faceted vessels offer him the freedom to explore material possibilities and expose surface imperfections.

"These handmade stoneware vessels were created purely as a canvas for my glazes, experimental vehicles that allow me to play with colour combinations and the different effects achieved by layering. The glaze responds directly to the iron contained in the clay, creating a worn, weathered surface full of imperfections. It's this flawed surface that I love so much and believe holds the true beauty of the work."

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Fitzgerald completed his BA at QCA at Griffith University in 2011 and has exhibited regularly since 2006. In 2010, he won several awards for excellence in studio practice and has been a finalist for a number of awards since, including The Churchie National Emerging Art Prize, Deakin University Contemporary Small Sculpture Award, The Alice Prize and the Gold Coast Art Prize. His work is held in Australia's Artbank collection and a number of private collections.