

# Randall Au / Flying Cup Clay

## resume

Born and raised in the beautiful Hawaiian Island of Oahu, artist Randy Au came to Southern California for the good weather and to pursue a fine art career. Studies include Biola University with Grant Logan and California State Fullerton with Jerry Rothman and John Stokesbury where he earned a B.A. in Fine Art. He established the Flying Cup Clay studio in 1987 and became a fulltime studio artist in 1992. He presently splits his time between the studio; being the ceramics instructor and Assistant Director of the Visual Arts Conservatory at the Orange County School of the Arts in Santa Ana, California since 2002; and other various teaching and workshop opportunities.

He was a contributing member of the Santa Ana, Artists' Village Taskforce in 1993 as well as the "Mayor's Art Strategic Plan" and the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture. As a guest curator for the Santa Ana, John Wayne Airport, he organized "Orange County Contemporary Clay" (2007-2008); an exhibit of 28 local ceramic artists. He was featured as the guest artist with the California Japanese Ceramic Guild at the 2012 Nisei Week celebration in Little Tokyo; the "Ceramic Biennale" in 2013 at the America Museum of Ceramic Art in Pomona; and "Pedagogical Clay 2015" at the Frank M. Doyle Art Pavilion, Orange Coast College, Coast Mesa.

### **EDUCATION:**

Punahou High School; Honolulu, Hawaii 1974  
Biola University; La Mirada, California 1975-1978  
California State University Fullerton; B.A 1979

### **ACTIVITIES:**

Part-time Teacher; Biola University, La Mirada, CA. Fall 1980  
Potter; The Pottery Shack, Laguna Beach, CA. 1983-1985  
Artist/owner; Flying Cup Clay studio, Santa Ana, CA. 1987 to present  
Artists' Village TaskForce; Santa Ana, CA. 1991-1993  
Guest curator, "Orange County Contemporary Clay" for the John Wayne Airport,  
Concourse Gallery, Santa Ana, CA. 2007-8  
Teacher/ Assistant Director; Orange County School of the Arts;  
Visual Arts Conservatory. 2002-present  
Advisory Board; American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA. 2012- present

### **IN THE COLLECTIONS OF:**

Oppenheimer Group; Westwood, CA.  
Long Beach World Trade Center; Long Beach, CA.  
Gallery Eight "Cup Collection"; La Jolla, CA.  
Waterfront Hilton; Huntington Beach, CA.  
"Contemporary Crafts Collection"; Nelson Museum of Art at ASU, Tempe, AZ.

## **EXHIBITONS:**

### **one person/ featured artist**

- "Arches and Pools"; one person show, Gallery Eight, La Jolla, CA. 1987
- "a Private Vision" one person show; Rancho Santiago Jr. College, Santa Ana, CA. 1989
- "Ladies in Wading", one person show; Pacific Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA. 1992
- Featured artist; LA County Fair, Fairplex Pomona, Pomona, CA. 1997
- One Person show; Angels Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro, CA. 1998
- Featured Artist, Orange County Fair; OC Marketplace & Event Center, Costa Mesa, CA. 2005
- "Earth, Spirit, & Fire" Featured Artist; California Japanese Ceramic Guild, Nisei week, Japanese Cultural Center, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, CA. 2012

### **group**

- "Clay in Orange County"; Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman College, Orange, CA. 1983
- "Art Offerings"; Art Connection 1984, Orange County Art Alliance in conjunction with the Olympic Arts Festival, Laguna Beach, CA. 1984
- "For the Eye, By the Hand, From the Heart"; Elizalde Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA. 1984
- "Low Fire Show", The American Hand, Georgetown, Washington D.C. 1984
- "Ceramic Forms - Living Sculptures"; Exotica Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA. 1985
- Two Person Show; The American Hand, Georgetown, Washington D.C. 1985
- Three Person Show; Madrona Gallery, San Pedro, CA. 1988
- "Teapot & Cups " show; New Stoneage gallery, Los Angeles, CA. 1989
- "Artists Market", First place ceramics; Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA. 1992
- "Discovery Award 1993"; Gold Medal award in Fine Crafts, Art in California magazine, Napa, CA. 1993
- "Dinner Works" invitational; Louisville Visual Art Association, Water Tower Gallery, Louisville, Kentucky. 1994
- "Clay Today: Contemporary Orange County Ceramics"; Saddleback College Art Gallery, Mission Viejo, CA. 1995
- "Feast on Art" event; Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA. 1998
- "Tea and Fantasy"; Alianza Gallery, Boston, MA. 1999
- "Form & Function: Design for the Next Generation" Alumni show; Biola University, La Mirada, CA. 2008
- "Paper and Clay"; Shy Rabbit Contemporary Arts, Pagosa Springs, CO. 2008
- "Clay in California"; Muckenthaler Cultural Museum, Fullerton, CA. 2008
- "Arthropology"; Art Rush, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. 2010
- "Clay Today; a Re-Visit" Saddleback College Art Gallery, Mission Viejo, CA. 2011
- "Reflections; a Journey of Ceramic and Photography"; Lynn J. Gallery,

Buena Park, CA. September 2012

" Ceramic Biennale" American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA July 2013

"Pedagogic Clay 2015" Frank M. Doyle Art Pavilion, Orange Coast College,  
Costa Mesa, CA. January 2015