

Oliver Cain Artist CV

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Oliver Cain is an English born/New Zealand Artist. His popular work changes, develops and covers a wide range of topics using a large range of materials. His artworks, subverted linguistic paintings, ceramic sculptures and installations, bear a certain physicality and push the boundaries between conceptualism and post-pop art. The most important thing is the creative process behind Cain's artworks is and therefore his artworks can be made of anything and take any form. Appropriated everyday objects transform stereotypes and famous art historical references become twisted. As proud member of the queer community, Cain uses his work to examine, question and criticize the relationships between gender, (homo)sexuality and societies' misconceptions about those themes. However despite what it might look like to the contemporary spectator, a purely erotic and queer reading of the work would be misguided. There is an universal profundity at play revealing itself slowly for those willing to look and feel.

BVA – Unitec - 2019

Awards/Achievements:

Highly Commended Kumeu Arts Award 2021
AIMES Emerging Talent Award 2021
Product Collaboration with Refold
Fashion Collaboration with Clique Fitness for Sweat with Pride (2021)
Highly Commended 2020 - ECC NZ Student Design/Craft Awards
Craig's Investment Partners Art 3D Award - 2020 Molly Morpeth Canaday Awards
Touring finalist for The Wallace Art Awards 2020
Overall Supreme award - ECC 2019
Tuatara Ceramic Award - ECC 2019
Overall winner of the Eden Arts Award 2019
Touring finalist for The Wallace Art Awards 2019
Highly Commended 2018 - ECC NZ Student Design/Craft Awards
Finalist for The Wallace Art Awards 2018
Merit Award 2018 - Riley Consultant members competition
Merit Award 2018 - Royal Easter Show

2021

The Nomadic Art Gallery - Solo Show – Leuven, Belgium
Portage Ceramic Awards - 2021
The Other Art Fair - Virtual Edition – Saatchi Art
Sculpture Onshore - Virtual
World of WearableArts 2021 – Rescheduled for 2022
NZ Contemporary Art Awards – Hamilton Museum
Emerging Practitioner in Clay Award - Quartz, Museum of Studio Ceramics, Whanganui
Art in the Park (Eden Park) - Auckland
The Holy Art - Virtual Group Show – UK
Studio 1 - Solo Show 'Body Filled Body Candy' - Auckland
Grey – Group Show 'Cloud 9' - Auckland
Copelouzos Family Art Museum – 'COV-ART Project'- Athens,GR
Galerie Biesenbach – Art Matters 3 online Group Show (Germany)
MADE - Mt Albert Art + design Exhibition
International Ceramic Biennale of Talavera (Spain)
Gallery Thirty Three - Ceramic show with Mandy Gargiulo
Auckland Art Fair
Föenander Galleries - Solo Show ft. Billy Apple 'It's a boy'-
Astor Bristed Gallery (Arrowtown)– Solo Show – 'In Plain Sight'
Wallace Gallery Morrinsville (WAA)
Pātaka Art+Museum (WAA)
Paragon Matter - Owhango Summer Sculpture Show
Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens Exhibition
Sarjeant Gallery – 'Corner Dairy'

2020

Craigs Aspiring Art Show – Wanaka
The Dowse Art Museum - ECC NZ Student Design/Craft Awards
Limn Gallery – Group show
Taranaki National Art Awards
Kings Collage Art Exhibition
New Zealand Painting & Printmaking Awards
Semicolon – Föenander Galleries

Föenander Galleries – Solo Show 'Relatively Fruity'
Par Homestead - Finalist for The Wallace Art Awards
Parkin Prize – NZ Academy of Fine Arts - Wellington
Mairangi Arts Centre
Auckland Art Fair - Virtual
The Vivian - Matakana
Corban Estate Arts Centre – 'Paint etc.'
Molly Morpeth Canaday Awards - Whakatane
Academy Galleries (WAA) - Queens Wharf, Wellington
Föenander Galleries – 'small work salon'
Millers O'Brien – 'Graduation Show' - Wellington
Craigs Aspiring Art Show – Wanaka

2019

Föenander Galleries - Group show - 'Ida Soleil'
Wallace Gallery Morrinsville (WAA)
The Dowse Art Museum - ECC NZ Student Design/ Craft Awards
Par Homestead - Finalist for The Wallace Art Awards
NKB Gallery
Parnell Gallery
Webbs - Eden Arts 2019
Lake House Arts - Ceramic Showcase

2018

The Dowse Art Museum - ECC NZ Student Design/Craft Awards
Sculpture Onshore 2018 - Auckland, NZ
Lake House Arts - Riley Consultants member exhibition
MADE - Mt Albert Art + design Exhibition
Great Art Sale - Lake house Arts
Par Homestead - Finalist for The Wallace Art Awards
The James Wallace Arts Trust - Wallace's Art Collection
No.1 Parnell - Rawene
VEFA - Exhibition of Fine Art
Royal Easter Show - ASB Show ground (Awarded a Merit)
Deport Artspace – Devonport

