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Kristin McKirdy  
April 25 — May 11, 2019  
25 avril — 11 mai, 2019



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Untited,  
Stoneware, glazes  
11 x 47 x 31 cm Unique

KRISTIN MCKIRDY

25 avril – 11 mai

Vernissage mercredi 24 avril, 17-21h

Kristin McKirdy présente pour la cinquième fois une exposition personnelle dans la galerie Pierre Marie Giraud à Bruxelles.

Les récentes sculptures et objets en céramique de Kristin McKirdy prennent de nouvelles dimensions et établissent des conversations avec les espaces architecturaux qui les accueillent. Pour Pierre Marie Giraud, McKirdy prend possession de la galerie avec de grandes compositions, des pièces murales et des claustra. Dans chacune de ses pièces on retrouve un jeu de textures juxtaposées caractéristique de son travail. Des engobes rugueux, des glaçures brillantes, des courbes et des coupes franches créent des effets de contrastes vibrants.

Kristin McKirdy compose des natures mortes contemporaines et met en lumière les tensions entre le naturel et le artificiel, le organique et le minéral, une coquille sombre et un noyau brillant. Inspirées par des formes naturelles et organiques, les sculptures de McKirdy rappellent des graines ou des fruits et sont empreintes de symbolisme. Dans son travail, les apparences peuvent être trompeuses et ses oeuvres d'un abord ludique sont à observer en profondeur, chaque strate ayant son importance.

L'exposition de Kristin McKirdy ouvre le 24 avril de 17h à 21h, à l'occasion de la Brussels Gallery Night, la veille de l'ouverture de la foire Art Brussels.

KRISTIN MCKIRDY

April 25 – May 11

Opening Wednesday April 24

Kristin McKirdy is presenting for the 5th time an individual exhibition at the gallery in Brussels.

Her recent ceramic production of sculptures and objects has expanded to architectural dimensions. For Pierre Marie Giraud, McKirdy is taking over the gallery spaces with large compositions, wall pieces, and partitions. Rough textures juxtaposed with sleek and shiny glazes creates vibrant dualities and eye-catching contrasts. Inspired by natural and organic forms, the shapes of McKirdy are reminiscent of seeds and fruits and infused with symbolism.

Kristin McKirdy captures contemporary still-lives and showcases the tensions between natural and man-made, organic and mineral, a dull shell and a bright core. In her work, appearances can be deceptive, and her seemingly playful artworks embed deeper layers of understanding.

The exhibition of Kristin McKirdy opens on April 24 from 5–9pm, on the occasion of Brussels Gallery Night, the day before the opening of the fair Art Brussels.



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Untitled, wall piece  
Stoneware, glazes  
126 x 140 x 12 cm  
Unique

Kristin McKirdy

Born in 1958 in Toronto, Canada  
Lives and works in Bois-Le-Roi, France

The ceramics of Kristin McKirdy have the playfulness, precision, and unidentifiable function of toys and proto-scientific artefacts. The Toronto-born, Paris-based ceramicist is known for her flat-cut geometric volumes in which dull and rough skins conceal sleek, gleaming, and colourful cores. Extremely skilled and precise with her glazes and textures, she carves and sculpts into the surface, scratching the outer layer as if it were exposed to a rough environment. Next to these worked surfaces, the inner core appears even more fragile and precious, an almond in its shell or the marrow of a bone.

Borrowing from the visual language of still life, McKirdy offers a filtered reality, where sizes and proportions are shifted, containers are full, and fruits are hard as stone, where colours and textures are carefully balanced. She proceeds with variations around simple themes and games of combinations, repetitions, and compositions. Fruits, icebergs, rocks, eggs, bowls, mortars, cups, bottles, and architectural elements are the many typologies from which she draws her inspiration, interpreted and rendered as sculptural objects.



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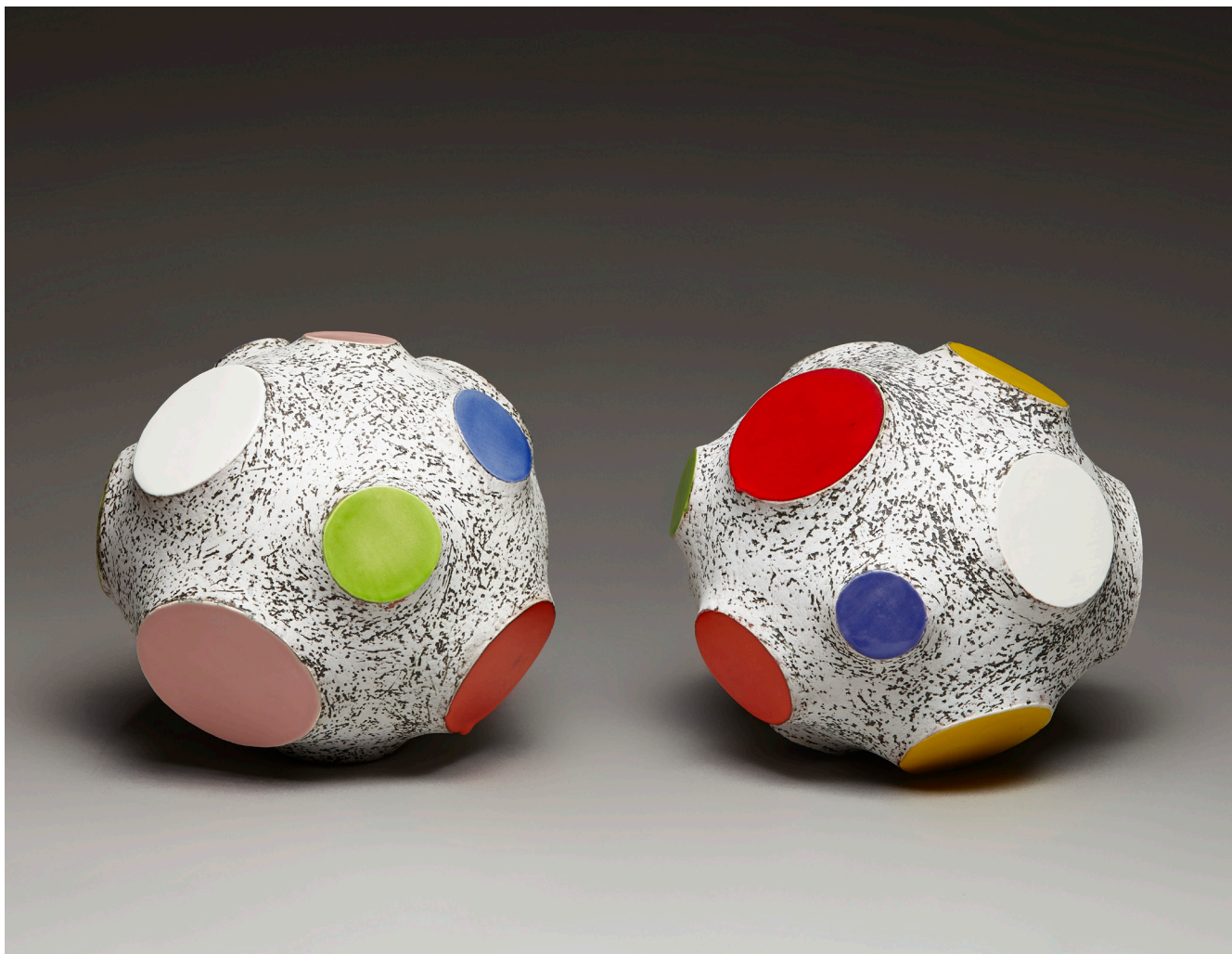
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**Kristin McKirdy**  
Atelier in Vallauris

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Untitled,  
Stoneware, glazes  
22 x 45 x 28 cm, Unique



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**Cibles**  
Stoneware, glazes  
16,5 x 37,5 x 37,5 cm and 16,5 x 36,5 x 36,5  
cm  
Unique

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Kristin McKirdy

May 17 - August 24

Martin Szekely

June 11 – 16

Design Miami/ Basel

September 5 – 8

Brussels Gallery Weekend

September 5 – October 5

Daisuke Iguchi

October 11 – November 2

Takuro Kuwata

November 8 – December 30

Michaël Verheyden

December 13 – TBC

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