# FRANCES KEEVIL

### JAN HOWLIN

'Clay is my building material and my paint. I love it for its sculptural potential and its capacity to embody the ideas I like to invest in the making. It's a very physical experience working with clay, and often an exploratory one, because as the issues that motivate the pieces change, so do the techniques and processes involved.

I hope that the works I make - despite their generally domestic scale -possess stature, meaning, personality and sometimes humour. I hope that through some quiet power they can stand up and be seen, tell their stories, and make very human connections with people.'

Sydney-based artist Jan Howlin makes sculptural ceramics that present ideas and meaning through form. Her subject matter ranges from the everyday and personal, to the environmental and political.

Trained at Sydney College of the Arts, she completed a Bachelor of Visual Arts, Honours I, in 2006, and a Master of Fine Arts in 2010. She has since maintained a full-time creative practice working from One+2 Artist Studios in Balmain and exhibited regularly.

#### EDUCATION

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|                      | 2008 - 2010 | Master of Fine Arts (ceramics) Sydney College of the Arts                    |
|                      | 2004 - 2006 | Bachelor of Visual Arts, Honours I (ceramics) Sydney College of the Arts     |
|                      | 1971 - 1975 | Diploma of Graphic Design, Randwick School of Design                         |
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| EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS |             |  |
|                      | 2024        | Linked, Frances Keevil at Studio W, Woolloomooloo                            |
|                      | 2021        | <i>Skylarks</i> , Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Newtown                               |
|                      |             | Tree Dimensions, Wellington Gallery, Waterloo                                |
|                      | 2020        | Resilient Objects, SCA, University of Sydney                                 |
|                      |             | Alchemy Sculptural Ceramics, Kerrie Lowe Gallery                             |
|                      | 2019        | The Last Picture Show, Frances Keevil Gallery, Double Bay                    |
|                      |             | Place Less, M16 Artspace, Canberra   |
|                      |             | A Sense of Place, Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Newtown                               |
|                      | 2018        | End of Year Exhibition, Frances Keevil Gallery, Double Bay                   |
|                      |             | Triumph of Venus, Frances Keevil Gallery, Double Bay                         |
|                      |             | Finalist, The Waterhouse Art Prize, South Australian Museum                  |
|                      |             | LOOT! Solo show at Saint Cloche Gallery, Paddington                          |
|                      | 2017        | ANIMOLOGY, Saint Cloche Gallery, Paddington                                  |
|                      |             | Finalist, Brisbane Art Prize   |
|                      |             | Sculpture Show, Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Newtown                                 |
|                      | 2016        | Form/Structure/Surface, Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Newtown                         |
|                      |             | <i>Clay Marks</i> , Kerrie Lowe Gallery, Newtown                             |
|                      |             | Pret-a-Paws, Saint Cloche Gallery, Paddington                                |
|                      |             | Elements, Saint Cloche Gallery, Paddington                                   |
|                      | 2015        | Black Line Boogie, Saint Cloche Gallery, Paddington                          |
|                      |             | HarbourSculpture, Woolwich Deckhouse   |
|                      |             | Cactus works in Cactus Wonderland, Saint Cloche, Paddington                  |
|                      | 2014        | Love Letters, Frances Keevil Gallery, Double Bay                             |
|                      |             | Contemporary Porcelain, Kerrie Lowe Gallery                                  |
|                      | 2013        | Camouflage Cultures, Sydney College of the Arts                              |
|                      |             | Finalist, North Sydney Art Prize, North Sydney                               |
|                      | 2012        | Finalist, Fauvette Laureiro Memorial Artists Travelling Scholarship, SCA     |
|                      | 2011        | The Narrative Knot- Stories in Ceramics, Manly Art Gallery & Museum          |
|                      |             | Making their Own Way, Kerrie Lowe Gallery                                    |
|                      |             | Contemporary Work by Recent Graduates of SCA, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery |
|                      |             | Show of Care, Solo exhibition, Salerno Gallery, Glebe                        |
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| 2011        | A Fresh Perspective, Kerrie Lowe Gallery, King St, Newtown                            |
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|             | Greatest Hits Volume 2, Verge Gallery, City Road, Newtown                             |
| 2010        | Show of Care, Masters Graduation Show, Sydney College of the Arts, Rozelle            |
|             | Read my Cups, exhibited in Utility? Untold, Sydney College of the Arts, Rozelle       |
| 2009        | Co-curator, Young Guns, Sydney College of the Arts, Rozelle, 15-29 July               |
|             | Pourers, group exhibition at Object Gallery, Sydney                                   |
|             | NYOU, selected SCA group exhibition, Horus and Deloris Contemporary Art Space, Sydney |
|             | SET, group exhibition, Delmar Gallery, Ashfield, Sydney                               |
| 2008 - 2009 | APA Research Scholarship, University of Sydney  |
| 2006        | Honours Graduation Show, Sydney College of the Arts, Rozelle                          |
|             | Clay Station 8, Group Show, Horus & Deloris Contemporary Art Space, Pyrmont, Sydney   |
|             | Tacit Tactics Exhibition, SCA Galleries   |
|             | University of Sydney Honours Scholarship  |
| 2005        | Graduation show, Sydney College of the Arts   |
|             | Continuing Undergraduate Scholarship, University of Sydney                            |

#### WRITING ON CERAMICS

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2012 - Nov Les Blakebrough, 'They wanted someone who could get things done. 'The Journal of Australian Ceramics, Vol 513

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2009 History & Herstory, From East to West: A Hop, Skip and a Hurdle, Ceramic Art and Perception, Issue 77