

Rebecca throwing 20/08/2020

Welcome to this new term, this weeks hand out is about a thrower called Sophie Mc Carthy, who is based in Stoke Newington. I hope you are keeping well and looking after your self.

Sophie Mc Carthy



Bowl Sophie Mc Carthy

Sophie Mc Carthy has a studio at the Chocolate Factory. She has been making pottery by throwing mugs and bowls. She has been making for over thirty five years. She uses coloured slips to create a bold use of colour. Using a technique she has developed, using stencils, wax resist, sgraffito and sponging, she paints the coloured slips onto the dry surface of her thrown vessels. Due to the dry surface the liquid is quickly absorbed, which creates a tonal depth with varying degrees of thickness.



Plate Sophie Mc Carthy

She says of her work ' Sometimes I will see a beautiful arrangement of leaves and stalks blown against a kerb side or around a drain grid. Sometimes I will marvel at leaves in a puddle with the sky reflecting. Other motifs I use are birds and fish; birds because I love their silhouettes and fish, also for their silhouettes but also because of the way they express movement'.

She creates distinctive imagery on her work which is drawn from the natural world and the urban environment. She throws vases, mugs, bowls, platters and plates. Her work is priced from £35.00 for a mug and £450.00 for a platter, up to £600.00 for a large bowl, 51cm.



Jugs Olives and Leaves Sophie Mc Carthy

Sophie Mc Carthy sells her work from her studio and from galleries including Contemporary Ceramic Centre, London ; Charleston Farm House, Lewes , East Sussex; Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh; Leigh Gallery, Hastings. She has a website, is on face book and linked in . She is a member of the Crafts Potters Association.