Large Print Guide Kai Althoff goes with Bernard Leach

7 October 2020 – 10 January 2021



Galleries 1, 8 & 9
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This document includes large print of the exhibition guide for **Kai Althoff goes with Bernard Leach.** This includes a short introduction to the exhibition, as well as a list of all artworks included in the show.

The document begins with an introduction to the exhibition, before moving onto a list of works in Galleries 1, 9 and 8.

Kai Althoff goes with Bernard Leach

This is Kai Althoff's first institutional show in London. He was born in 1966 in Cologne, Germany.

From the very beginning of planning this show, the artist talked of Bernard Leach and his deeply rooted love for the work of this man, extending to his writing and thought, which is intangible anyhow. After all, Kai Althoff says, would he not have become what he is now, he would have pursued being a potter as well. Instead, he has always been drawing and painting, making things including music — yet never a 'pot proper'.

Later on, as adulthood was imposed, the work generated by him, was to be integrated into, and had to submit to (by all means) a conceptual and intellectual meandering path to follow. Which was highly praised and entertained as much as it was a luxury of thinking and spoke of liberation towards what art is or can be. Later, the same penetration of thought Document continues.

would reveal certain weak standing. Or the penetration as such became a stale means to cover its feebleness. If all is style and style is the content, then what? (Yes, there is something to follow, which is inevitably of huge attraction too!)

Now what is left is the content of these works, and their execution is often enough not even bothered to be probed under the tutelage of a certain intellectualism once hailed as told above. It is as if the side-paths have been overgrown and forgotten, as history tends to do.

May Kai Althoff's work benefit from this or not, the public is to say.

Often presented in environments specifically thought out for the venues of his work's surveys, he acts sparsely regarding such here, for almost economical reason. The work will be presented in three galleries. One will be able to look closely at paintings and works on paper, ephemera and sculptural work, using all kinds of material, notably fabric, clay, cardboard and Document continues.

objects found. Many have talked of the content, if figurative, of which there is a lot, as telling stories. Indeed, many stories, as he admits, are made up in the head of this man. And the work is depicting things. Really showing things everyone can understand, as they speak of the human condition, if at best, with a blandness, only a man with a deeply malignant proliferation of total faith would allow himself to employ in his work to illustrate such condition. And so it appears, that more than often Kai Althoff seems inhabited by just such faith, even if only at times of executing what is constituting the work we see of his. This Faith, the Spiritual, the beatenup, cud-chewing folklore often detected by some in his work, is utilized to accompany him through life, as otherwise he finds it unbearable. This ultimately turns it into objects to be used, like icons, idols, dolls, representing those absent and dead, Gods and men alike, things to look at and immerse oneself in when all words fail, imagery to worship or degrade, to help to summon all necessary to prevail. A vessel.

Bernard Leach made objects that can be all the above, as they are usable and their function quite clear, yet as they were made by a man who understood people's (including Kai Althoff's) need for all the above so much, always exceeded their mere purpose eternally. He knew the content in his case was often physical, but predestined throughout their handling, the everyday usage, they will become part of a life to such significant degree, that they will grow a soul on their own within the heart of the one to use them. And his own soul fed to them already, as of the day he made these, to merge with those to use his pots. Of course he was well aware of good Folk-art's immense power. After all, this was first. It was always first. And he was able to judge such power like not many others.

In the third gallery on the second floor, Kai Althoff will present pots by Bernard Leach. For this purpose he had vitrines made and a cloth woven by his friend and fellow artist, Travis Josef Meinolf, upon which they will be shown. The works will include loans from such institutions as the Tate, the Victoria and Albert Document continues.

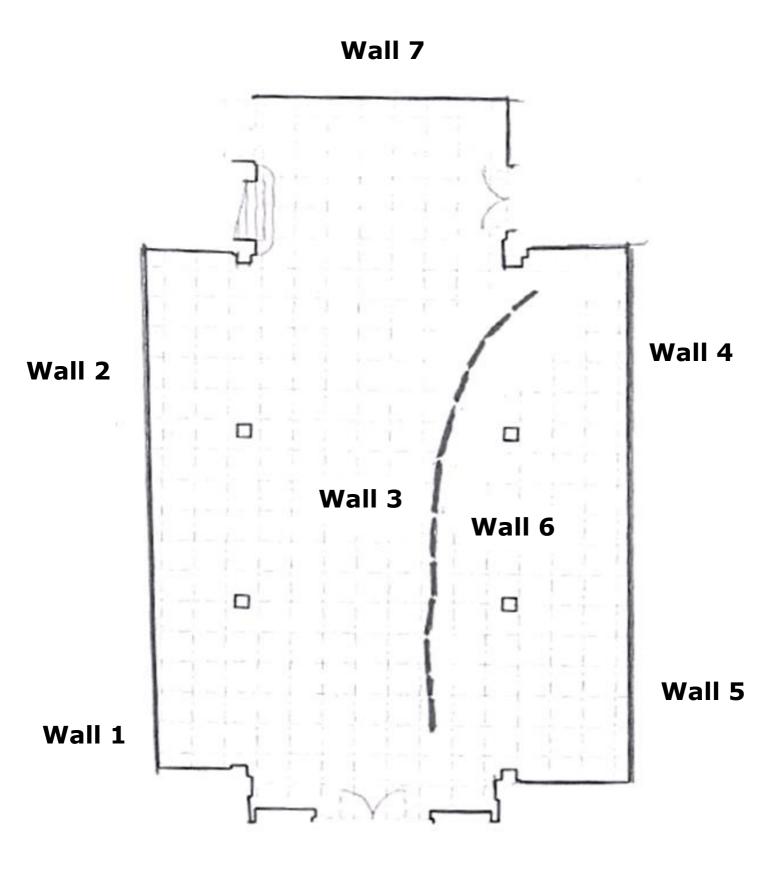
Museum, the Crafts Study Centre, Farnham, and various other most generous lenders.

As Kai Althoff says, he wishes his painting to function ideally like one of Bernard Leach's pots. There is an aching, apparent naivety to wish for such a thing. And as if to acknowledge that, the artist notes the huge difference in problems rooted in society, its collective consciousness, and so forth, he assumes were encountered by Bernard Leach in his lifetime (trying to derive such from his writings) and those he faces himself. Yet obviously he wishes his work to be measured by the same standards, casting away the world's changes and its newborn('s) awareness. There must be a reason why he chooses to do so. I think he wants to rather go with Bernard Leach, than follow another Idol, however promising, when he seizes to understand and accept a future long begun.

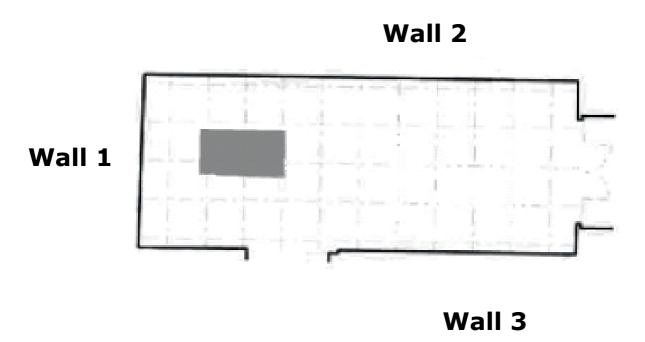
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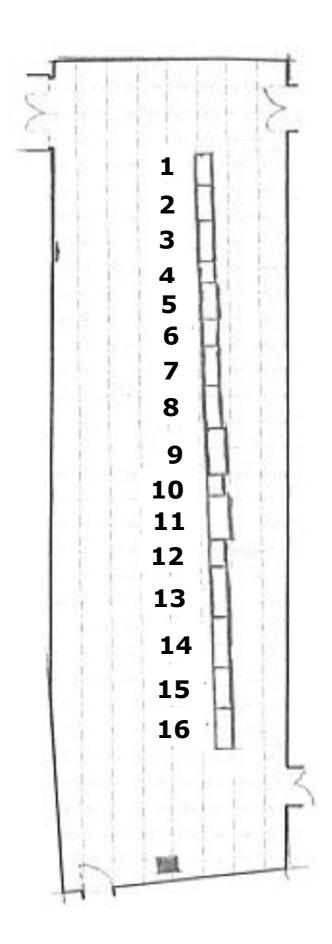
Gallery 1



Gallery 9



Gallery 8



Gallery 1

Wall 1

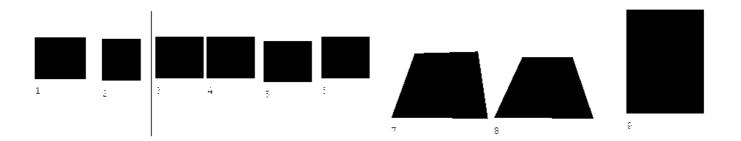
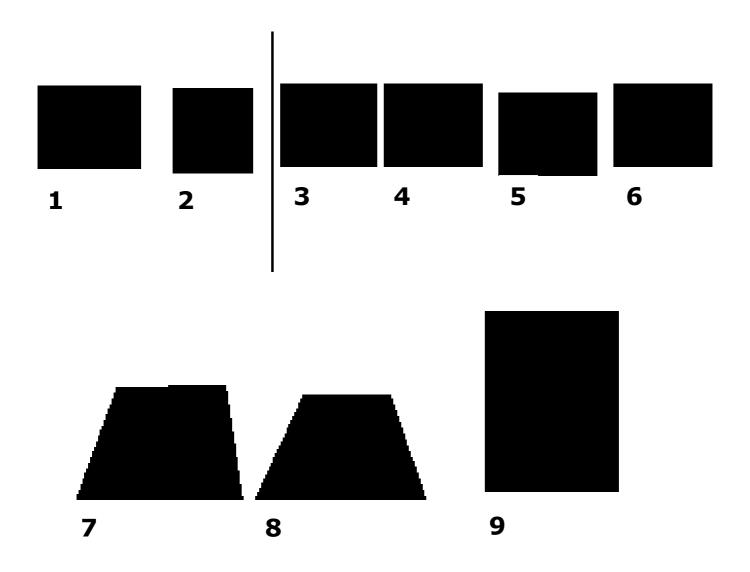


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2018

Oil, gouache and ink on paper Courtesy the artist; Michael Werner Gallery, New York and London; Gladstone Gallery, New York and Brussels; and TRAMPS

2. Untitled

2017

Oil, gouache and ink on paper Collection of Jack Bankowsky

3. Untitled

2018

Oil, gouache and ink on paper
Collection of Marguerite
Steed Hoffman

2018

Oil, gouache and ink on paper

Collection of Gordon VeneKlasen

5. Untitled

2018

Oil, gouache and ink on paper

Collection of Mary and

Harold Zlot

6. Untitled

2018

Oil, gouache and ink on paper

The Rachofsky Collection

7. Untitled

2014

Oil and enamel on linen

Private collection

2014

Oil and varnish on fabric Private collection

9. Schloom

1998

Felt tip pen, pencil, sellotape and fabric tape on paper Private collection, Cologne

Wall 2

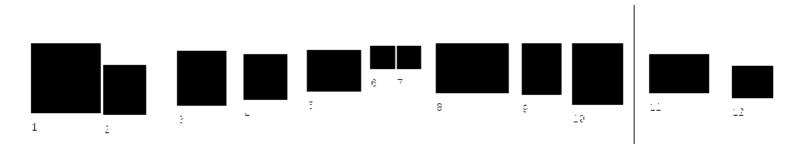
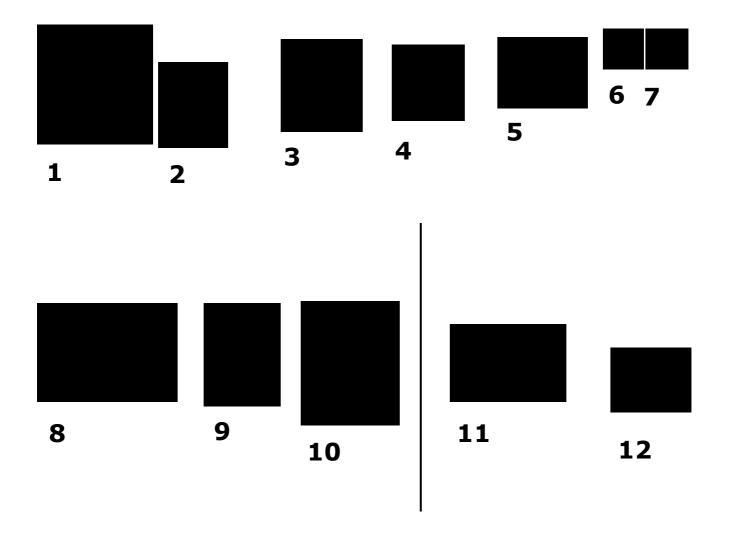


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2015

Pencil, oil pastel, oil paint and watercolour on paper Private collection, New York

2. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Courtesy the artist; Michael
Werner Gallery, New York and
London; Gladstone Gallery, New
York and Brussels; and TRAMPS

3. Untitled

2004

Oil and varnished paper on fabric The Rachofsky Collection

1991

Acrylic and water-based paint, crayon, pencil and wax on paper Private collection

5. Das Fleisch seiner Knochen[The flesh of his bones]2002

Spar varnish, paper on canvas, cardboard, watercolour, varnish and lacquer
Slg. Wilhelm Otto Nachf

6. Untitled from Hau ab Du Scheusal [Get away, you monster]

2000

Watercolour on paper

Private collection

7. Untitled from Hau ab Du Scheusal

[Get away, you monster]

2000

Watercolour on paper

Private collection

8. Untitled

2010

Coloured pencil, pencil and

blueberries on paper

Collection of Martin and

Rebecca Eisenberg

9. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Collection of

Marguerite Steed Hoffman

2019

Oil on fabric

Private collection

11. Untitled

2017

Oil, gouache and ink on paper

Roman Family Collection

12. Untitled from Hakelhug

1996

Mixed media on paper

Private collection

Wall 3

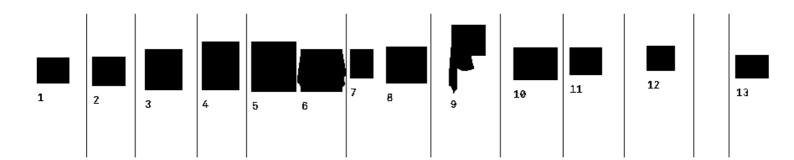
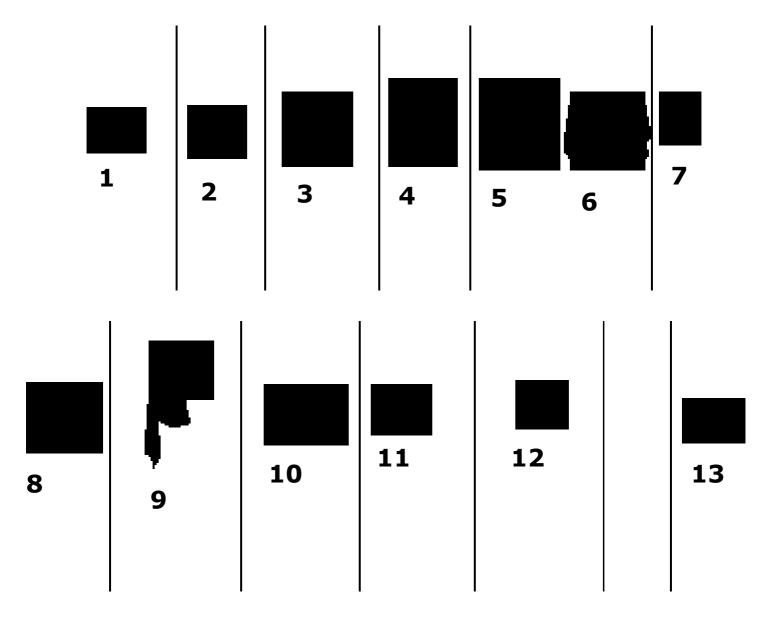


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Oil on linen

Courtesy the artist; Michael

Werner Gallery, New York and

London; Gladstone Gallery, New

York and Brussels; and TRAMPS

2. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Courtesy the artist; Michael

Werner Gallery, New York and

London; Gladstone Gallery, New

York and Brussels; and TRAMPS

3. Untitled

2020

Oil on fabric

Collection of the artist

2002

Lambswool on cotton

Private collection

5. Untitled

2017

Oil on linen

Private collection

6. Big Ben

2004

Synthetic polymer paint, oil, plastic wrap, boat varnish and fabric on paper on fabric
The Craig Robins Collection

7. Untitled

2019

Oil on fabric

Collection of the artist

2018

Oil, gold leaf and ink on paper Courtesy the artist; Michael Werner Gallery, New York and London; Gladstone Gallery, New York and Brussels; and TRAMPS

9. Untitled

2004

Oil and paint on fabric Collection of Martin and Rebecca Eisenberg

10. Liebe [Love]

2002

Boat lacquer and gift wrapping paper on paper on canvas with fabric border
Private collection

2019

Oil on fabric

Private collection

12. Untitled

2017

Oil and oil pastel on linen

Private collection

13. Untitled

1981

Ink, watercolour, paper and mixed media on paper
Collection of the artist

Wall 4

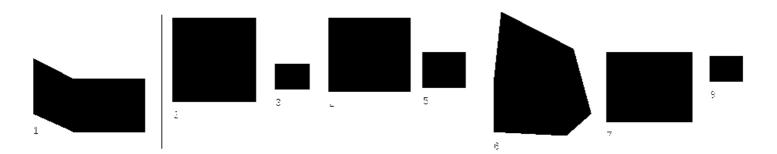
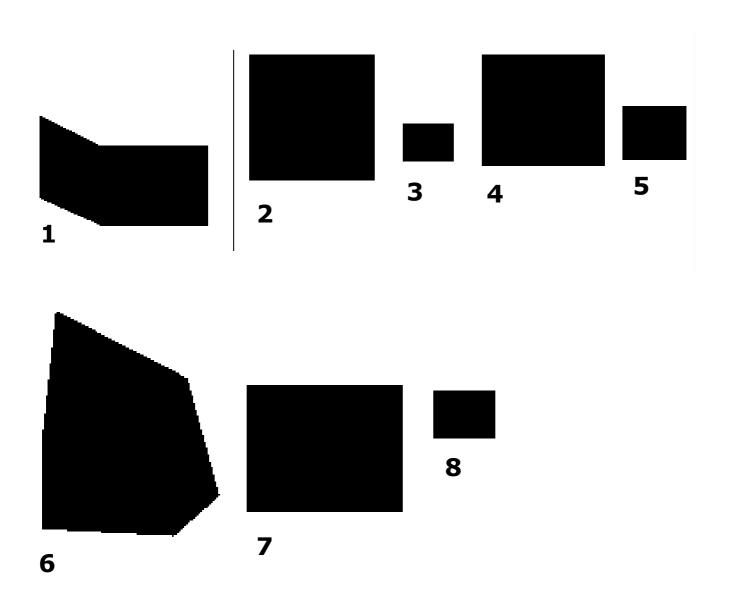


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2014

Oil and varnish on fabric

Private collection

2. Untitled

2014

Oil and oil pastel on fabric

Private collection

3. Untitled

1999

Coloured pencil and pencil on

paper

Private collection

4. Untitled

2010

Coloured pencil, tea, sticker, unspun sheep wool and gold pigment on paper
Ringier Collection, Switzerland

5. Gesund werden [Recovering]1980

Ink, coloured pen, coloured pencil, wax crayon, poster tempera, gouache, offset lithograph, cut-and-pasted paper and aluminium foil on paper Collection of the artist

6. Untitled

2012

Synthetic polymer, tempera and varnish on fabric Private collection

7. Untitled

1993

Silhouette on cardboard, parchment, acrylic paint, water-based paint and wax Collection of the artist

8. Untitled (Grazing)

2001

Watercolour, gouache and boat varnish on paper on canvas The Craig Robins Collection

Wall 5

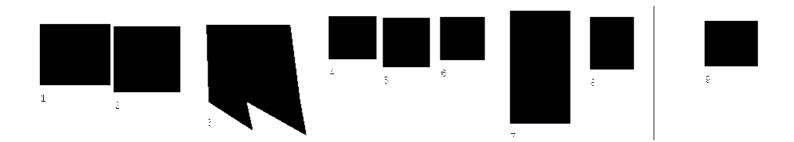
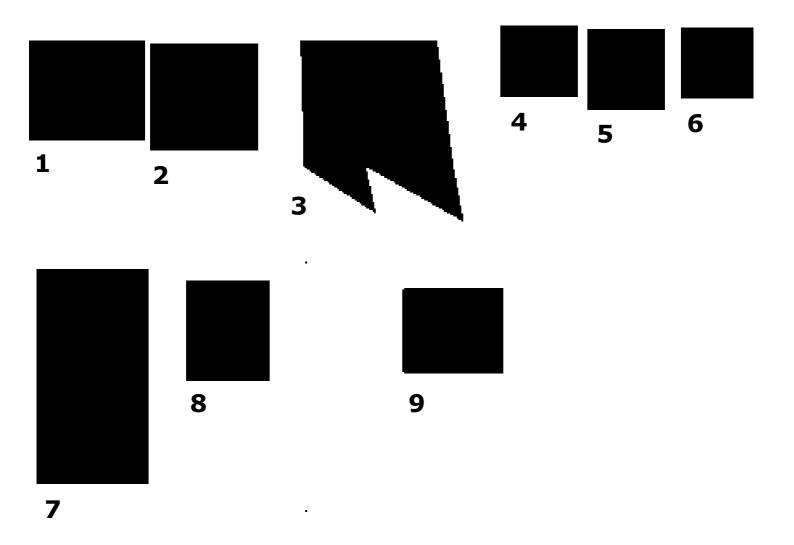


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Untitled from Solo für eine befallene Trompete [Solo for an afflicted trumpet]
 2005
 Oil and enamel on fabric

The Craig Robins Collection

2. Untitled

2017

Oil on linen

Private collection, London

3. Untitled

2020

Oil on fabric

Collection of the artist

4. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Private collection, San Francisco

2019

Oil on fabric

Courtesy the artist and

Galerie Neu

6. Untitled

2015

Pencil and coloured pencil

on paper

Collection of the artist

7. Untitled from Immo

2003

Collage, fabric, silk and rayon

twist fringe, paper

Ringier Collection, Switzerland

8. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Collection of Marco Rossi, Torino

2018

Oil, oil pastel and ink on paper

Private collection

Wall 6

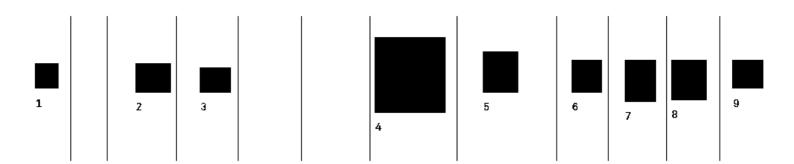
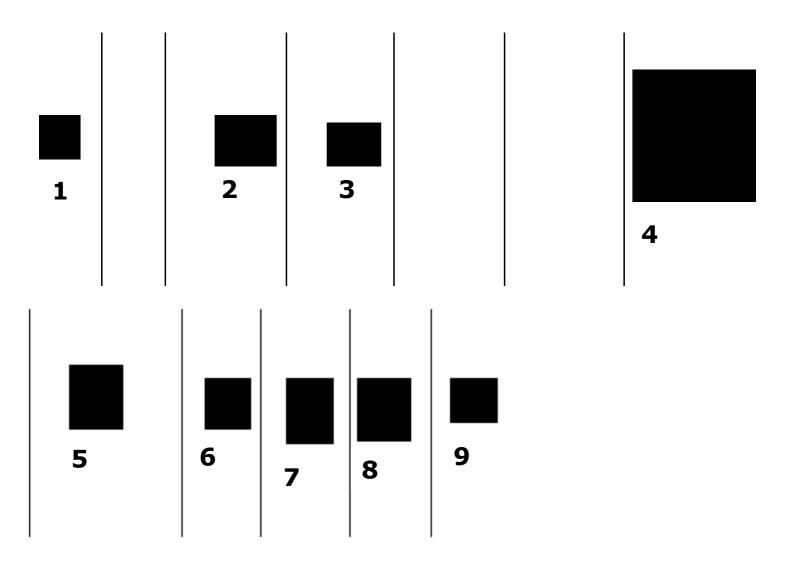


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2017

Oil on linen

Private collection

2. Die Beziehung = dreier Personen

[The relationship = three people]

1981

Poster tempera, watercolour,

ink and collage on paper in

artist's frame

Private collection, USA

3. Der zweifelnde Thomas

[Doubting Thomas]

2002

Boat lacquer, paper on canvas,

lacquer and varnish

The Sandra and Giancarlo

Bonollo Collection

2015

Oil, varnish and oil crayon

on fabric

Cranford Collection, London

5. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Collection of Beth Swofford

6. Der beste Ausweg

[The best way out]

2002

Enamel, cut paper, offset

lithograph, gouache, boat varnish

and scorch marks on paper on

canvas with fabric border

Roman Family Collection

7. Saint Nicholas of Myra

2002

Boat lacquer, lacquer, watercolour and varnish on paper mounted on canvas
Private collection, Switzerland

8. Untitled

2017

Oil on linen

Courtesy the artist; Michael

Werner Gallery, New York and

London; Gladstone Gallery, New

York and Brussels; and TRAMPS

9. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Private collection, Switzerland

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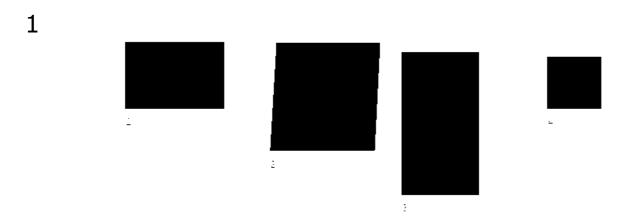
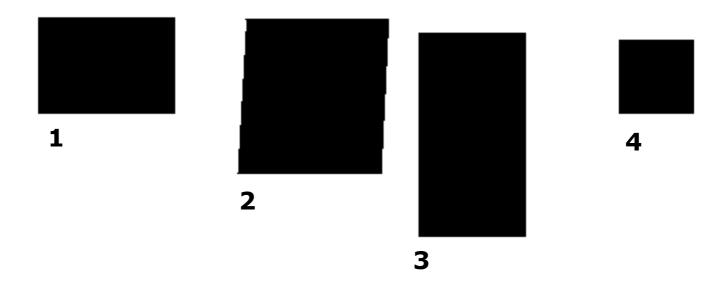


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2018

Oil and ink on paper Roman Family Collection

2. Untitled

2014

Oil and varnish on fabric Private collection

3. Untitled

1997

Felt tip pen and pencil on packing paper, sellotape Courtesy Gladstone Gallery, New York and Brussels

4. Untitled

2019

Oil on fabric

Collection of the artist

Ground floor back corridor

Selection of materials from the artist's studio

1960s-present

Cardboard, fabric, wool and mixed media masks and shadow puppets; photographs; printed exhibition invitations and posters; record sleeves; ink, pencil, coloured pencil and mixed media works on paper

Collection of the artist

Gallery 9

Wall 1



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1. Untitled

2004

Spray enamel on silk

Collection of Beth Swofford

2. Untitled (Olympic Gestures)

1985

Coloured pencil, pencil, tempera, collage and faeces on paper Collection of the artist

3. Untitled

1993

Black and white photograph

Collection of the artist

4. Oxshott

1990

Paint and collage on paper

Private collection

Wall 2

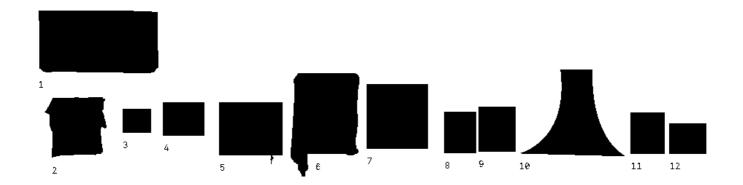
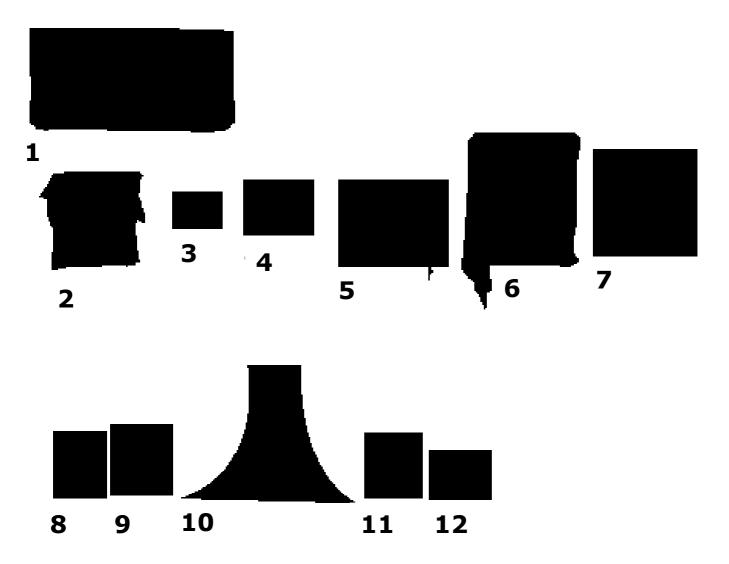


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Toralfs Linderung durch die neue Geborgen heit, die die Eltern erfanden [Toralf's relief from the new feeling of security that his parents fabricated]
 1998
 Cotton and felt
 The Craig Robins Collection

Untitled from Solo für eine befallene Trompete [Solo for an afflicted trumpet]
 2005
 Synthetic polymer paint, poster tempura, plastic foil and fabric on fabric
 The Craig Robins Collection

3. Norma and Heather

1983

Watercolour, poster tempera and pencil on paper mounted on silk Collection of the artist

4. Untitled

c. 1978-79

Watercolour and pen on paper

5. Untitled

2007

Oil, latex and dispersion

on fabric

Slg. Wilhelm Otto Nachf

 Untitled from Solo für eine befallene Trompete [Solo for an afflicted trumpet]
 2005

Enamel, oil, acrylic and iridescent pigment on fabric draped over wood stretcher frame The Craig Robins Collection

7. Untitled

2010

Oil and enamel on wool

Collection of Margaret and

Daniel S. Loeb

8. Untitled

2016

Layout felt tip pen on paper
Courtesy the artist and Gladstone
Gallery, New York and Brussels

9. Abend [Evening]

2018

Oil on linen

Courtesy the artist; Michael

Werner Gallery, New York and

London; Gladstone Gallery, New

York and Brussels; and TRAMPS

10. Untitled

2014

Pencil, oil crayon and wet crayon on paper, collage and linseed oil

on paper

Collection of Gordon VeneKlasen

11. Untitled

2015-16

Pencil and coloured pencil

on paper

Ringier Collection, Switzerland

Sleep in the Hills (My son David)

1918

Ink wash on paper

Victoria and Albert Museum

Wall 3

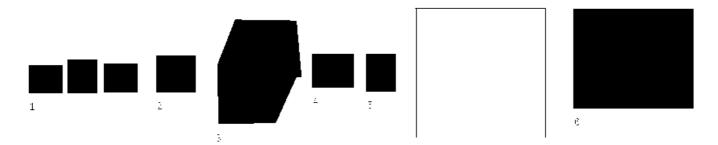
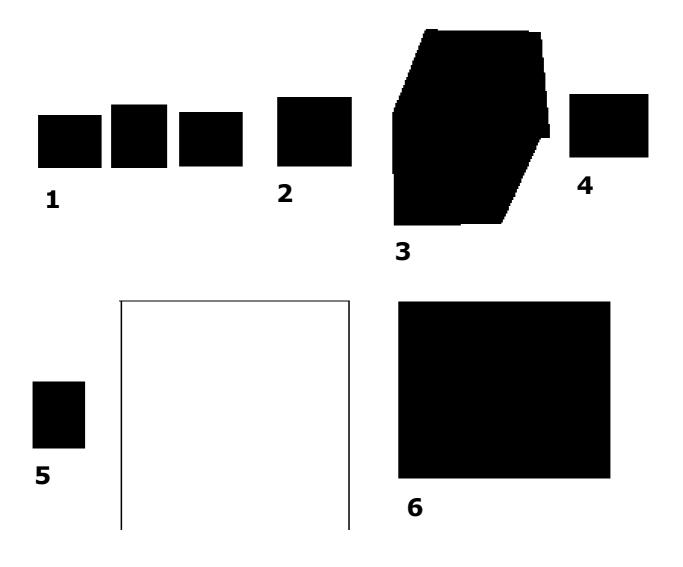


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1. Uwe: auf guten Rat folgt

Missetat [Uwe: good advice

follows iniquity]

1994

Coloured pencil and gouache

on paper

In three parts

Collection of Daniel Buchholz

and Christopher Müller

2. Untitled

2017

Oil on linen

Private collection

3. Untitled

2014

Oil, oil crayon, enamel and

acrylic medium on fabric

Collection of the artist

4. Untitled

2017

Ink and pencil on paper

Private collection

5. Untitled

2018

Oil on linen

Collection of Aliki Martinou

6. Untitled

2014

Coloured pencil and felt tip pen

on paper

Roman Family Collection

Table:

Selection of drawings

1970s-present

Ink, pencil, coloured pencil

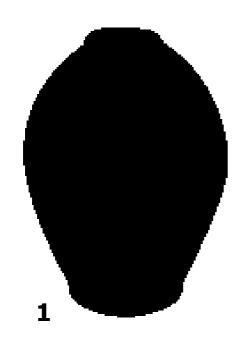
and mixed media on paper

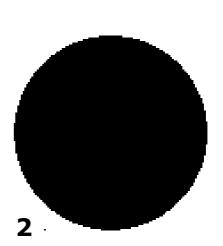
Collection of the artist

Gallery 8

Display Cases

1.





1. Bernard Leach

Vase: Solomon Amongst the Lilies

1926

Stoneware with grey glaze

and brown decoration

Leicester Arts and Museums

Service

Dish

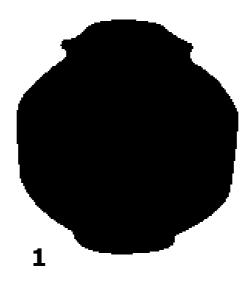
1926

Earthenware with brushed slip

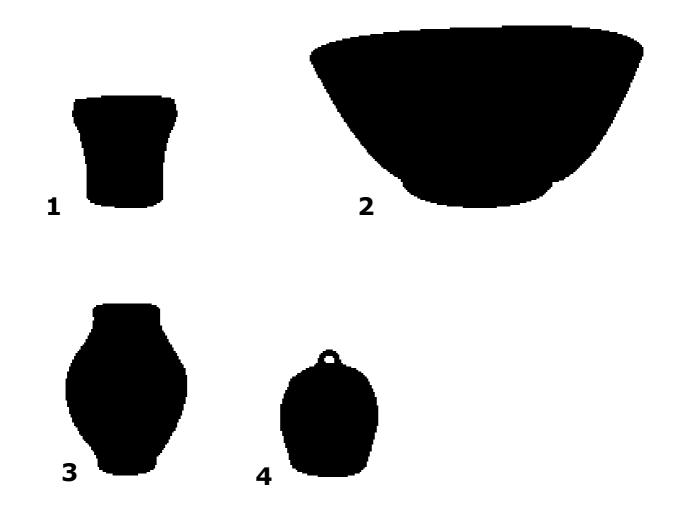
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Bernard Leach Jar and cover 1960s Stoneware with tenmoku glaze Collection of Alistair Hawtin



Bernard Leach Vase, 1913 Raku with white blue and red glaze and incised decoration Victoria and Albert Museum

Bowl

1940

Porcelain with cream, beige and black glaze and Korean washerwoman decoration Victoria and Albert Museum. Given by Miss Madeline Whyte

3. Bernard Leach

Vase

1923

Earthenware with slip
and incised tree decoration
Ar fenthyg gan / Lent by
Amgueddfa Cymru –
National Museum Wales

Honey jar and cover

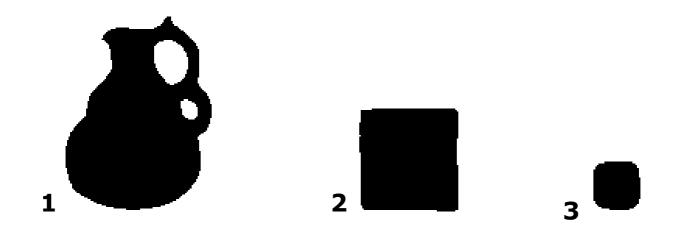
1964

Stoneware with incised decoration

Ar fenthyg gan / Lent by

Amgueddfa Cymru -

National Museum Wales



Bernard Leach Three-tiered jug 1912/13 Stoneware with white glaze and brushed butterfly and flower decoration Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts

Tile

c. 1928

Fireclay with white glaze
and brushed oxide bell fl ower
decoration
Crafts Study Centre, University
for the Creative Arts

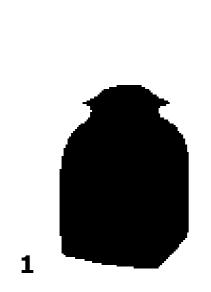
3. Bernard Leach

Brooch

1935

Earthenware brooch in silver mount with bell flower decoration Private collection

5.





1. Bernard Leach

Tea caddy

c. 1924

Stoneware with Tessha glaze

overall

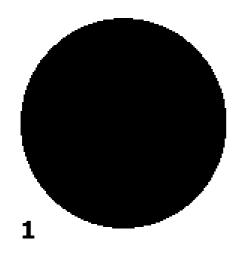
Crafts Study Centre, University

for the Creative Arts

Jug

c. 1960

Reduced stoneware with light olive ash glaze
Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts





Dish

1936

Stoneware with incised

fish decoration

Leicester Arts and

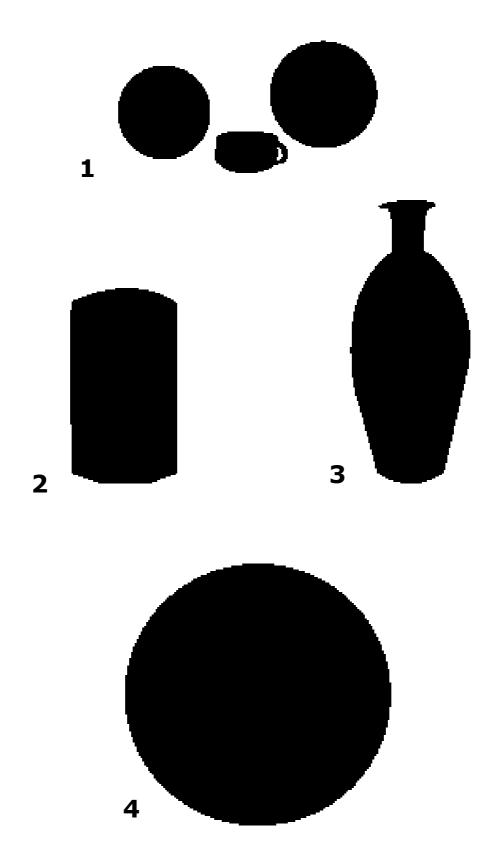
Museums Service

2. Attributed to Bernard Leach

Teapot

c. 1945

Stoneware with translucent glaze and dark olive slip decoration Collection of Alistair Hawtin



Cup, saucer & plate

1920s

Stoneware with grey ash glaze and

brushed decoration

The Syndics of the Fitzwilliam

Museum, University of Cambridge

3. Bernard Leach

Bottle

1940s-70s

Porcelain with translucent glaze

The Syndics of the Fitzwilliam

Museum, University of Cambridge

4. Bernard Leach

Dish

c. 1934

Earthenware with slip-trailed

decoration

The Syndics of the Fitzwilliam

Museum, University of Cambridge







Jar

1936

Stoneware with dark brown glaze

Leicester Arts and

Museums Service

Jug

1953 (April)

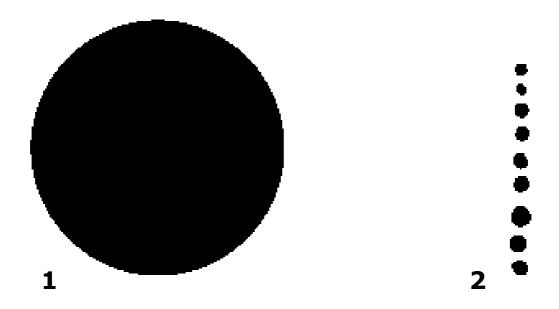
Stoneware with grey glaze and brushed and incised decoration Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts

3. Bernard Leach

Dish

1935

Stoneware with celadon glaze and brushed swallow decoration
Crafts Study Centre, University
for the Creative Arts



Dish

1932

Earthenware with brushed slip shadow puppet decoration Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts

Buttons

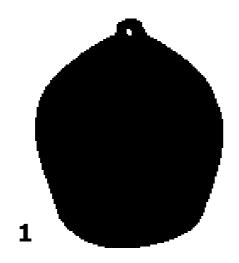
1930s-50s

Stoneware buttons with

various glazes

Private collection

10.





Bernard Leach Lidded Jar 1960 Stoneware with tenmoku glaze Crafts Study Centre, University

for the Creative Arts

Buttons

1930s-50s

Stoneware buttons

with various glazes

Private collection

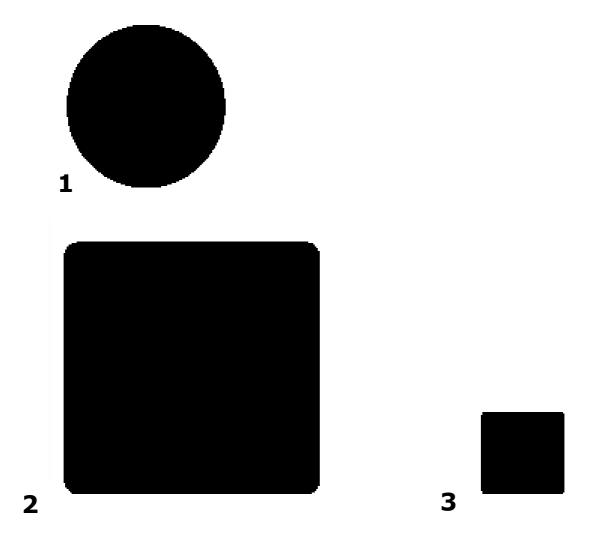
3. Bernard Leach

Square plaque

1935

Slipware with dark brown glaze and yellow and brown decoration Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts

11.



1. Bernard Leach

Dish

1920s

Earthenware with brushed slip decoration

Crafts Study Centre, University

for the Creative Arts

Tile panel

1938

Stoneware with oatmeal glaze and brown decoration Victoria and Albert Museum. Given by Bernard Leach

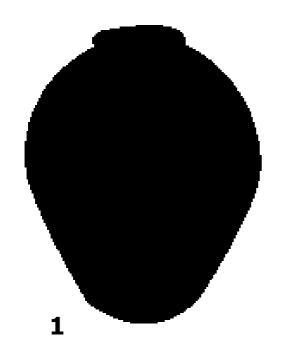
3. Bernard Leach

Conjoined fi sh tile

1936

Stoneware with black slip and incised decoration
Collection of Alistair Hawtin

12.





1. Bernard Leach

Large Jar

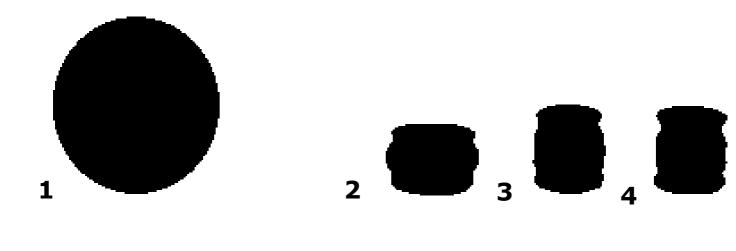
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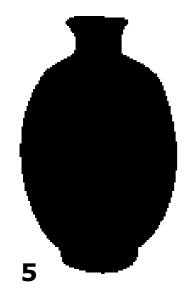
Stoneware with speckled ground and tree of life decoration
British Council Collection

Bowl

c. 1930

Stoneware bowl with black slip and brush decoration Ceramics Collection, School of Art Museum and Galleries, Aberystwyth University





c. 1925

Raku vase in white body with blue, yellow and green pigment decoration
Ceramics Collection, School of Art Museum and Galleries,
Aberystwyth University

2. Bernard Leach

Pot

c. 1925

Raku vase in white body with blue, yellow and green pigment decoration

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Vase

c. 1925

Raku vase in white body with blue, yellow and green pigment decoration
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4. Bernard Leach

Vase

c. 1925

Raku vase in white body with blue, yellow and green pigment decoration

Ceramics Collection, School of Art Museum and Galleries, Aberystwyth University

Bottle

1966-67

Stoneware with slip decoration and transparent glaze
Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts

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1. Bernard Leach

Vase

c. 1955

Stoneware with incised decoration

Tate: Accepted by HM Government

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Square dish

1950

Porcelain with brushed decoration, possibly depicting the haiman wild flower or fish hanging up to dry
Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts

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1. Bernard Leach

Jar

1917

Raku with trailed red and blue slip decoration
Crafts Study Centre, University for the Creative Arts

Tile

1935

Reduced stoneware with black slip and incised bird decoration

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3. Bernard Leach

Vase

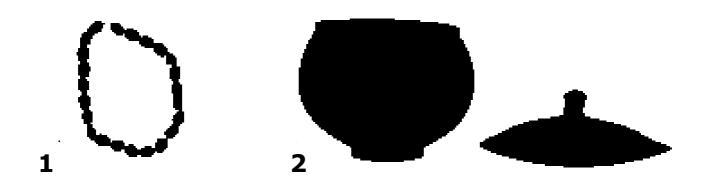
1920s-30s

Earthenware with brushed slip

decoration

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for the Creative Arts



Necklace

1950s

Porcelain beads shaped like cowrie shells with celadon glaze Private collection

Lidded pot

c. 1935

Reduced stoneware with brushed decoration

Tate: Accepted by HM Government in lieu of inheritance tax and allocated to Tate, 2005



Kai Althoff
Untitled
2011
Fabric, India ink, oil, wool
and modelling clay on iron and
wood base
Private collection

Wall

Kai Althoff

Untitled

c. 1969

Felt tip pen on paper

Collection of the artist

Display Cases

Designed by Kai Althoff

2020

Steel, wood, glass,

wax and paint

Display Case fabric

Travis Meinolf

Woven textile

2020

Wool, alpaca wool, silk,

mixed media

Private collection

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