Robert Cooper

Robert Cooper is fascinated by the persistence of artefacts and ideas. He often uses found objects, such as pottery shards from the Thames foreshore, in a collage way as a starting point for his work.

Historical objects spark ideas and Cooper is interested in the juxtaposition of contemporary ideas with the past; updating, upcycling and acknowledging story telling through surface pattern, surfaces and imagery.

Education

MA Ceramics Royal College of Art, London, 1979 BA (Hons) Interior Design, Kingston Upon Thames College of Art, Surrey, 1969

Selected Exhibitions

Lost and Found, Oxford Ceramics Gallery, Oxford Ceramic Art London, Central Saint Martins, London Collect, with Officine Saffi, Saatchi Gallerie, London 2017 Open competition, Officine Saffi Gallerie, Milan, Italy, 2016 Leaving Home, Contemporary Applied Arts, London London Craft Week, Contemporary Applied Arts, London, 2015 Ceramic Art London, Royal College of Art, London, 2011 Chawan, Japanese Embassy, London, 2014 Solo show, Officine Saffi Gallerie Milan, Italy, 2013 Maggs Beneath the Covers, Maggs Bros, 2012 Antiquarian Booksellers, London (ACE funded project) Tea for Two, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy, 2011

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It's What's on the Surface that Counts?, Newport Museum and Art Gallery, Gwent, Wales International Ceramics Festival, Aberystwyth, Wales, 2011 Reclaim! The New School House Gallery, York, 2010 In the Vanguard, Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh, 2009 Material Difference, Rochester Art Gallery, Kent, 2008 Hue, Form, Line, Contemporary Applied Arts, London The Ron Wornick Ceramic Collection, Boston Museum of Modern Art, USA Solo Show, Metre Square Gallery, Quay2, Peckham, London, 2007 Group Show, Clay Gallery, Los Angeles, USA, 2005 World Ceramic Exposition, Korea, 2001 Firing Imagination Ceramica Britanica, British Council travelling Exhibition, Brazil 2000