



Coming up at XVA Gallery – '*Fragility*', a solo exhibition by Pom Mullan

Join us from October 17th – November 17th, 2022 to discover the latest collection of Pom Mullan's ceramic works exhibiting at XVA Gallery.

Curatorial Statement:

As she dived in the Red Sea off the shores of Egypt, Pom Mullan was stunned by the contrast of the rocky, barren land formations of the under-water realm. Being home to such delicate, unexpected and diverse shapes of plants and animals, it seemed only natural to name this series of works, "Sea Wonders."

"*Fragility*" derives from Pom Mullan's love for the extraordinary organic forms that grow under the sea surface. Being fascinated by curious and unique organic forms growing in the many coral reefs and their aquatic ecosystem, the artist strives to reflect and pay homage to these delicate landscapes. As we face a global threat with rising sea temperatures, results materialize as widespread bleaching of what should be vibrantly colorful, living coral scapes. Mullan's intention is to draw attention to these immensely fragile life forms who play a crucial role in the survival of countless aquatic species and their habitat.

Having spent years experimenting with different clays and mixes, Pom Mullan finally settled on porcelain paper clay. Blending pure white porcelain with pureed soft bathroom tissue which allows for numerous experimental techniques. This versatile material can be rolled, pinched, sliced, sculpted and poured while in slip form. The works are then fired at 1260 degrees centigrade during which process the paper component burns away allowing for the clay to settle becoming pure white and semi-translucent.

About the Artist

Pom Mullan was born and raised in the UK. She's currently residing in Dubai but has traveled extensively during her many years here. Her practice draws on her experience working with clay both as a teacher and artist. Her main inspiration is organic form, particularly coral forms experienced during scuba diving.



Pom studied for a B.A. (Hons) degree in 3D design at West Surrey College of Art & Design (WSCAD) in Farnham, Surrey. She specialized in Ceramics working in hand built and wheel thrown forms. She has honed her skills by teaching secondary school students (11 to 18 years) for many years in both the UK and Dubai.

About XVA Gallery

XVA Gallery is one of the leading galleries in the Middle East that specializes in contemporary art from the Arab world, Iran, and the Subcontinent. Exhibitions focus on works by the region's foremost artists as well as those emerging onto the scene. The gallery's artists express their different cultural identities and perspectives while challenging the viewer to drop prejudices and borders. XVA Gallery and XVA Art Hotel are located in Dubai's heritage district, now called Al Fahidi Historical Neighborhood. XVA founded and organized the Bastakiya Art Fair from 2007- 2010 as part of its commitment to raising the profile of contemporary art practice in Dubai.

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