

CALVIN MA  
*BLEND IN : MAKING HOME*

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FOSTER/WHITE GALLERY

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## Blend In: Making Home

My work has always been a narrative about the struggles I have with social anxiety and the experiences that come with it. Blend In is an ongoing series I have been working on for the last two years and it revolves around this anthropomorphic bird-like figure that is constantly trying to fit into its environment. I choose different types of birds for each piece to help represent the type of emotion or experience I'm trying to depict. This new body of work titled, Blend In: Making Home, focuses more on striving to be comfortable with who I am. Being shy, timid, and a bit socially awkward is something that will always be a part of me. The goal is to come to terms with it and grow from it.



First page:  
*Break Free*  
ceramic with glaze  
13 x 9 x 9 inches  
\$3400

*Nesting*  
ceramic with glaze  
10 x 7 x 6 inches  
\$2200





*In The Wind*  
ceramic with glaze  
13 x 11 x 8 inches  
\$2500



*Comfort Zone*  
ceramic with glaze  
12.5 x 7 x 7 inches  
\$3100





*Hover*  
ceramic with glaze  
14 x 10 x 8 inches  
\$3200



*Time And Again*  
ceramic with glaze  
12 x 11 x 8 inches  
\$3300





*Making Home*  
ceramic with glaze  
17 x 12 x 9 inches  
\$3200



*Out Of The Woods*  
ceramic with glaze  
11 x 6 x 6 inches  
\$2200





*Weight's Been Lifted*  
ceramic with glaze  
14 x 12 x 8 inches  
\$2900



*Fleeting*  
ceramic with glaze  
16 x 29 x 8 inches  
**SOLD**





*First Step*  
ceramic with glaze  
14 x 7 x 6 inches  
\$3000  
**SOLD**

## CALVIN MA

### Education

- 2012 MFA Sculpture Academy of Art University
- 2007 BA Industrial Arts San Francisco State University

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 Making Home, Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2019 Calvin Ma and Erika Sanada, Sherrie Gallerie, Columbus, OH  
Antler Gallery, Portland, OR  
Blend In: Flight, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2018 Homebodies: Artifacts, Tansey Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM
- 2017 Blend In, Sherrie Gallerie, Columbus, OH
- 2015 Animal Instincts, Sherrie Gallerie, Columbus, OH  
Calvin Ma Homebuddies, Roscoe Ceramic Gallery, Oakland, CA
- 2014 Calvin Ma Homebodies: Recollective, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Calvin Ma Homebodies: In My Shell, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2013 Calvin Ma Homebodies, Roscoe Ceramic Gallery, Oakland, CA
- 2012 Calvin Ma Blending In, The Cannery Gallery, San Francisco, CA

### Selected Exhibitions

- 2019 Ritual: Beautiful, Bizarre Magazine International Group Exhibition, Haven Gallery, Newport, NY  
Gaia Reborn: A Future Utopia (Beautiful Bizarre Magazine international group exhibition, Urban Nation, Museum for Urban Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany  
Walk on the Wild Side, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA  
A Delicate Nature at WORKSHOP (NCECA Conference), Antler Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
Ascent, Talon Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2018 Collect 2018: The International Art Fair for Contemporary Objects, Tansey Contemporary, Saatchi Gallery, London  
Deconstructing the Conversation, Morgan Contemporary Glass Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2016 SOFA Chicago, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Chicago, IL  
Texas Contemporary, George R. Brown Convention Center, Duane Reed Gallery, Houston, TX  
PLAY II: two person show with Erika Sanada, Antler Gallery, Portland, OR  
Seattle Art Fair, CenturyLink Field Event Center, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA  
Star Trek. 50 Artists. 50 Years. Michael J. Wolf Gallery, San Diego, CA  
Bodies + Beings, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA  
Indulge, Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
Art Market San Francisco, Fort Mason Center, Duane Reed Gallery, S.F. CA
- 2015 SOFA Chicago, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Chicago, IL  
Go Figure! Eutectic Gallery, Portland, OR  
Bodies & Beings, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA  
Seattle Art Fair, CenturyLink Field Event Center, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA  
Artful Evening 2015, Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA  
Art Speaks, Tansey Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM  
Neo-Cali Clay, SMAart Gallery, San Francisco, CA



- Warholian Presents: STORYBOOK, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 The Nightmare in Wonderland, Part II, Distinction Gallery, Escondido, CA  
 The Zealot's Elixir, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Art Palm Beach, Palm Beach County Convention Center, Sherrie Gallerie, Palm Beach, FL  
 LA Art Show, LA Convention Center, Tansey Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 SOFA Chicago, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Chicago, IL Zanesville Prize for Contemporary Ceramics: From The Ground Up, Michael Seiler Studios, Zanesville, OH  
 Visions In Clay, LH Horton Jr Gallery, Stockton, CA  
 Figure It, Ohio Craft Museum, Columbus, OH  
 Tenebrous, Clutter Gallery, Beacon, NY  
 The Fourth World, Arch Enemy Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
 California Clay Competition, The Artery, Davis, CA  
 Transformation 9: Contemporary Works in Ceramics, Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2013 Mad Hatters, Flower Pepper Gallery, Pasadena, CA  
 Affordable Art Fair, Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA  
 SOFA Chicago, Festival Hall Navy Pier, Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Chicago, IL  
 The Compendium of Craft, Art Attack SF, San Francisco, CA, Curator: Joe Kowalczyk  
 Ceramics Annual of America, Civic Center, San Francisco, CA  
 Chronicle: Tales of the Sea, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Visions in Clay, LH Horton Jr. Gallery, Stockton, CA, Curator: Peter Held  
 Curiosities, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 America's ClayFest, Blue Line Arts Gallery, Roseville, CA, Curator: Richard Shaw  
 ACGA National Clay & Glass Exhibition, City of Brea Art Gallery, Brea, CA, Curator: Carol Sauvion
- 2012 Small Works Show, Roscoe Ceramic Gallery, Oakland, CA  
 Allied Forces, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 The Altar Project, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 2nd Annual Workhouse Clay National, McGuire Woods Gallery, Lorton, Virginia, Curator: Peter Held  
 California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Arts, Davis, CA  
 California Clay Competition, The Artery, Davis, CA, Curator: Tony Natsoulas
- 2011 Woodland Group Show, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Everybody's Hero, Fabric8, San Francisco, CA  
 California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Arts, Davis, CA  
 California Clay Competition, The Artery, Davis, CA, Curator: Nancy M. Servis  
 Feats of Clay XXIV, Lincoln Arts, Lincoln, CA, Curator: Donna Billick
- 2010 California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Arts, Davis, CA

## Workshops

- 2016 Otterbein Summer Ceramic Institute, Otterbein University, Westerville, OH  
 Mayco Visiting Artists Series, Cleveland, OH

## Awards

- 2015 Blue Line Arts Gallery, America's Clayfest III, 2nd Place
- 2014 The Artery, California Clay Competition, The Artery Award
- 2013 City of Brea Art Gallery, ACGA National Clay & Glass Exhibition, 1st Place
- 2012 The Lorton Arts Foundation, 2nd Annual Workhouse Clay National, Best of Show  
The Artery, California Clay Competition, Clay Planet Award
- 2011 The Artery, California Clay Competition, Leslie's Ceramics Award

## Publications

- 2016 American Craft Magazine, Volume 78, No. 2, april/may 2018
- 2015 HEY!, issue 22, June 2015, France  
American Art Collector, issue 114, April 2015, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2014 500 Figures in Clay volume 2, 2014, Lark, New York, NY  
GEEK-ART An Anthology, Thomas Olivri, 2014, Chronicle Books, San Francisco, USA

## Collections

- Rancho Obi Wan, Petaluma, CA
- Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

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