

Bowl

Gordon Baldwin

Not on display Title/Description: Bowl Artist/Maker: Gordon Baldwin (Artist) Born: 1990 c. Object Type: Sculpture Materials: Ceramic, Stoneware Technique: Coiling Measurements: h. 280 x w. 380 mm Accession Number: 50719 Historic Period: 20th century Production Place: Britain, England Copyright: © The Artist

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The jagged and cut rim of this handbuilt bowl is a counterpoint to the spareness, symmetry and stillness of its black copper-oxide slip body. A series of abstract linear bands trace the exterior of the rim and appear on the interior – this interplay between exterior and interior is characteristic of Gordon Baldwin's work.

Baldwin initially trained as a painter and studied ceramics at the Central School of Art and Design in the 1950s. His unique approach to clay is informed by landscapes, modern music and literature. He is a major figure in British studio ceramics and his practice demonstrates the sculptural and contemplative qualities of clay.

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Further Reading

Whiting, David ed., Objects for a Landscape (York Museums Trust, 2012)