

BRIAN ROCHEFORT

ABSORPTION BY THE SUN



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FRONT:
BRIAN ROCHEFORT, *PURPLE YETI*, 2019, CERAMIC, GLAZE, GLASS FRAGMENTS,
16.5 X 18 X 18 IN. (41.9 X 45.7 X 45.7 CM), COURTESY THE ARTIST

Bloom Projects:

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Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara (MCASB) is pleased to announce the first solo institutional exhibition of Los Angeles, California-based artist Brian Rochefort. As part of MCASB's Bloom Projects series Rochefort exhibits new works as an extension of the ongoing body of work *Craters*. Building ceramic vessels reminiscent of geological formations in Belize, Tanzania, Nicaragua, and the Galapagos Islands, Rochefort has developed the *Craters* series over the last three years in response to his extensive travels to remote locations throughout South and Central America, and East Africa. What began as a fascination with volcanoes and craters, such as Sierra Negra Crater in Ecuador, live volcanoes in Nicaragua, and Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania, has shifted to interests in protected barrier reefs and tropical cloud forests, amongst other physical phenomena.

Brian Rochefort (b. 1985, Rhode Island, USA) lives and works in Los Angeles, USA. Rochefort holds a BFA from Rhode Island School of Design (2007) and was a 2018 Visiting Artist Lecturer at the University of Iowa. He has completed residencies at The Mistake Room, Guadalajara, Mexico (2018) and the Lillian Fellowship Residency at the Archie Bray Foundation, Montana, USA (2009). Rochefort's work has been featured in solo shows at Van Doren Waxter, New York, USA (2017, 2019), and group shows including *Sorry We're Closed*, Brussels, Belgium (2018); Boca Raton Museum of Art, Florida, USA (2017); Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, USA (2017); and Steve Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, USA (2017). Current and forthcoming solo shows include *Caterina Tognon*, in collaboration with Van Doren Waxter, Venice, Italy (2019), and *Massimo DiCarlo*, London, UK (2019).

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UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Opening Reception & Curated Cocktails | Summer Nights with KCRW
Thursday, August 1, 2019 | 7 - 10 pm | DJ Dan Wilcox

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Thursday, August 8, 2019 | 6 - 7 pm
\$10 | FREE for Members

Exhibition Makers Vol. 3
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 | 6 - 7 pm

Science Talk | Robin Matoza: The Inaudible Rumble of Volcanoes
Wednesday, August 28, 2019 | 6 - 7 pm

Artist Talk | Brian Rochefort
Thursday, August 29, 2019 | 6 - 7 pm

Scholar Talk | Jenni Sorkin: Ceramics In Context
Wednesday, September 4, 2019 | 6 - 7 pm

Curated Cocktails | Summer Nights with KCRW
Thursday, September 5, 2019 | 7 - 10 pm | DJ José Galván

Last Look Walkthrough: Alexandra Terry & Special Guest
Sunday, September 8, 2019 | 4 - 5 pm