

# LAURENT CRASTE

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION:

- 2005 - 2007: Master in Fine Arts from the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) with first class honours.  
1996 - 1997: Professional degree in ceramics. Centre de Céramique Bonsecours - Montreal, Quebec.  
1991 - 1993: Master in Physiology and Anatomy, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Quebec.  
1987 - 1991: Degree in Veterinary Medicine. École Nationale Vétérinaire de Maisons-Alfort - France.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

#### Teaching and professional involvement :

- Since 1997: Teacher at the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours - Cegep du Vieux-Montréal (College level). Professional classes in hand-building techniques, sculpture, throwing, conceptual development of ceramic objects.
- 2013 - 2016 : External membre of the *commission des arts visuels, des métiers d'art, de la recherche architecturale, des arts numériques, du cinéma et de la vidéo* at the Conseil des arts et lettres du Québec.
- 2007-2011: Member of the board of directors of the Musée des Maîtres et Artisans du Québec and member of the acquisition committee.
- 2000-2008: Member of the board of directors of the Conseil des Métiers d'Art du Québec and various committees (heritage, Web site, CRÉA gallery).
- Since 2008: Member of various expert committees and juries of the Conseil des Métiers d'Art du Québec.
- 2006: Junior lecturer and sculpture classes in the Visual Arts Department of the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM).
- 2001: Consultant in ceramic techniques for the "Biosphère" and René Derouin's exhibition "La ligne dormante".
- 2000: Ceramics Consultant for CNI. International development to the Philippines, supervision of local studios, conception of products for exportation.
- 1998: Conception and presentation of "Art-Terre," a television program offering ceramics classes on the Videotron channel (12 episodes recorded and broadcasted).

### GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS:

- 2016: Recipient of the Jean-Marie Gauvreau Award  
Member of the jury at the Canada Council for the Arts
- 2015: Member of the jury for the prix Paul-Émile-Borduas awarded by the Government of Quebec  
Guest lecturer, « *The New Storytellers* » symposium at the Phi Center, Montreal  
Guest lecturer at the Art History Department of the Université de Montréal (« *Histoire d'un médium* », Marie-Ève Marchand professor)  
Guest lecturer at the Visual Art Department of the UQAM (« *Formes et structures temporelles* », Nadia Seboussi professor)  
Grant (Section – research and creation) received from the Conseil des Arts et Lettres du Québec
- 2014: Grant to artists, Canada Council for the Arts
- 2012 : Guest lecturer, « *Ma création, ma carrière* » symposium, CMAQ, Grande Bibliothèque du Québec
- 2010: Runner up for the Pulse Prize and the Pulse People's Choice Award New-York 2010.  
Grant (Section – research and creation) received from the Conseil des Arts et Lettres du Québec (*Quebec Arts Council*)
- 2008: Grant (Section – research and creation) received from the Conseil des Arts et Lettres du Québec
- 2007: Recipient of the *Bourse d'Excellence de l'UQAM pour les cycles supérieurs* (FARE).  
Awarded grant by the *Centre Interuniversitaire en Arts Médias et Culture* (CIAM).

- Guest lecturer at a conference and workshop held at Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2006: Guest lecturer at a conference held during «Les journées de la Céramique», Paris, France.
- 2005: Finalist at the Carouge International Ceramics Contest (Switzerland).  
Guest lecturer at SOFA, Chicago, USA.
- 2003: Finalist for the François-Houdé Prize from the City of Montreal.
- 2002: Winner of the Winifred Shantz Award (\$10,000) granted by the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery.  
Finalist for the François-Houdé Prize from the City of Montreal.
- 1999 – 2000 - 2001: Finalist for the François-Houdé Prize from the City of Montreal.
- 2000: Guest lecturer - University of Colorado, Denver (USA).
- 1999: Grants (Section – research and creation) received from the Conseil des Arts et Lettres du Québec

### **Public collections:**

Permanent collection of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts; Majuda collection; Claridge collection; Public collection of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada; Tom Thomson Art Gallery permanent collection; Art Gallery of Burlington permanent collection; Cirque du Soleil collection; City of Montreal collection; Hotel-Bertrand Museum (City of Châteauroux – France) - permanent collection; Loto-Quebec collection; Musée des maîtres et artisans du Québec – permanent collection; Tourisme Montreal collection.

### **EXHIBITIONS**

#### **Solo exhibitions:**

- 2017: " Iconoclast", Hohmann Fine Arts, Palm Desert, California, USA  
To come: "Revolution's small collateral damage", Back Gallery Project, Vancouver, Canada
- 2016: «Épuration», Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington, Ontario  
«Jeux de massacre», Ubisoft head office, Montreal
- 2015: «*Shards of Vanity*», Tom Thomson Art Gallery, Owen Sound, Ontario
- 2013: «*Trans/pose/forme/figure*», Montreal Museum of Fine Arts – Lab Design  
«*Laurent Craste*», Division Gallery, Montreal
- 2012: «*Iconocraste*», Cirque du Soleil head office, Montreal
- 2010: Solo exhibition at the Toronto International Art Fair (TIAF) with the SAS gallery  
Solo exhibition at the Pulse Art Fair in New-York city with the SAS gallery
- 2009: «*Esthétique du saccage*» («The Esthetics of Ransacking»), SAS gallery, Montreal.
- 2008: «*Les Vases Communicants*» («The Communicating Vessels»), CIRCA exhibition center, Montreal.
- 2007: «*Les Dieux du Stade*» («The Gods of the Stadium»), video intervention, Écomusée du Fier Monde, Montreal. «*Assiette de Christs*» («Christs' Plate»), video intervention, Musée des maîtres et artisans du Québec, Montreal. «*J'aurais voulu être une Mauresque*» («I would have loved to be a Moorish woman»), video intervention, Musée du Château Dufresne, Montreal.
- 2004: «*Amphora* », Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario.
- 1999: «*Les nouvelles consultations de la Pythie: oracles génétiques*», ("The new consultations of the Pythie: genetic oracles"), Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.

#### **Group exhibitions** (2011-2015 – for exhibitions before 2011, refer to the annex):

- 2015: «*Mutations. Les métiers d'art au Québec depuis 1930*», Musée de l'Amérique francophone (Musées de la civilisation complex), Quebec. Permanent exhibition from 2015 to 2020.  
«*Montreal Creative*», ARTVstudio, Place des Arts, Montreal.  
MTL@PARIS, Les docks, Cité de la Mode et du Design, Paris, France  
«*Sensory Stories: An Exhibition of New Narrative Experiences*», Museum of the Moving Image, New-York, USA.
- 2014: Chromatic Festival: *Parade*, interactive work created in collaboration with *Département* Studio, Chalet de la Montagne, Montreal.

- «*Porcelain: breaking traditions*», Division Gallery, Toronto  
«*Regards sur l'art contemporain*» - selection of works from the *Cirque du Soleil* collection; Villeray Saint Michel Parc Extension Art Center, Montreal  
«*HAPPENING*», Les docks, Cité de la Mode et du Design, during the *Nuit Blanche*, Paris, France
- 2013: «*Olga Antonova, Laurent Craste, Cheryl Pope: decoration/destruction*» - Main Gallery – Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, USA  
«*Porcelain: Breaking Tradition*», exhibition under the management of the curator Anaïs Castro, Art-Mûr Gallery, Montreal. Pulse Art Miami, with the Division Gallery
- 2012: «*Earth & Alchemy*», Stephen D. Paine Gallery, Massachusset College of Art and Design, Boston, USA Art Toronto with the SAS gallery; Scope Art Show New-York with the SAS gallery  
«*La céramique dans tous ses états*», Centre d'exposition du Vieux Presbytère, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Québec. Aqua Art Miami with the SAS gallery
- 2011: «*Stilleven*», Pertwee Anderson & Gold Gallery, London, United-Kingdom.  
«*Terra Nova: Canadian 'Ground-Breakers' in Ceramic Art*». Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada  
Aqua Art Miami with the SAS gallery; Toronto International Art Fair (TIAF) with the SAS gallery  
«*La représentation*», exhibition under the management of the curator Luc Delavigne, Haut-Richelieu Museum, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.  
«*10 Artists /10 Years: Surveying work by Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics Recipients*». Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

### **Curating**

2012: «*Possession*», SAS Gallery, Montreal, with Jannick Deslaurier, Yannick Pouliot and Anne Ramsden

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **Articles in journals and periodicals:**

- «*Art that echoes the cries of a revolutionary*», article by Regina Haggio, The Spec, December 17, 2016
- «*Laurent Craste: Porcelain Power*», article by Emily Falvey, Canadian Art vol. 32, n.2, p.86-87, summer 2015.
- «*Vases Channel Buster Keaton in a Modern Take on Shadow Puppetry*», article de Beckett Mufson, The Creators Project, 23 avril 2015. <http://thecreatorsproject.vice.com/blog/vases-channel-buster-keaton-in-a-modern-take-on-shadow-puppetry>
- «*Montréal à la nuit blanche de Paris*», article by Émilie Côté, La Presse, Octobre 5 2014
- «*The necessary interconnectivity between art and business*», article by Sophie Chauvet, Graphite publication, June 21 2014, <http://graphitepublications.com/the-necessary-interconnectivity-between-art-and-business/>
- «*Porcelain: Breaking Tradition' Showed Medium's Strength.*», Tousignant, Isa. Canadian Art. 30 May 2014.
- «*Contemporary ceramics: three perspectives*», Diane Charbonneau, M magazine, January 2014, p.18-19.
- «*Laurent Craste – Dans tous ses éclats*», article by André Seleanu, Vie des arts n.233, p. 32-33, winter 2013/2014.
- «*Visual Arts: The power of porcelain*», article by John Pohl, The Gazette, December 6 2013
- «*De la porcelaine à l'oeuvre: le récit actuel de la céramique*», article by Éric Clément, La Presse, November 21 2013
- «*Casser une noble image. La porcelaine comme matériau dans la création actuelle*», article by Jérôme Delgado, Le Devoir, November 16, 2013
- «*Earth and Alchemy : contemporary ceramic sculpture*», article by Meredith Cutler, Art Scope, New England's cultural magazine, November/December 2012, p. 8-9.
- «*Possession : les fantômes d'objets*», article by Éric Clément, La Presse, March 26 2012
- «*Artist profile: Laurent Craste subverts precious image of precious porcelain.*» Arts observer. 29 December 2012.
- «*Laurent CRASTE: intensité et ambiguïté*», article by Denis Longchamps, Espace Sculpture n.99, p.40-41, winter 2012.

- «*Savoir-faire : interventions actuelles sur l'objet de porcelaine —Current Interventions on the Porcelain Object*», article by Dominique Allard, *Esse* n.74, p.26-33, winter 2012.
- «*Sloppy or Skilled ? Post-disciplinarity and traditions*» lecture by Denis Longchamps given at the University Art Association of Canada, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, October 27-29, 2011
- «*Portfolio: eight creative Canadians who work by Crossing the Line*», Leopold CJ Kowolik, *Studio Magazine* fall/winter 2011/2012, p. 47.
- «*Yannick Pouliot, Guillaume Lachapelle, Laurent Craste: Home, Sweet Home – Object, Animism and Domesticity*», article by Ève de Garie-Lamanque published in *Espace Sculpture* n.96, p.15-18 - summer 2011.
- «*Laurent Craste, when trying to blow out a vase becomes beautiful*», article by Julien Neuville, *Hand(some)made* magazine, mai 2011.<http://www.handsomemade.com/2011/05/laurent-craste-when-trying-to-blowing-out-a-vase-becomes-beautiful/>
- «*Laurent Craste: destruction/création*», Géraldyne Masson, *Clark* magazine n.47, p.17, 2011.
- «*Ten artists first-time buyers should invest in now*», Stephanie Saunders, *Toronto life*, november 24, 2010.
- «*Laurent Craste : Shards of Vanity*», interview by Kirsten Matthew. *Dirty Magazine*. [http://dirty-mag.com/01/art\\_lcraste.html](http://dirty-mag.com/01/art_lcraste.html) – 2010.
- «*The Silence of Still Life*», article by Pascale Beaudet, published in *Ceramics: Art and Perception* n.79, p.84-87 - 2010
- «*Tout est vanité*», article by Nicolas Mavrikakis published in *Voir*, november 26, 2009.
- «*Art public et communautés*», article by Denis Longchamps published in *Espace Sculpture* n.88, p.8-11 – 2009.
- «*Laurent Craste : la vie n'est-elle qu'un décor ?*», article by Géraldine Zaccardelli published in *Vie des Arts* n.212, p.88-89 - 2008.
- «*"Refuge" a project of Art-Terre collective*», article by Denis Longchamps, published in the web-site of the Canadian Crafts Federation – 2007. ([www.canadiancraftsfederation.ca](http://www.canadiancraftsfederation.ca))
- «*Le Parcours céramique de Carouge*» published in *La Revue de la Céramique et du Verre* n.146, p.50 – 2006.
- «*Laurent Craste: metamorphoses and inventions*», article by Pascale Beaudet, published in *Ceramics: Art and Perception* n.60, p.59-61 – 2005.
- «*La céramique au Québec*», published in *La Revue de la Céramique et du Verre*, n. 1131, p. 26 – 3 – 2003.
- «*Canada's Tenth National Biennial*», published in *Ceramics Monthly*, December 2002, p.37-39.
- «*Laurent Craste receives the \$10,000 Winifred Shantz Award for ceramists*», *Waterloo Chronicle*, October 16, 2002.
- «*L'art de la terre*», *cahier Arts Visuels, Le Nouvelliste*, August 10, 2002.
- «*Références*», article by Paul Haines, published in *Contact* n.114, p.37, 38 – 1998.

### **Catalogues and publications:**

- «*The New Age of Ceramics*», Hannah Stouffer, Ginko Press, Berkeley, CA, 2016
- «*Sloppy Craft – Postdisciplinarity and the Crafts*», Elaine Cheasley Paterson and Susan Surette, Bloomsbury, 2015
- «*Art of Ceramics*», Carolina Amell, MONSA editions, 2014.
- «*The celebrity art collection. 1990-2012: reflection*», *International Corporate Art*. 2012.
- «*Unity and Diversity*». Cheongju International Craft Biennale 2009 – Guest pavilion Canada. Sang Woo Nam publisher. 2009.
- «*Rencontres céramiques- Ceramics Encounters – Winnipeg-Montréal*», Musée des maîtres et artisans du Québec. Denis Longchamps. *Cahiers métiers d'art*. 2007.
- «*Le vase soliflore*» - *Concours International de Céramique de la Ville de Carouge* 2005.
- 12<sup>ème</sup> Biennale de Céramique Contemporaine de Châteauroux - France. 2003.
- 10<sup>ème</sup> Biennale Nationale de Céramique du Canada: Autoportrait. Éditions d'art Le Sabord. 2002.

**Group exhibitions before 2011:**

- 2010: «*Montreal Art Contemporary*» - Expo 2010 Shangaï, China. Selection by Marie Fraser, director of the Montreal Contemporary Art Museum and Stéphane Aquin, curator of contemporary art at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.  
«*Hantise*», exhibition under the management of the curator Ève de Garie-Lamanque, Art Mûr Gallery, Montreal  
The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts: presentation of two video installations during the Nuit Blanche Festival
- 2009: «*Ton souffle qui passe*» (“Your breath that passes through”) Art Souterrain, site-specific video intervention as part of the Nuit Blanche Festival, Montreal.  
«*Unity and diversity*», Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Korea.  
SOFA – Chicago, USA, with the CREA Gallery.
- 2008 : «*Espaces (habitables et inhabitables) RAKU*». Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.  
«*Muse textile*», exhibition under the management of the curator Denis Longchamps. Centre des textiles contemporains de Montréal  
«*Le classicisme revisité*» - Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.
- 2007: «*Refuge* », public intervention by the Collectif Art-Terre, Montreal.  
«*Rencontres céramiques - Ceramics Encounters – Winnipeg-Montréal*», «Musée des maîtres et artisans du Québec», Montreal. Exhibition under the management of the curator Denis Longchamps.  
*Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show*, Philadelphia, USA.
- 2006: SOFA – Chicago – USA, with the CREA Gallery.  
«*Les journées de la Céramique*», Saint-Sulpice square, Paris, France.  
«*L’idée du Blanc*», exhibition by the Art-Terre collective, Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.
- 2005: SOFA – Chicago – USA, with the CREA Gallery.  
«*Virtuose*», exhibition under the management of the curator Louise Lemieux-Bérubé, Salon des Métiers d’Art, Montreal.  
«*Le langage du bol*», Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2004: SOFA – Chicago - USA, with the CREA Gallery.  
«*Raku – Espace – Feu* », Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal, Quebec.  
«*Coexistence*», Galerie du Conseil des Métiers d’Art (Quebec Craft Council Gallery), Montreal.  
«*Canadian Forum on Cultural Enterprise*», Conference Centre of the Cité des Sciences et de l’Industrie of La Villette, Paris, France.
- 2003: SOFA – Chicago - USA, with the CREA Gallery.  
«*Biennale de Céramique Contemporaine de Châteauroux*» - France.  
«*Genius Loci*», Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario.  
«*Pulsion*», Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.  
«*The Colour of Power*», Galerie du Conseil des Métiers d’Art (Quebec Craft Council Gallery), Montreal.
- 2002: “*Biennale Nationale de Céramique / National Biennial of Ceramics: Autoportrait*”; Galerie du Parc, Trois-Rivières, Quebec; Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario.  
November 2002 / January 2004: «*Caractères*»; presented in seven arts centres in Montreal.  
«*20 years of presence and passion*», Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.  
«*Collection*», Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.  
«*Prix François Houdé en France*», Arts Center of Brouage, Jonzac and La Rochelle, France.

- 2001: "*At Present*", Queen's Gallery and Art Gallery, Charlotte, NC, USA.  
"*À Présent*", Musée du Haut-Richelieu, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.  
"*Entre deux rives*"; Arts Center of Brouage, Jonzac and La Rochelle, France.  
"*8 ceramists, 8 teachers*", Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.
- 2000: "Plural Readings"; Shwayder Gallery, as part of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Denver, Colorado, USA.  
"*Lectures Plurielles*", Haut-Richelieu Museum, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec.  
"*One of a Kind*" exhibition, Toronto, Ontario.
- 1999: *Salon des Métiers d'Art*, Montreal.  
*1001 pots* exhibition, Val David, Quebec.
- 1998: *Salon des Métiers d'Art*, Montreal. *1001 pots* exhibition, 10th anniversary, Val-David, Quebec.  
"*Références*", sculpture exhibition, Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.  
Teapots exhibition, Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal.
- 1997 : *Salon des Métiers d'Art*, Montreal. *1001 pots* exhibition, Val-David, Quebec.  
Gallery of the Centre de Céramique Bonsecours, Montreal (graduation exhibition).
- 1996: Fra Angelico Gallery, Montreal. 1994: Christine-Marie Gallery, Montreal. 1993: Dare - Dare Gallery, Montreal; Christine Marie Gallery, Montreal.