

SKUJA BRADEN

Skuja Braden is an international artist collaboration formed in 1999 between Ingūna Skuja (b. 1965, Latvia) and Melissa Braden (b. 1968, California, USA). They live and work together in Riga.

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2026 *Above the Below / Sanctum of Flow*, Kistefos Museum Visitor Center, Jevnaker
- 2025 *Up, Down and All Around*, Rigas Porcelain Museum, Convent Seta, Riga
Ria Keburia Foundation, Kachreti
- 2023 *Pop Porn*, Karas Gallery, Croatian Association of Fine Artists, Zagreb
Strange Bargain, kaufmann repetto, Milan
Pardon My Body, kaufmann repetto, New York
Open Closet, Root, Karaköy, Istanbul
- 2022 *Selling Water by the River*, Latvian Pavilion, Venice Biennale, Venice
Feast Your Eyes, PAiR, Pavilosta Artists in Residency, VV Foundation, Pavilosta
Transcendental Traveler, Roja L. Art, Film, and Music Festival, Roja
Samsara, ARS28 Gallery, Zurich
- 2020 *Samsara*, Kalna Ziedi Museum, Aizkraukle
Samsara, Design and Decorative Art Museum, Rīga
- 2017 *Tripping Through Time*, Madona Museum, Madona
Angels and Demons, Aizkraukle Art and History Museum
Curve Increased, Ars Panevezys, Keramike Center, Panevezys
- 2016 *Susuktas Augimas Biržai* Regional Museum Sēla, Biržai
Medusa's Laughter, Bastejs Galerija, Rīga
Twisted Growth, G. Eliasa Jelgava History and Art Museum, Jelgava
Skuja Braden, 1616 Artspace Gallery, Sacramento
- 2015 *Lost and Found*, Birža Museum, Riga
Mana Jubilee, Kalna Ziedi Museum, Aizkraukle
Tete-a-tete, Liepaja Design and Art School, Liepaja
- 2014 *Fishing for Meaning*, Roja's Marine Fisheries Museum, Roja
- 2013 *A Dog's Life: Unchained*, Rīga's Porcelain Museum, Riga
Skuja Braden Laiks Pasacīnai, Laipa Galerija, Valmiera
Mana Aizkraukle: Skuja Braden, Kalna Ziedi Museum, Aizkraukle
Skuja Braden Stāsta, Bastejs Galerija, Riga
- 2012 *Laced Porcelain*, Čsipske Museum, Kiskunhalas
- 2011 *Sweet Kiss*, Mans's Gallery Jekabpils
Beyond Black and White, Galerija Putti, Riga
- 2010 *Karma Koma*, Makslas XO Galerija, Riga
Karma Koma, Aizkraukle Museum of History and Art
- 2009 *Puzzling Skuja Braden*, Museum of Contemporary Craft, Portland
- 2008 *Dowry: The Business of Marriage*, Pence Gallery, Davis
Supercrock, Memorial Union Hall, OSU, Corvallis
Bloodlines, Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, Otis
- 2006 *Born in the Summerhouse*, Museum of History and Art, Aizkraukle
- 2005 *Skuja Braden Babies*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis
- 2003 *The Inevitability of Change*, Sol Ceramica Gallery, Sacramento
- 2001 *Evening Treasures*, Putti Gallery, Riga
Kaila Patiesība, Makslas XO Galerija, Riga
- 1999 *Head-Lamps*, Salon Maksla, Riga
Here Kitty, Kitty!, Ciris Gallery, Riga

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- 1998 *The Best of Skuja*, Gallery Salons Maksla, Riga
Ten Women, Ciris Gallery, Riga, Latvia
Landscapes in Transition, The Center Gallery, Eureka
Naked Truth, INK People Center for the Arts, Eureka
- 1997 *Skuja For Sale \$9.50*, M6 Gallery, Riga
Hares and Eggs!, A/S Unibanka, Riga
- 1996 *Recycled Dreams*, Foyer Gallery, HSU, Arcata
Love Triangle, Latvian Art Union Gallery, Riga
- 1995 *Easter Day*, Riga's Gallery, Riga
- 1993 *Inguna Skuja's Porcelain*, Jana Seta Gallery, Riga

Selected group exhibitions

- 2025 *Second Annual Exhibition*, The Campus, Claverack
- 2024 *Clay/Concept/Craft*, Malta Society of Arts, Valletta
Free Form, Porcelian Museum, Riga
Objects of Desire, Latvian National Museum, Riga
- 2023 *Souvenirs of the Future*, Pera Museum, Istanbul
Just Don't Cry, Tikai Neraudi, Latvian National Museum, Riga
Embrace, Eduard Grizans curator, Zuzeum, Riga
Raža, Jurmala Museum, Jurmala
Apple Of My Eye, Guangzhou Triennial, Guangdong Museum, Guangzhou
- 2022 *Es Text*, Latvian National Museum, Riga
The Travel Bureau, Christen Sveass collection, White Chapel Gallery, London
Purviša Balva/ The Purvitis Prize, Latvian National Museum, Riga
Normal Cake Please!, Performance, Anglican Church, Riga
- 2020 *We aim to live! Grand Opening of Janis Zuzāns Collection*: Zuzeum, Riga
Two July's, Gulbene Muzeum, Gulbene
Grata Balva 2020, MuseumLV, Riga
Five Years in 50+1 Voices, 1616 ArtSpace, Sacramento
- 2019 *Today is our Tomorrow*, Latvian Contemporary Art Center, Helsinki
Survival Kit: OutLands 10.1, Latvian Contemporary Art Center, Riga
- 2018 *Black*, Riga's Plaze Exhibition Hall, Riga
Three-some Show, Karen19 Gallery, Gold Coast
- 2017 *White ZK-9 Latvian Contemporary Designers*, Galerija Laipa, Valmeira
Chicken, Hen, and Cock, International Teapot Exhibition, Shanghai
- 2016 *JAUNU(iem)*, Bastejs Galerija, Old Riga
Take a Look, Glass Gallery Take a Look, Riga
Modern Classics/ Focus Vase: Forderpreiss 2016, Westerwald Keramike Museum
Parallel Currents, Riga's Porcelain Museum, Riga
Start Art Fair, Saatchi's Gallery, London
White, Latvian Contemporary Designers, Pop-Up: Riga's Galerija, Riga
- 2016 *5th International Changchun Ceramic Symposium Exhibition*, Changchun
International Art Fair Warsaw, National Stadium, Warsaw
1rst International Latvian Ceramic Biennale, Martinsons Award Daugavpils
Contemporary Latvian Ceramics, Latvian Art Union, Riga
Journey Through Eastern Europe, Ichon World Ceramic Center, Gyeonggi Province
- 2015 *Gadu Makslinieki*, Riga
SCOPE/ Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida
GOBIS/OUTDOOR EXPO, Riga's Porcelain Museum, Vilnius
Art Market Budapest, Budapest
Art Copenhagen, Copenhagen
Map of the New Art, Luciano Benetton's Imago Mundi Coll., Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice
Sexy Art, 19 Karen Gallery, Queensland
Contemporary Latvian Ceramics, Rothko Museum, Daugavpils

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- Unpacked, ArtSpace 1616, Sacramento, California
Erotic Clay, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2014 *European Ceramic Context 2014*, Bornholm Museum, Bornholm
3rd Changchun Int'l Ceramic Symposium, Changchun Sculpture Museum, Changchun
RojaL Kino and Makslas festival, Skuja Braden show in Museum. Roja
Clay Provocateurs, Pence Gallery, Davis, California
Imago Mundi Latvia, Luciano Benetton Collection, Riga
- 2013 *Peter Martinson and Contemporary Ceramics Latvia*, Art and History Museum, Vitebsk
8th International Small Forms Triennale, Riga's Porcelain Museum, Old Riga
Underwater War, Talsi Museum, Talsi
Skuja Braden, Bastejs Galerija, Riga
Daugava, Aizkraukle Art and History Museum
Berlin Art Week, Berlin
LandEscape Afterwards, Daugavpils Clay Art Center, Daugavpils
LandEscape Forward, Mark Rothko Museum & Art Center, Daugavpils
FEMAIL PROJECT, ARTicle Gallery, Birmingham
Downlands College 3rd Annual Invitational, Toowoomba
Garden of Destiny Charity Auction, Large Guild House, Riga
Plates and Totems, Blue Line Arts, Roseville
Latvian National Art Museum's Recent Acquisitions Exhibition, Riga
Aizkraukles 45 Year Jubilee, Aizkraukles Museum Art and History, Aizkraukle
- 2012 *Rudens*, Latvian Artist Union, Riga
Ceramic Annual of America, Fort Mason, San Francisco
Truth, Myth, and Bullshit, Yvonne Gerner, Danish Cultural Institute, Riga
Zvaigznes, Riga's Porcelain Museum, Riga
- 2011 *Rudens*, Rigaš Telpa, Riga
Re-Novacija, Latvian Museum of Design Decorative Arts, Riga
Royal Art and Film Festival, Roja's Culture Center, Roja
Sieviete T-Elpa, Riga
Beyond Black and White, Russian National Library, St. Petersburg
- 2010 *Small Scale Porcelain Triennale*, Riga's Porcelain Museum, Riga
Sitka Center Annual Art Invitational, World Forestry Center, Portland
Makslas Optimizacija, Museum of Applied and Decorative Art, Riga
My Erotic Valentine, Beet Gallery, Portland
- 2009 *V Int'l Ceramic Tile Triennial*, Museum of Contemporary Ceramics, Santo Domingo
Sitka Center Annual Art Invitational, World Forestry Center, Portland
Little Crimes, Latvian Art Academy, Riga
Art On the Vine, OCAC Art Auction, Convention Center, Portland
Intime, Museum of Applied and Decorative Art, Riga, Latvia
- 2008 *Sitka Center Annual Art Invitational*, World Forestry Center, Portland
Human Impulse, Sandy & Diane Bessor Collection, ASU Museum. Tempe
17th Annual National, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo
- 2007 *World Women on the Horizon*, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore
Handmade for the Holiday, Contemporary Craft Museum. Portland
5th Cheongju INTL Craft Biennale, Cheongju-do City
- 2006 *By the Hand*, National Juried Exhibition, Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek
Feats of Clay, Gladding McBean Factory, Lincoln
16th National Ceramic Competition, San Angelo Museum, San Angelo
Thirty Sculptors, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, California
Ink and Clay '32, Kellogg University Art Gallery, Cal Poly, Pomona
- 2005 *SOFA Chicago*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis
Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheongju-city
30 Sculptors, CCACA John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis
Ink and Clay '31, Kellogg University Art Gallery, Cal Poly, Pomona
- 2004 *SOFA Chicago*, represented by John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis

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- Thirty Sculptors*, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis
Excellence In Ceramics, Exploding Head Gallery, Sacramento
Gigantic Figurines, Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland
- 2003 *Cuillere Ceramique*, Prix De La Ville De Carouge, Carouge Museum, Geneva
East Meets West, Historic Fong Mansion, Sacramento
Competition of the Fork, Fork It Magazine, Uptown Studios. Sacto
Cheongju Intn'l Craft Biennale, Cheongju-do
Erotic or Not, Uptown Studios Gallery, Sacramento
Contemporary Latvian Ceramics, Kuressaare Castle Museum, Saaremaa
Tits and Ass, Uptown Studios Gallery, Sacramento
- 2002 *Vessel's*, Mirror Pond Gallery, Bend, Oregon
Flowing Vessels, Gardo's Gallery, Bridgeport, Penn
Fragile Handle With Care, Solomon Dubnick Gallery, Sacto
Birds of Clay, Frog Hollow, Middlebury
Ink and Clay '29, Kellogg's Art Gallery, CalPoly University, Pomona
- 2001 *Antins*, Arsenal Museum, Riga
Art In The Air, airBaltic Corporate Collection, Applied Art Museum, Riga
The 1st World Ceramic Biennale 2001, Ichon
Nordic Baltic Fabula Exhibition, The Art Center, Silkeborg
Bryggens Museum, Bergen, Norway. Applied Arts Museum, Tallinn
- 1999 *1st International Erotica Exhibition*, Kipsala Hall, Riga
1st International Floristica Exhibition, Dailes Theatre, Riga
15 Artists from Latvia, Gallery J&B, Copenhagen
Latvian Academy of Art Exhibition, MS Gallery, Riga
- 1998 *Advancing Sculpture*, Reese-Bullen Gallery, Arcata
Art Of Contemporary Latvia, Maison du Danemark, Paris
The 2nd World Latvian Artists Exhibition, Riga
Ritums Ivanovs and Inguna Skuja, Cesis Museum, Cesis
- 1997 *Maksla Mode Muzika*, Latvian Art Union Gallery, Riga
The World's 5TH Triennale in Plastics, Zagreb
Art of Contemporary Latvia, Grande Salle de l'Aubette, Strasbourg
Better Off Dead Than Little Red, Van Duzer Theater, Arcata
1st Annual Women Make Art, Ink People Center for the Arts, Eureka
Amazing, Center Gallery, Riga
- 1996 *European Women*, Gallery Shambala, Copenhagen
ArtGenda, European Cultural City, Copenhagen
Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Humboldt State Univ., Arcata
Maris D. Bensons Advanced Sculptors, R. Bullen Gallery, Arcata
- 1995 *Baltic States Ceramic Triennial*, Vilnius
Herbstmesse, International Mess of Frankfurt, Frankfurt
Artist In Residence, (Inguna Skuja Invited Artist) Kecskemet
Drawings from Nature, Natural History Museum, Arcata
- 1994 *100th Anniversary of Art from the Baltic*, Malmo
International Exhibition of Practical Art, Blue Hall, Tallinn

Selected collections

Aizkraukles History and Art Museum, Aizkraukle
ASU Art Museum, Tempe
Bornholms Museum, Rønne
Changchun International Ceramic Center, Changchu
Danish Cultural Institute
Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Centre, Daugavpils
Daugavpils Clay Art Center, Daugavpils
Gulbenē Art Museum, Gulbenē

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International Ceramics Studio, Kecskemet
Kistefos Museum, Jevnaker
Art Academy of Latvia, Riga
Latvian National Museum of Art, Riga
Museum of Decorative Arts and Design, Riga
Museo de la Cerámica Contemporánea, Santo Domingo
Museum für Kommunikation, Frankfurt
Riga Porcelain Museum, Riga
Roja Marine Fisheries Museum, Roja
Biržai Region Museum "Séla", Biržai
Museum für Sepulkralkultur, Kassel
Boris and Inara Teterev Foundation
Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka
Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen
Zuzeum Art Centre, Riga

Awards

2025 Baltic Balva Nomination: Baltic Award for Excellence in Visual Arts