

PRESS RELEASE

DESIGN MUSEUM DEN BOSCH

Design Museum Den Bosch presents *The Ghosts of Sunday Morning*

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Design Museum Den Bosch is paying tribute to the expert advisers at the European Ceramic Work Centre (EKWC, now known as Sundaymorning@ekwc) with the exhibition *The Ghosts of Sunday Morning*. For fifty years now, the EKWC has brought together knowledge, design and imagination in the field of ceramics. Thirty key works from the EKWC's history have been reinterpreted and executed in white clay, creating an exceptionally beautiful and ghostly spectacle, in which past and present overlap.

Glenn Adamson

Design Museum Den Bosch invited the American craft specialist Glenn Adamson to come up with an exhibition concept for *The Ghosts of Sunday Morning* that would reflect on the history of the EKWC. He responded by selecting thirty works from the centre's history, which were then interpreted and reproduced by the EKWC's experts as 'ghosts': a new version of the original work in precisely twenty-five kilograms of unglazed white ceramic. Adamson has chosen works that explicitly address the tension between transience and eternity, such as the impressions in clay that Canan Dagdelen and the duo Stephanie Davidson and Katie Ewald made of their bodies. Work by Anish Kapoor, Tim Breukers, Tony Cragg, Johan Creten, Babs Haenen and Andrew Lord has also been 'ghosted' in this way.

Spectacular presentation

The exhibition was designed by the young Amsterdam firm Trapped in Suburbia with spectacular results: the ghostly white pieces are displayed on perspex stands filled with slowly moving clouds of smoke. As visitors move around the exhibition, the stands slowly light up, and the experience is completed by an enigmatic soundscape formed by the delicately tinkling sound of clay cooling down after firing in the kiln.

Art and design

The Ghosts of Sunday Morning enables Design Museum Den Bosch to explore the connections between design and art and the phenomenon of collecting. The exhibition highlights the tension between authenticity and reproduction, original and duplicate, artist/maker and designer/fabricator, craft and art. The value of contemporary art is frequently embodied in a single, unique piece crafted by the artist's own hands. With design, by contrast, success often lies in the potential for large-scale production: rather than the fingerprints of the maker, it is supposed to display the flawless execution of the factory or fabricator. The works featured in *The Ghosts of Sunday Morning* have been interpreted and reproduced in spectral fashion by the expert advisers at the EKWC. The artist's original, unique work is visible only in a picture on the wall. In this way, the ceramic phantoms in the exhibition allow past and present, art and design, maker and artist to collide and overlap.



Note for editors

Contact opportunities: the curators are ready to provide further information on the exhibition and the book. The directors of Sundaymorning@ekwc and Design Museum Den Bosch, Ranti Tjan and Timo de Rijk, are also available to comment.

Reader offer: we will be happy to work with you to put together an attractive offer for your readers or viewers, with a combined visit to Sundaymorning@ekwc as one of the many possibilities. Feel free to contact us to discuss the options.

Book: the book accompanying the exhibition, *The Ghosts of Sunday Morning – 50 years of European Ceramic Work Centre*, is published by NAI 010. It includes an essay by Glenn Adamson on the history of the organization and the background to the exhibition, along with numerous pictures of the EKWC's facilities, past and present.

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