

OLIVIA FERRIER: SCULPTOR

“The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things but their inward significance”..... Aristotle

In the realms of the supernatural and mythology the crow is a powerful yet often maligned creature associated with both war and death, an ominous sign that ‘something wicked this way comes’, thanks largely to the writings of Edgar Allan Poe. Yet, research has shown that the crow is far removed from the prejudiced opinions of the populace and is a loyal, caring family member who’s nursing of weak elderly relatives, shows very human characteristics. Olivia Ferrier’s work addresses this empathy.

On a trip to the Holy city of Varanasi in India Olivia gained an insight into the spiritual and cultural attitudes towards the life, death, life cycle. The crow appears to embrace death creating its own life from what has gone before and this theme of flow and regeneration is consistent throughout Olivia’s work as much of the ‘Alchemy’ series employs found materials. It is also a reference to the ingenuity of a bird whose own ability to source and fashion cutting tools from found materials makes it one of the most intelligent animals on our planet. The Corvus of Olivia’s world is no longer a sinister adversary but a bird of great dignity and sad heart, a profound wretched soul in need of love and understanding.

Olivia Ferrier Background

In 2002 after graduating from Bath Spa University with a BA Hons in Ceramics Olivia took on a 3 month residency at the Sanskrit Kendra in India where she was introduced to foundry casting. In 2006 after further travel she was offered a position locally at Castle Fine Arts Foundry in Wales, learning about mould making and techniques through to Patination. A year later she left CFA and on obtaining a Welsh assembly grant began to fund her own work which has received the FALLE fine art award among others. Now based in Brighton she exhibits at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Affordable Art Fairs in London, New York, Singapore, and LA.

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