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Press release

Alex J Wood

Explorer

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27 November – 17 December 2022

Opening event:

Sunday 27 November

2 - 4pm



MOCA London is pleased to present new bronze sculptures by Alex Wood that were inspired by his residency at Sala 1 in Rome. Wood was presented the residency as a prize for his bronze sculptures presented to the Royal Society of British Artists in 2021.

Wood is that particular sort of Englishman, with that very British sort of sly humour. His bronzes are not only quirky, but they are often actually very funny. It is hard to make a work of sculpture intelligent and funny, for it to tell a visual joke that is not a pratfall. When viewers see his Palm Trees (*Pina Colada Palm*, 2020, *The Palm After the Storm*, 2020 - recently exhibited at Paul Smith's Bond Street store) swaying, or a juicy bronze burger (*Whopper*, 2022), they are reminded of a sort of Britishness that comes from having grown up in Kent. The sculptures recall holidays in Mallorca, Tenerife, LA, or nights in Ibiza yet they are extremely well made bronzes that have been wonderfully patinated or cold painted in bright colours. They take a lot of work to make them look so calmly timeless.

Like a good joke, they have to be honed and the end results are from a lot of hard work that the viewer never sees and if they do, the joke is bust. It has to appear effortless, seamless and as if it rolled off the tongue or out of his fingers. Even his works that allude to mythical creatures (*Scylla and Charybdis*, 2020, *Hydra*, 2022) or spaceships and airplanes leave the viewer bemused. They certainly do not look like your child could make them, but neither are they hyper realistic, if I say they are Wooden, it is a poor joke on his name, but what I mean is that they all look like only Alex Wood could have made them.

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Opening times:

Thursday and Friday: 2pm - 6pm

Saturday: 12pm - 4pm

or by appointment

Image credits:

Alex J Wood, *Echostar (Saturn V)*, 2017, patinated prussian blue bronze, 39 x 32 x 25 cm.

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Exhibition works:



The Towering Crane, 2016
patinated verdigris bronze with
wooden biplane
55w x 110h x 50d cm.
£15,000



Scylla and Charybdis, 2020
patinated bronze
36w x 37h x 27d cm.
£12,500



Out of the Blue, 2017
patinated blue bronze
50w X 30d X 24h cm.
£12,000



ADRIFI, 2022
patinated bronze
29w X 15d X 23h cm.
£5000



Soyuz, 2020
Patinated bronze
16w x 13h x 10d cm
£1200



Sputnik, 2022
patinated bronze
15h x 11w x 13d cm.
£800



Drone, 2022
Patinated bronze.
£800



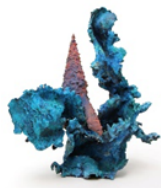
Iitan, 2021
resin and card with enamel
40h x 20w x 17d cm.
£850



Thing, 2022
patinated bronze with Verdigris
19h x 20w x 19d cm.
£3900



Whopper, 2022
humbrol enamels on patinated
bronze
5h X 11w X 10d cm.
£1800



Echostar (Saturn V), 2017
patinated prussian blue bronze
39h x 32w x 25d cm
£9500



Space Pod, 2020
patinated bronze
13h x 9w x 9d cm.
£1900

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A SPRINKLE OF STAR DUST
(Randy's Donuts), 2022
glazed earthenware ceramic,
22h x 13w x 14d cm.
£1200



ACE (Yellow Donut with gold rocket), 2021
glazed earthenware ceramic
19h x 24w x 18d cm.
£1200 - Sold



Various rockets, 2021
glazed earthenware ceramic.

Various rockets and other works:



£100



£100



£100



£100



£150



£100



£100



£100



£150

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£100



£100



£100 - sold



£100



£100



£150