## PRISCILLA DOBLER DZUL b. 1985, Merida Yucatan, Mexico

Priscilla Dobler Dzul is an interdisciplinary storyteller. Her paintings, textile, and sculptural works address notions of belonging, borders, alienation, and social inequality. Dobler Dzul's works examine the migration of cultural practices and forms between different social and political contexts, with an emphasis on the recuperation of artisanal craft and the articulation of alternative narratives of labor, power, and design.

Her practice addresses two dominant themes: the exploitation of minority communities and the recovery and reimagining of indigenous myths and stories. Dobler Dzul's ebullient canvases depict expansive landscapes featuring a range of hybrid animals, human figures, and plant life. These invented worlds teem with dreamlike visions, sensual pleasures, collisions of different life forms and genders—yet many of these tableaux nonetheless bristle with an undercurrent of darkness: brutality, violence, death, and turbulent transformations. Her highly glazed clay sculptures, inspired by the bold colors and forms of Mayan mythological oral stories and Alebrije folk art, introduce fantastical creatures who live between worlds—between the ancient and contemporary, animal and human.

Her work has recently been exhibited at Project for Empty Space, Newark, NJ; A.I.R Gallery, Brooklyn, NY; Consulate of Mexico, Seattle, WA; The Northwest African American Museum, Seattle, WA; NARS Foundation, Brooklyn, NY; 125 Maiden Lane, NYC, NY; Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle, WA; King Street Station, Seattle, WA; The Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana, CA and Decentered Gallery, Puebla, Mexico. Dobler Dzul was additionally a 2014 recipient of Grants for Artist Projects from the Artist Trust, 2015 Bailey Award, 2016 Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship, 2017 & 2021 Tacoma Artist Initiative Program Grantee, 2021 Puffin Foundation Awardee and a Robert B McMillen Fellowship. She received her MFA in Sculpture from the State University of New York at New Paltz in 2013.

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### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022

Of Daughters and Dreams, NOME, Berlin - DE

2019

El Bano, Consulate of Mexico, Seattle, WA La Sala: Americana, Art in Buildings, 125 Maiden Lane, New York, NY

2018

La Cocina, Method Gallery, Seattle, WA Wall Paper, Home series #1, Alma Mater, Tacoma, WA La Sala, Feast Art Gallery, Tacoma, WA

### **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

2024

Soft Power, Tacoma Art Museum – WA ARCO Madrid – ES Nia Tero's Pacific Northwest (PNW) Art Fellowship - USA

2023

Soft Power, Tacoma Art Museum - WA Future Cosmologies: The Regeneration of Maya Mythologies, MadArt Studio, Seattle – WA Kohl Gallery and the Rose O'Neill Literary House present: Kameelah Jana Rasheed, Chestertown – MD, US

2022

Memorabilia, NOME, Berlin - DE

2021

What we Become When We Are Unbound, Project for Empty Space, Newark, NJ

2020

Immigrant Artist Biennial, Pfizer Building, Brooklyn, NY Digital Craft, Form and Concept, Santa Fe, NM CURRENTS: AN Overwhelming Response, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

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#### 2019

Tea Party, Bellwether, Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue, WA Edwin Pratt Show, The Northwest African American Museum, Seattle, WA Soy Yo; Façade: The American Dream, Vermillion Gallery, Seattle, WA Yehaw, King Street Station, Seattle, WA Women's Work, Columbia City Gallery, Seattle, WA Women's Work, NARS Foundation and BRIC Biennial, Brooklyn, NY Craft Revolution, The Orange County Center for Contemporary Art, Santa Ana, CA

#### 2018

Method Pop-Up, Method Gallery, Seattle, WA Cultural Looming part II, Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle, WA ROAR, Columbia City Gallery, Seattle, WA CA Open Exhibition, TAG Gallery, Los Angeles, CA Façade: The American Dream, TUF Festival, Seattle, WA LadyFIRM: Las Fronteras, collaboration with Maureen McCourt, performance, TUF Festival, Seattle, WA RE-PRESENTANDO: Their Nation is Not My Nation, Decentered Gallery, Puebla, Mexico

#### 2017

MICROCOSM, Form and Concept Gallery, Santa Fe, NM Bloodlines, ArtXchange Gallery, Seattle, WA Shapes for Now, DAC Gallery, Los Angeles, CA Press: Pause, Williamsburg Art and Historical Society, Brooklyn, NY LadyFIRM: Las Fronteras, Shunpike-Storefront, Seattle, WA Emergent, Columbia City Gallery, Seattle, WA What Happened Here: Alumni Show, Kittredge Gallery, Tacoma, WA

La Cocina, Marfa Contemporary Gallery, Marfa, TX LadyFIRM: untitled mourning, Soil Gallery, Seattle, WA La Cocina, Form and Concept, Santa Fe, NM

#### 2015

Axis Gallery 10th National Juried Exhibition, Sacramento, CA Art of the City, Street Fest, Seattle, WA, Arts at the Port, Anacortes Arts Festival, Anacortes, WA Bellingham National Art Exhibition, Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA The More Things Change, Center on Contemporary Art, Seattle, WA Gallery 110's 5th Annual Juried Exhibition, Gallery 110, Seattle, WA

### 2013

Cultural Looming, Performance, Space Works Tacoma, Tacoma, WA Mi Existencia entre Las Fronteras, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz OLE!, Ann Street Gallery, Newburgh, NY Las Fronteras, Catalyst Gallery, Beacon, NY Correlate Knitting Project, collaboration with Maureen McCourt, Peekskill Project V, Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, Peekskill, NY Sit and Knit, performance collaboration with Maureen

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McCourt Collaborative Concepts, Saunders Farm, Garrison, NY What I AM, Collaboration with State University of New York, New Paltz Sculpture Department, Cleveland, OH, Chicago, IL, New Paltz, NY

2012

Knitting Renegades, Collaboration Performance with Maureen McCourt Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY The New Museum, New York, NY DIA: Beacon, Beacon, NY P.S. 1, Queens, NY

2011

PROject PROject, Chashama Gallery, New York, NY Species of Spaces, Issues Project Room, Brooklyn, NY

#### **PUBLIC ART**

2021

Generational Root Healing II, Temporary Public Art for Metro Parks and City of Tacoma, Tacoma, WA

2019

Generational Root Healing, One Seed a Step, Land Art for Djerassi Resident Artist Program, Woodside, CA

2018

Cultural Looming part II, Olympic Sculpture Park Summer Project Commission, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2021

Innovator Award Nominee, Artist Trust, Seattle, WA The Puffin Foundation Ltd., Grant Awardee, Teaneck, NJ Tacoma Artist Initiative Program Award, Tacoma, WA

2020

Innovator Award Nominee, Artist Trust, Seattle, WA Nia Tero PNW Art Fellowship Finalist, Seattle, WA Artist Training Cohort and Permanent Public Art Projects, Tacoma, WA Create! Magazine Special Mention by curator Liezel Strauss

2019

Generational Root Healing, One Seed a Step, Film Commission, Djerassi Resident Artist

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Program, Woodside, CA Arquetopia Residency Scholarship Award Recipient, Puebla, Mexico

2018

Peripheral Visions, 2018 Salon Artist Publication Fellowship Las Fronteras, 2018 Race & Pedagogy Conference Invitational, University of Puget Sound Tacoma, WA

2017

Tacoma Artist Initiative Program Award, Tacoma, WA

2016

Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship, Pratt, Seattle, WA Joan Mitchell Foundation Emerging Artist Grant Nominee

2015

T. Bailey Award, Anacortes Art Festival selected by Ruby Tanaka 1st place Juried Award curated by Scott Lawrimore, Gallery 110

2014

Artist Trust 2014 Grants for Artist Projects, Seattle, WA

2012

Graduate Research and Creative Projects Grant, SUNY New Paltz

### **RESIDENCIES**

2021

Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX Estudio Abierto Ceramic Residency, San Francisco Lachigolo, Oaxaca de Juarez, Mexico

2020

OxBow Winter Intensive--Online Residency, Michigan Feminist in Residence Program, Project for Empty Space, Newark, NJ Eastside International (ESXLA) Residency, Los Angeles, CA

2019

Djerassi Resident Artist Full-Fellowship, Woodside, CA Arquetopia Invitational Mentorship Residency, Puebla, Mexico

2018

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Benaco Arte Residency, Sirmione, Italy The Studios at MASS MoCA's Artist Residency, North Adams, MA

2016

Marfa Contemporary Residency, Marfa, TX Arquetopia Ceramic Artist Residency, Puebla, Mexico

#### SELECTED PRESS

"Priscilla Dobler" Art Uncovered with Kimberly Ruth for BTRtoday

https://www.btrtoday.com/listen/artuncovered/priscilla-dobler/ "Tacoma Uncubed" short film by Masahiro Sugano, Seattle Film Festival https://www.siff.net/festival/tacoma-uncubed "La Sala" Sketchbook-Arches Magazine by Anneli Fogt Spring 2018

https://www.pugetsound.edu/about/offices-services/office-

<u>ofcommunications/arches/sketchbook/</u> "Expanding your mind" Weekly Volcano, by Alec Clayton

http://www.weeklyvolcano.com/arts-features/2018/04/Expanding-yourmind/ "There's no place like home" Tacoma Weekly, by Dave R. Davison https://tacomaweekly.com/city-life/theres-no-place-like-home/ Pratt Magazine: January-March 2017, Pratt Fine Arts https://issuu.com/prattseattle/docs/pratt-magazine-print3 "Kittredge Gallery provides glimpse into careers of its former art students", Tacoma Weekly by Dave R. Davison http://www.tacomaweekly.com/citylife/article/kittredge-galleryprovides-glimpse-into-careers-of-its-former-art-students "Remixed" Craft and design crash the fine art party at Form and Concept, Santa Fe Reporter by Jordan Eddy

http://www.sfreporter.com/santafe/article-12077-remixed.html "Minimal White to Colorful Production," Space Works, Tacoma Blog

http://spaceworkstacoma.wordpress.com/2013/08/26/minimal-white-tocolorful-production/
"A Look at Last Night's Festivities," Space Works Tacoma Blog
http://spaceworkstacoma.wordpress.com