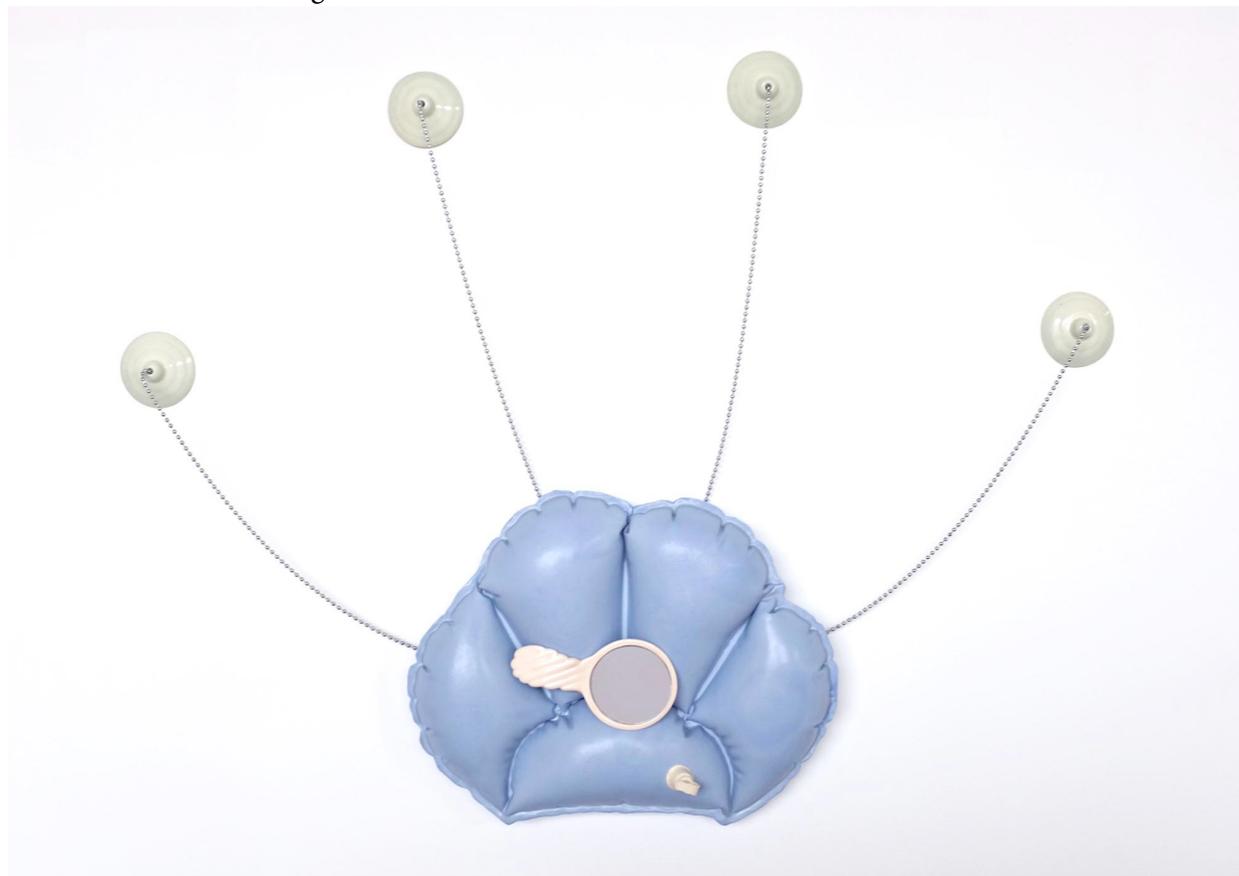


OLIVIA ZUBKO

b. 1995, Chicago, IL

Lives and works in Chicago, IL



Olivia Zubko's work in sculpture, utilizing ceramic, fibers, and found materials is thematically centered around the bathroom and other domestic of private environments, employing cast replicas of fixtures and found materials to create sculptures that evoke the viewer's personal memories and associations with these intimate spaces. Zubko's work investigates the nuanced relationship between these objects and the human body, as well as the broader dynamic between the individual and the domestic sphere of private space and personal intimacy.

The sculptures often take form as compound objects, made up of both vague and familiar elements from the bathroom and domestic landscape. The merging and interaction of these elements enhance their resonance with the human form. Through gentle gestures in porcelain and stoneware, the sculptures revel in that which is simultaneously strange, beautiful, and perhaps awkward as the body itself can be.

Olivia Zubko (born in 1995, Chicago, IL) has had solo shows at Left Field Gallery in Los Osos, California and Chicagoland, at the Arts Club of Chicago, DeGroot Fine Art, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, and McHenry County College. Her work has been included in group shows at Patient Info and The Plan, both in Chicago, and at Rockford University, Illinois. Her work has also been featured in [Create! Magazine](#) and [Red Skate Mag](#). She is a current fellow at The Arts Club of Chicago. Zubko received her BFA in 2020 from Northern Illinois University, and lives and works in Chicagoland.

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Education

2020 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL

Solo and Two Person Exhibitions

2026 *Gargaphie*, Left Field Gallery, Los Osos, CA
Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL

2025 McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL
Fellows in the Garden: Olivia Zubko, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2024 *Scott Stack and Olivia Zubko*, DeGroot Fine Art, Chicago, IL

2023 NADA House with Cleaner Gallery + Projects, , Governor's Island, NY
Soap Opus, Two Person Show, Rockford University Art Gallery, Rockford, IL

2022 *Necessarium*, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL

2019 *Embellished*, Jack Olson Gallery, Dekalb, IL
Terrain Biennial 2019, 215 N 4th St, Dekalb, IL
Assemblage, Backspace Satellite Case, Dekalb, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 *Your Name Spelled in Soap*, Patient Info, Chicago, IL

2025 *2-3 Weeks*, The Plan and Gallery 350, Maldives
Tacoma Sculpture Park, Patient Info, Chicago, IL

2024 *The 100th Show*, Left Field, Los Osos, CA
Thirst Trap, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL

2023 *Water Sports*, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL
Petrified Wastage, Three Person Show, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
Make You Make Me, Tiny Table Gallery hosted at Free Range, Chicago, IL
Street Sweeper, Commonwealth Gallery, Madison, WI
Selections From the Irie Collection, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL
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2022 *Home Grown*, Unpacked Artist Space at MDW Fair, Chicago, IL
Art of Surface, Robert T. Wright Gallery, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

Residencies

2023 ACRE Residency- Steuben, WI

Awards and Honors

2025 The Arts Club of Chicago Fellowship (2025-2026)

Bibliography and Press

- 2023 Red Skate Mag. Balden, Kerry. “More Private Still,” October
Create! Magazine. “Transformation Through Fire: The Porcelain Works of Olivia Zubko”, June
“Soap Opus,” Exhibition Catalog. Rockford University
- 2022 TheCOMP Magazine. Alamo-Costello, Chester. “Olivia Zubko—Lifecycles of objects and belongings.”
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