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Marie Hagerty & Robert Foster at the Australian Design Centre

After sharing a common love of each other's works since attending art school together in the 80s, Marie Hagerty and Robert Foster decided to collaborate.

Bringing together art and design in conceptual object-making form, the duo will be presenting their works in Sydney for the first time and we are proud to present them at our Australian Design Centre gallery as part of Art Month Sydney in March.

Artist Marie Hagerty and hollow-ware maker Robert Foster of F!NK & Co. first exhibited their works at Melbourne's Karen Woodbury Gallery in 2015. Their style has been described as both functional and sculptural, exploring colours, texture and form.

"We have pursued common aspects of our individual practices here – in the semiotic forms, use of colour and movement, which blurs the boundaries of art and design, perhaps influenced by the Bauhaus philosophy of our art school training. We immediately noticed we have very similar sensibilities," commented Hagerty.

When speaking about the collaboration, Foster discussed his love of discovering new forms of making.

"It has been a wonderfully liberating experience for us both. Marie has discovered new forms and materials and investigated 'utilitarianism' while I have enjoyed exploring sculptural considerations and facilitating new processes of making."

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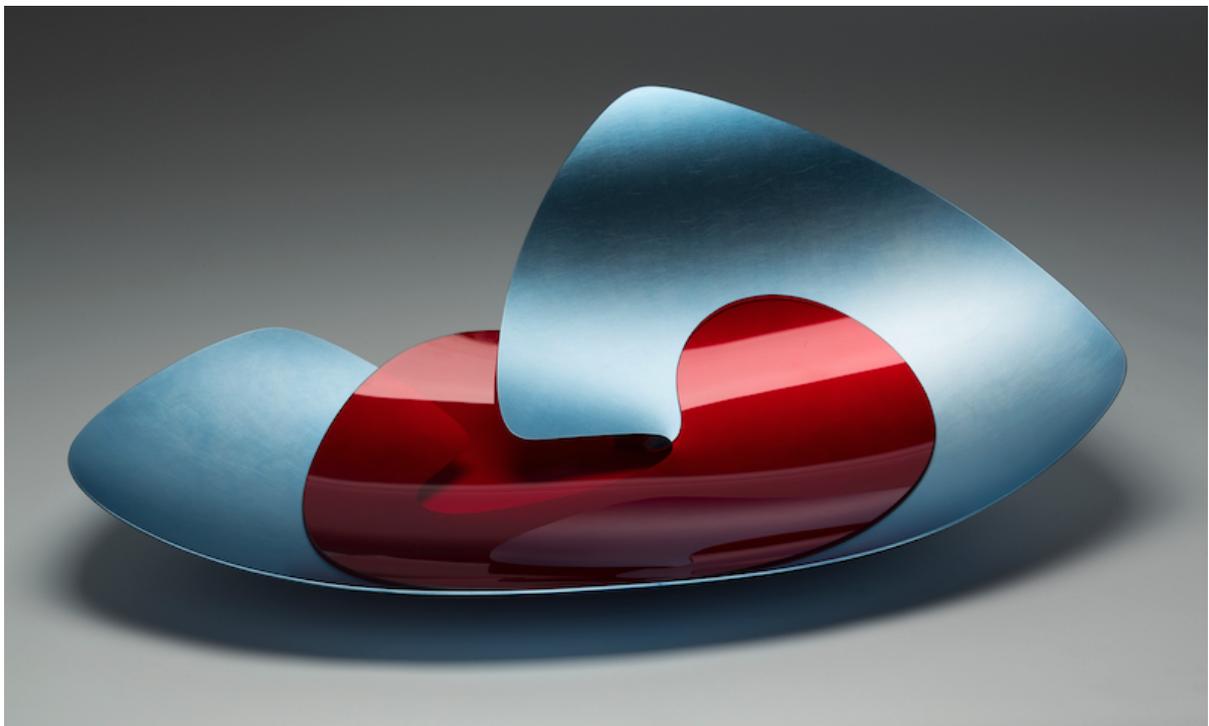
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**About Hagerty & Foster**

Marie Hagerty is a Canberra-based artist celebrated for her beguiling painted 'collages' which manipulate colour, form and light to explore the dichotomy between abstract and figurative, fiction and reality. She has exhibited nationally at GOMA Queensland Art Gallery, Ian Potter Museum, Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, National Gallery of Victoria, RMIT University Gallery, and her work is held in various public and private collections.

Robert Foster is an internationally acclaimed artist/designer and hollow-ware maker, and the founder of the production company F!NK & Co. Featuring colourful yet durable anodised aluminium pieces, his practice encompasses lighting, furniture, accessories as well as signature vessels and teapots, and is held in major collections throughout Australia and USA.

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(Image: Marie Hagerty & Robert Foster *blue, red* 2015 anodised aluminium & acrylic 18.0 x 73.0 x 45.0 cm)



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