

MEDIA ALERT

Pulitzer Presents First Survey of the Turner Prize-Winning Artist Veronica Ryan

Veronica Ryan: Unruly Objects

Mar 7–July 27, 2025

What

Veronica Ryan: Unruly Objects is the first survey of the work of the Montserrat-born British artist Veronica Ryan, OBE (b. 1956). The exhibition presents four decades of Ryan's groundbreaking practice with over one hundred sculptures, textiles, and works on paper.

Since the 1980s, Ryan has worked with traditional art materials, including bronze and marble, as well as found and everyday items, from seeds and pods to bandages. Her practice invites the public to reconsider so-called waste, such as padded envelopes, fabric scraps, packaging, and plastic bottles. Her reuse and remaking of such humble materials suggests environmental concerns around excess and consumption as well as a recognition of the unrealized potential of discarded objects. Ryan's hand-embroidered pillowcases and cushions evoke dream states and interior worlds, as does her use of alluring textures and colors of coral, turmeric, and indigo. Across her work, Ryan creates a network of connections that brings together personal and global histories of travel and migration as well as narratives of healing, nurturing, and belonging.

Co-organized by the Pulitzer and Wexner Center for the Arts, the exhibition highlights the artist's frequent return to past creations and ideas in pursuit of new conversations. Through this continuous reshaping, Ryan asks the viewer to consider life itself as a process of constant growth, navigation, and change.

When

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Veronica Ryan, *Collective Moments III*, 2000/2022

Where

Pulitzer Arts Foundation
3716 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108

Admission

Free

Hours

Thursday through Sunday, 10am–5pm, with evening hours until 8pm on Friday

Organization

Veronica Ryan: Unruly Objects is co-organized by the Pulitzer Arts Foundation and Wexner Center for the Arts. The exhibition is curated by Tamara H. Schenkenberg, Curator, with Molly Moog, Curatorial Assistant, Pulitzer Arts Foundation.

Exhibition Tour

Following its presentation at the Pulitzer, *Veronica Ryan: Unruly Objects* will travel to the Wexner Center for the Arts in Columbus, Ohio, where it will be on view August 22, 2025 – January 11, 2026.

About the Pulitzer

The Pulitzer Arts Foundation is an art museum devoted to presenting the art of today and works from the past within a global context. Located in the heart of St. Louis for more than 20 years, its home is an architectural landmark designed by celebrated architect Tadao Ando. Open and free to all, the Pulitzer is a cultural and civic asset to the St. Louis community and a popular destination for visitors from around the world.

The Pulitzer campus is located in the Grand Center Arts District of St. Louis, Missouri, and includes the museum, the Park-Like garden, a tree grove, and the Spring Church. The museum is open Thursday through Sunday, 10am–5pm, with evening hours until 8pm on Friday. Admission is free. For more information, visit pulitzerarts.org.

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Image: Veronica Ryan, *Collective Moments III*, 2000/2022. Fabric, broad beans, thread, embroidery hoop, 18 1/2 x 11 x 1 5/8 inches (47 x 28 x 4 cm). Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge. © Veronica Ryan, OBE RA. Courtesy Alison Jacques, London