



Self-Portrait of the Artist Losing His Marbles

Date

1965

Primary Maker

Robert Arneson

Materials

Earthenware, luster glaze, marbles, and pigments

Description

Three-dimensional portrait bust showing the head, partial shoulders, and chest of the artist. The head, with thick hair slicked back and a bushy moustache, has two missing eyes, one with the socket open and empty and the other with the socket nearly empty except for a small pinhole.

The figure wears a collared shirt with the top open to expose the collar bone and chest. The bust's surface is pitted and rough and includes a large crack gaping from the chin down to the bottom of the bust. From the fractured spilt, approximately one dozen marbles spill out to the base. The bust stands on a round, fluted base. A shiny, luster glaze in shades of oxidized bronze and silver covers the surface of the piece.

Dimensions

31 x 17 1/2 x 9 1/2 in. (78.7 x 44.5 x 24.1 cm)