

Seth Bogart *one hundred* Tooth Brushes

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Opening Reception: Friday, May 31, 8–11 PM

Drinks provided by Land & Sea Dept.

and Time Machine Juice

Live Performance by Seth Bogart



What is allowed inside our mouths? What is not allowed inside our mouths? What do we want in our mouths? Let's try something new, something different. I want to brush my teeth with a banana then with a watermelon. The handle becomes soft and bends like rubber. The handle becomes a perfectly cooked shrimp. Next I'll brush my teeth with a poodle and a chain and after that **Little Richard**.

Seth Bogart's ceramic toothbrushes take many forms. They hold a joke or the absurd but they also offer us a break from reality or at least a constructed reality that follows the script. These toothbrushes are queer. Quantum physics reveals that there is no fixed reality and it's full of beautiful contradictions. Multiple versions of the same event are happening all at the same time. Quantum is queer. **Bogart's** toothbrushes are a subversive way to start and end your day. The new reality check. All the strange and wonderful ways of being non stationary or weird.

The clay is a soft body that takes form through the rubbing and moving of hands over the material. The clay is real. The hands of the maker are real. The clay is manipulated into something not real, but supernatural. Fire burns the malleable and supple

earth into reality. High heels on a toothbrush! They are alive and living for their fish nets. These sweet toothbrushes just want to break out and be free and be anything but a toothbrush. The brush becomes a snake, then a toilet, then a leg in heels with fishnet stockings and red nail polish. The intersection of the mundane, the sexual, the absurd and the observed come together in the clay and there are no rules.

I will lick this toothbrush. I will become a toothbrush in the mirror. I will eat myself as a toothbrush as a dog with Aquafresh toothpaste on top.

—excerpt from "There Are Many Ways to Brush," for **Seth Bogart** by **Kate Mosher Hall**, from the *100 Toothbrushes* exhibition catalogue.

Seth Bogart is an artist and musician living in Los Angeles, CA. He works primarily in painting, music, film and sculpture. He has exhibited his work and performed at 356 Mission, LACMA, MoCA, Artist Curated Projects, Participant INC, One Archives, MOCAD, Fierman Gallery and more. He is in the band **Hunx and His Punx** and also performs and releases music under his own name.