I studied Ceramics and 3D Design at Bath Academy of Art, graduating in 1971, following my foundation Course at Hereford College of Art. I gained PGCE at Lancaster then taught. I gave up full time teaching to raise a family and renovate an old cottage, among the Shropshire Hills AONB, where our ducks run round the garden and orchard.

I have spent some years developing skills as a ceramic artist, sculpting in porcelain, bone china and stoneware. I also paint on raw porcelain with colours I make from mineral salts, and use like watercolours. I love working with clay and the excitement of firing.

I have had to give ceramics a rest, so have started sculpting in wax for casting in bronze. The Indian Runner ducks we have bred and shown, are my first subjects, the result of years of detailed observation.

Each duck is signed, numbered and dated on their feet. They are individually cast in the traditional lost wax process for **hot bronzes**, then hand finished and patinated. I do more work on the coloured series when they are returned from the foundry.

The “colours” on the bronzes are derived from minerals, and fixed with a heat process, comparable with glazing. **They are all different and vary a lot within each series.** A full colour series is 45 or less, to date. Some of the colours are one-offs. I am experimenting with the foundry for more colours.

The classically patinated bronze limited edition of the first Indian Runner Duck will be up to 50, and IR Drake 45. There are variations within the plain bronze IR duck editions where I have rebuilt and worked on broken waxes.

**INDIAN RUNNER DUCK BRONZES**

- **INDIAN RUNNER DRAKE**
  Limited edition BD /45
  Classic bronze patina
  Height about 13.75cm.
  Price £230.00
  Each bronze is signed and inscribed with edition/series number.

- **GREEN IR DRAKE**
  Limited Series GD /25
  Height about 13.50cm.
  Price £240.00

- **GREEN IR DUCK**
  Limited Series Gd /40
  Height approx 12.5cm.
  Price £230.00
  Patina: verdigris

- **INDIAN RUNNER DUCK,**
  Limited Edition Bd /50
  Classic bronze patina.
  Height about 12.75 cm
  Price £220.00

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