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Reference – **GRAHAM HAY**

Graham Hay has been a leading artist working in a variety of media but has become international recognised for his pioneering work as a Paperclay artist. Over a number of years the techniques of making with this relatively new material have spread throughout the world – in no small part due to Graham's enthusiasm and knowledge for the subject.

During his career he has demonstrated and given lectures and workshops all over the world and I have had the pleasure to work with him on several occasions. For 15 years I was the director of the International Ceramics Festival held in Great Britain. This is Europe's largest educational ceramic event and in 2001 Graham Hay was an invited lecturer and demonstrator introducing his unique approach to working methods to an audience of a thousand international ceramic artists, to great acclaim.

During the International Ceramic Symposium in Panevezys, Lithuania in 2002, I had the possibility to work alongside Graham for 5 weeks and was constantly amazed at his breadth of knowledge and energy for his chosen medium of Paperclay.

In 2004 when organising and curating the 1st International Paperclay Symposium at the International Ceramics Studio, Kecskemét, Hungary, Graham Hay was the obvious choice for symposium leader and he spent four weeks at our centre assisting and guiding the 24 international artists working on the symposium. He again demonstrated his ability to communicate and transfer his skills to others and all the participants gained insights into new ways of working with this age-old material, Clay.

Graham Hay has undoubtedly become the worlds leading authority on Paperclay in all its variations and I am pleased to write this reference for Graham Hay and have no hesitation in recommending him for your project.

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