

Pattie Chalmers Artist Statement

I create ceramics and drawings depicting stories culled from childhood tales, four-for-a-dollar comic books, movies-of-the-week and family photo albums. My work is a collage of these influences in combination with historical and imagined elements that reveal my observations about identity and ideologies. The synthesis is personal but the images are given in familiar language: true love, silent contemplations, or broken hearts for example. The stories merge with my own experience into semi-fictional vignettes.

I am inherently an explainer and a storyteller and through my work I attempt to map my experiences while allowing for an altered perspective. Often what results is a narrative that provides the frustration and the satisfaction of deciphering a difficult puzzle.