





## Take a closer look....

- Take some time to look at the sculpture. What do you notice?
- What sounds do you think the faces on this sculpture are making?

What you see are only two sides of the same sculpture. If you would like to see the complete sculpture you can visit the gallery by booking a free timed entry ticket at www.jnaag.ca.

## Information about the sculpture...

Z'otz\* Collective

Dubious Laughter, 2020

modelled and incised terracotta

Z'otz\* Collective is a group of three artists that work collaboratively to produce art work—each artist works on the same art piece, passing it back and forth to each other until they agree that it is complete. They have been working together for over fifteen years in a shared Toronto studio where they create drawings, paintings, collages, sculptures, and murals. All three artists have Latin American roots: Nahúm Flores (Honduras), Erik Jerezano (Mexico), and Ilyana Martínez (Mexico/Canada).

Wondering what Z'otz\* means? It is the Mayan word for bat.

## Terms to think about...

**Terracotta:** This word comes from the Italian word meaning "earth baked" and refers to the materials red brown colour which is used for pottery and building construction.

**Coil:** A coil is a long form of clay that is rolled into a slender snake-like shape in order to produce pottery and other ornamental structures.

**Hand Building:** A term that refers to using only hands and simple tools (rather than a potter's wheel) to create pots or sculpture.