

HOSTLER BURROWS



KRISTINA RISKÄ (Finnish, b.1960)
Harmony of Growth, 2019
Stoneware
53.25" H

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Kristina Riskä is one of Scandinavia's foremost contemporary ceramic artists and a senior member of the Arabia Art Department Society in Helsinki. Riskä has been exploring, defying, and redefining the traditional tenets of ceramic sculpture since the 1980s. Her unorthodox, large-scale works, inspired by nature and the properties of light and shadow, embody her rigorous and physical approach to her work.

Riskä begins the conceptualization of her works on paper, her designs ultimately coming to fruition spontaneously as she works. Her process is a foray into the unknown; with each unplanned, instinctive manipulation of the clay, she establishes a non - physical "internal" space. She describes this space as a repository for her qualities of quietude, serenity, and concentration. Her unique ceramic sculptures are astounding in their technical prowess; their impressive scale is matched with equal delicacy; the artist creates forms that seemingly defy gravity and the constraints of the ceramic process. Her craftsmanship is evident as well in the beauty of her glazes, given the limitations of firing such monumental objects in the kiln.

In 1986, Riskä exhibited at the Gallery Bronda, which could be considered her first critical success. On display were a series of vessels so large that the installation proved quite difficult. The State Art Collection purchased two works from the show, spurring a career in which she has been well recognized in her home country and abroad. In 1991 Riskä exhibited jointly with the architect Kimmo Friman at Gallery Kluuvi. By this time she had abandoned all the traditional tenets of pot making — her curvaceous, imbricated, porous forms were recognized with prestigious accolades, including the State's Suomi Prize in 1995 and a silver medal at the International Ceramic Contest in Mino, Japan in 2002.

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EDUCATION

- 1986-87 Guest artist at Arabia Factory
- 1985 Trainee at Studio Bente Hansen, Copenhagen
- 1985 Assistant for Minni Lukander at Arabia
- 1984 Trainee at Arabia Factory
- 1979-84 Helsinki University of Art and Design

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
Collect, Hostler Burrows, Saatchi Gallery, London
FOG Design + Art, Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
Salon Art + Design, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Galleri Format, Oslo, Norway
Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
The Line, Lokal, Helsinki, Finland
FOG Design + Art, Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
Salon Art + Design, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
FOG Design + Art, Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
Salon Art + Design, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
Expo Chicago, Hostler Burrows, Chicago, IL
Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
Winter Antiques Show, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
- 2015 Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
Expo Chicago, Hostler Burrows, Chicago, IL
Design Miami / Basel, Hostler Burrows, Basel, Switzerland
Kristina Riskä: New Work, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
- 2014 Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL
Six Women, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
- 2012 Arabia 9th floor, Helsinki
- 2011 Gallery Angelo, Pori
Gallery För Bord Dukning, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2010 Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm, Sweden
Westerwald Ceramic Museum, Germany
Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
- 2009 Collection exhibition, Espoo Museum of Modern Art

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- Arabia Gallery, Helsinki
Ceramic Museum Grimeshus, Denmark
- 2008 Gallery Oljemark, Helsinki
Gallery Kaj Forsblom, Helsinki
Musee Des Arts Decoratifs, Paris, France
- 2007 4+ Arthall, Luxemburg
4+ Arthall, Bruxelles, Belgium
Gallery Inger Molin, Stockholm, Sweden
Forum Box, Helsinki
- 2006 Private exhibition, Design-Museum, Helsinki
Transfromations, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
- 2005 Schikaragi, Japan
Design-Museum together with Paula Winokur and Margaret West
- 2004 European Ceramics, Fiskars
Q-exhibition, Fiskars
Matter and Spirit, Jyväskylä
Gallery Philippe Denys, Bruxelles, Belgium
- 2003 Nordic Cool, Washington, USA
Q-exhibition, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 The International Ceramics Exhibition, Mino, Japan
Arabia Gallery, Helsinki
Poetics of Clay, Design-Museum, Helsinki
- 2001 Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheongju, Korea
Poetics of Clay, Philadelphia, USA
Private Exhibition with Dörte Behm, Rheine, Germany
- 2000 Blue, Scandinavian exhibition, Ceramic Museum Grimeshus, Denmark
The First Nordic Ceramic Triennale, Berlin, Germany
Retretti Art Center, Punkaharju
Private exhibition with painter Tiina Heiska, Gallery Johan S., Helsinki Gallery
Pictor, Vihti
- 1999 Lahti Art Museum
- 1998 Finnish Design, Design Forum, Helsinki
- 1997 Five Women, Design Forum, Helsinki
- 1996 Private exhibition, Arabia Gallery, Helsinki
- 1993 Ceramic Art 1993, Art Museum Lappeenranta
Different, Museum of Modern Art, Helsinki
- 1992 Art and Industry, Design-Museum, Helsinki
- 1991 Thoughts in Clay, Gallery Pictor, Vihti
Ceramic Art 1991, Art Museum Lappeenranta
Designers under the Spotlight, Kaapelihalli, Helsinki
Private exhibition together with Kimmo Friman, Gallery Kluuvi, Helsinki
- 1990 Three Ceramics, Gallery Johan S., Porvoo
Design Museum, Helsinki
- 1989 Thirteen rooms, Gallery Wanha Satama, Helsinki

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- 1988 Touch, Arthall, Taidehalli, Helsinki
- 1987 Light and Matter, City's Art Museum, Helsinki
Metaxis, Design Museum, Helsinki
Private exhibition Fragile Time, Arabia Gallery, Helsinki
- 1986 Gallery Bronda, Helsinki
Arabia Gallery, Helsinki
- 1985 Arabia Gallery, Helsinki
- 1984 Design Museum, Helsinki

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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"Hoedemaker Pfeiffer's Quick Picks," *Introspective Magazine*, September 11
- 2016 Perkovic, Jana. "International Women's Day Special: 11 Female Collectible
Designers of Note." *Blouin ArtInfo*. March 8
- 2015 "Exhibitions in Brief: Kristina Riska," *Cfile Daily*, May 13
Munro, Cait. "6 Must-See New York Gallery Shows During Frieze New York,"
Artnet. May 12
Owens, Mitchell. "Grand and Delicate Sculptures by Kristina Riska go on Display
in Manhattan," *Architectural Digest*. April 30
- 2014 "Spotlight on 'Six Women' at Hostler Burrows, New York," *Cfile Daily*,
October 29

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2008 Honorary Award, Mino, Japan
- 2007 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 2006 The State of Finland Art Commissions, working grant for 5 years
- 2003 Finnish Cultural Foundation, working grant for 3 years
- 2002 Silver medal, Mino, Japan
- 1998 Honorary award- Finnish Design 10 exhibition
- 1997 The State of Finland Central Commission for the Arts, working grant for 5 years
- 1995 Suomi-prize
D'Oro medal, Faenza, Italy
- 1994 The State of Finland Art Commissions, working grant for 1 year
- 1992 Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1991 The State of Finland Art Commissions, working grant for 1/2 years

PROJECTS

- 2011 Jury member in International Ceramics Competition, Mino, Japan
- 2010 Visiting teacher at School of Architecture, University of Illinois
Stonefloor at Kuopio Prison
- 2005 GEKKO sculpture at Kamppi Metro Station, together with Kati Tuominen
Niittylä and Pekka Paikkari
KoKo-dish for Arabia, together with Kati Tuominen-Niittylä

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- 2004 "Northern Latitude"- sculpture at Olympic Park and Ceramics and Sculpture,
Athens
- 1993 Visiting teacher at University College of Arts, Crafts and Design (Konstfack),
Stockholm

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Finland's state
Sweden's state
City of Helsinki
Ulster Museum, Belfast, Ireland
Wayne State College, Minnesota, USA
Design Museum Helsinki
Gifu Museum, Japan
Saastamoinen Foundation

MEMBERSHIPS

Arabia Art Department Society
Finnish Art Association
Ornamo
IAC International Academy for Ceramics