

On View

Here Are 6 of the Most Daring Design Shows to See This Month (Think Chainsawed Furniture, Hamburger Vases, and Giant Crystals)

These designers are starting the year with a bang.

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John Shea at HB381 New York, United States



John Shea. Courtesy of HB381 gallery.

HB381 is the *kunsthalle*-style offshoot of the more established New York collectible design gallery Hostler Burrows. Since its inception last spring, HB381 has focused on showcasing interdisciplinary talents who attempt to free sculpture from limited definitions of art and design.

American talent John Shea demonstrates this philosophy with the transcendent ceramic sculptures in his “standard, abstract” solo show—on view from January 13 to February 25. His abstract sculptures are defined by intersections, where smooth geometric planes are interrupted by rough spheres. Shea’s shapes take their cues from microscopic silica crystals and the palette from Japanese painter Sanzo Wada’s 1932 book, *A Dictionary of Color Combinations*.