

BODIL MANZ

b. 1943, Denmark

Bodil Manz is a ceramicist known for her predominant use of ultra-thin, translucent eggshell porcelain to create distinctive cylindrical forms, anchored by bold, geometric abstractions in a style evocative of Russian Suprematism. Much in the way Morandi approached a still life or Albers the square, her engagement with the cylinder form *ad infinitum* is a study in the master's ability to extract sublime nuance from the seemingly quotidian. In her own words, "Focusing and concentrating on a single object such as a sphere, a square, a cylinder, a cup, fundamentally something quite ordinary, the stuff of everyday life, [seems] indeed almost banal. But during the process we discovered fresh aspects, and suddenly 'the ordinary' became a new experience."

Manz studied ceramics at the School of Arts and Craft in Copenhagen. In 1966, she studied at La Escuela de Diseño y Artesanías in Mexico City and at the University of California Berkeley. Her work is included in numerous prestigious collections including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Musée de Sèvres, and the Museum of Modern Ceramic Art in Gifu, Japan.



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EDUCATION

- 1966 Escuela de Diseño y Artesanias, Mexico City, Mexico
- 1966 Art Department, Berkeley University, Berkeley, CA
- 1965 Arts and Crafts School, Copenhagen, Denmark

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 Bodil Manz, Galerie Ligne Treize, 18th International Biennial of Contemporary Ceramics, Carouge, Switzerland

Thin as Paper, Galerie Møller Witt, Copenhagen, Denmark

- 2020 Hostler Burrows, New York, NY
- 2012 Galleri Weinberger, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011 Galleri Pagter, Kolding, Denmark
- 2008 Danish Museum of Art and Design, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006 Galerie Pierre, Paris, France Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium Galerie Besson, London, UK
- 2004 Galerie Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2003 Galerie b 15, Munich, Germany Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY Galerie Carla Koch, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
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- 1998 Galerie Besson, London, UKGarth Clark Gallery, New York, NYGalerie Carla Koch, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 1995 Nederlands Keramiekmuseum, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY

- 1984 Lidköpings Konstall, Lidköping, Sweden Facet, Bing & Grøndahl, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1971 Maison du Danemark, Paris, France

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024–25 Fifteenth Westerwald Prize Exhibition, The Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany
- 2014 Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
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- 2012 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London, UK Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London *Cuts and Interventions*, Copenhagen Ceramics, Frederiksberg, Denmark
- 2011 Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium Garth Clark, SOFA Fair, Sante Fe, NM
- 2010 Gudjhem Museum, Bornholm, Denmark Galerie Helen Poiree, Paris, France Carla Koch, PAN Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2009 Keramiske Veje, Sophienholm, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2008 Design Museum, Denmark
- 2007 The 4th World Ceramic Biennale, Korea Ceramics from Denmark, Bayerischer Kunstgewerbe-Verein, Munich, Germany Transparenz und Masse, Museum Eckernförde, Germany
- 2005 Transformations: The Language of Crafts, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia The 7th International Ceramics Competition, Mino, Japan The 3rd World Ceramic Biennale, Korea Biennale Européenne de Céramique Contemporaine, Troyes, France
- 2004 4th Ceramic Triennial, Trapholt, Denmark
 Keramiske Veje, Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Galerie Pierre, Paris, France
 Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
 From the Kilns of Denmark, US touring exhibition
- 2003 The International Invitational Exhibition, Korea
 Crafts Now, Kanazawa, Japan
 Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan
 2nd World Ceramic Biennale, Korea
- 2002 Galerie Pagter, Kolding, Denmark From the Kilns of Denmark, touring: Paris, France; Berlin, Germany; USA Campio-Masterpieces, Palazzo Bricherasio, Turin, Italy

	The Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Canada
	Biennale de la Céramique, Andenne, Belgium
	The 6th International Ceramics Competition, Mino, Japan
2001	Galerie le Vieux-Bourg, Switzerland
	Sigtuna Museum, Sigtuna, Sweden
	Poetics of Clay, Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
	Pakhuset, Nykøbing, Denmark
2000	The Danish Wave, China
	Form and Glasur, Hoechst, Germany
	The Sixth Taiwan Golden Ceramic Award Exhibition, Taiwan
1999	Living Design – Dialogue, touring: Klaipeda, Riga, Tallin
	(UN) Limited, Craft Council, London, UK
	Artist from the World, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy
	Form-Transformation 1966-99, Kunst Industri Museet, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Keramik aus Dänemark, Galerie Handwerk, Munich, Germany
1998	Triennale de Porcelaine, Nyon, Switzerland
	Galerie für Englische Keramik, Marianne Heller, Germany
	Sybaris Gallery, Oklahoma
1997	Museum voor Sierkunst, Gent, Belgium
1996	Yufuku Gallery of Fine Arts, Tokyo, Japan
	Bewegung Europäische Keramik 96, Keramion, Germany
	Form und Glasur, Hoechst, Tyskland, Denmark
	Das Andere Gefäss, Saarländisches Künstlerhaus, Saarbrücken, Denmark
1995	Edinburgh City Art Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland
	Gallery Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
1994	l st Ceramic Triennial, Trapholt, Denmark
	Tapei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
1993	Keramik Europas, Keramikmuseum, Westerwald, Germany
1992	Kunstindustrimuseet, Helsinki, Finland
	Triennale de Porcelaine, Nyon, Switzerland
1991	Museum Het Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
1990	Gallery Amphora & Singer Museum, Oosterbeek, The Netherlands
1989	Scandinavian Ceramics and Glass, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
	Röhsska Museet, Gothenberg, Sweden
1987	Boymans van Beuningen Stichtung Museum, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
	The Seibu Art Forum, Tokyo, Japan
1981	Museum of Art, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
1980	Galerie de Proen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
1977	The Danish Museum of Decorative Art, Copenhagen, Denmark
1970	Städtlisches Museum, Wiesbaden, Germany

- 1969 Den Permanente, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1966 Mexico City, Mexico

AWARDS

- 2024 Shortlist, I 5th Westerwald Prize, The Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany
- 2006 The 4th World Ceramic Biennial, Korea, Grand Prize
- 2005 The 3rd World Ceramic Biennial, Korea, Honorable mention The 7th International Ceramic Competition, Mino, Japan, Honorable mention
- 2003 Knud V. Engelhardt Memorial Grant The 2nd World Ceramic Biennial, Korea, Jury's prize Bavarian State Prize, Germany
- 2001–2002 Anna Klindt Soerensen 2 years grant
- 2001 The 6th International Ceramic Competition, Mino, Japan, Honorable mention The 1st World Ceramic Biennial, Korea, Special prize The Thorval Bindesboell Medal
- 2000 C.L. David's Fund Carl Jacobsen's Travel Grant, The New Carlsberg Foundation
- 1998 The Life Long Grant of the Danish Government The 5th International Ceramic Competition, Mino, Japan, Gold Medal
- 1997 Ellen and Knud Dahlhoff Larsen's Foundation Merchant L.F. Foght Foundation Kutani International Decorative Ceramic Competition Award of Merit, Japan

5th World Triennial Exhibition of Small Ceramics, Zagreb, Krapina prize

- 1994–1995 The Danish Arts Foundation, 3 year grant
- 1993 4th World Triennial Exhibition of Small Ceramics, Zagreb, Grand Prix Arts, Crafts and Design Council's Annual prize Johan S. Kroeir Foundation Silversmith Kay Bojesen and Mrs. Erna Bojesen Memorial Grant
- 1985 Ole Haslund Artist Grant
- 1978 Ole Haslund Artist Grant
- 1972 The Royal Copenhagen Porcelain Manufactory, Jubilee Competition, 2nd prize
- 1969 Den Permanente, Ceramic Competition, 1st prizeThe Cowi FoundationHandelsbanken Jubilee Grant
- 1968 The Danish National Bank Jubilee Foundation
 K.A. Larssen and Mrs. L.M. Larssen Grant
 Manufacturer and Mrs. Svend Aage Rasmussen Memorial Grant

Painting Contractor Achen Grant The Danish Arts Foundation

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK The Danish Museum of Art & Design, Copenhagen, Denmark The Danish Arts Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark The New Carlsberg Foundation, Denmark The Trapholt Museum of Danish Visual Art, Arts & Crafts & Furniture Design, Kolding, Denmark Röhsska Konstslöjdmuseet, Gothenberg, Sweden Nationalmuseum, Stockholm, Sweden Musée de Sèvres, Sèvres, France Musée des Arts Décoratifs, France Kunstindustrimuseet, Helsinki, Finland Neue Pinakothek, Munich, Germany Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany Sammlung Rudolf Strasser, Museum der Stadt, Landshut, Germany Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzjausen, Germany Museum Keramion, Frechen, Germany Museum Boijmans-van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands Museum Het Princessehof, Leewarden, The Netherlands The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel Musée des Arts Décoratifs de Montreal, Canada The Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art. Toronto, Canada Palmer Museum of Art, University Park, PA Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY The Newark Museum, Newark, NJ Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Charlotte, NC Spencer Museum, Lawrence, KS Hallmark Collection, Kansas City, MO Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit, MI The Museum of Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan World Craft Forum, Tokyo, Japan Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taiwan