

BABS HAENEN

b. 1948. Amsterdam. The Netherlands

Babs Haenen is a ceramic artist living and working in Amsterdam. Haenen's expressive sculptures in colored porcelain are informed by twentieth century abstract painting as well as elements from the natural world. Her richly pigmented painterly compositions on slabs of porcelain are alive with movement, granting equal importance to color, line, and form. Each composition is constructed from pieces of clay which are cut, folded, and stacked into three-dimensional forms. The resulting sculptures often resemble vessels or mountain peaks, rippling as though caught by eddies of water or carved by natural forces; they are always imbued with a turbulent, dynamic complexity.

Haenen first worked as a dancer before studying visual art at the Gerrit Rietvield Academy in Amsterdam. In 1987, Haenen was the recipient of an award from the Netherlands Foundation for Visual Arts, Design and Architecture (Fonds BKVB). She also received the 1991 INAX Design Prize for Europeans. Her work is in the permanent collection of many museums, including the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Stedelijk Museum, Frans Hals Museum Haarlem, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.



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EDUCATION

1979 Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023	Porcelain Mountains, Kunstmuseum den Haag, The Hague, Netherlands
2022	Taste Contemporary, The Solo Project Contemporary Art, Brussels, Belgium
202 I	Pas de Deux, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland
2020	Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder, Van Achterbergh Prize exhibition, The Princessehof
	National Museum of Ceramics, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
2018	Babs Haenen, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY (catalog)
	En Route, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland
	The Frozen Fountain, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2017	En Route, Two Cities Gallery, Shanghai, China
	The Silk Road, The Waterland Museum, Purmerend, The Netherlands
2015	Beijing Design Week with Ubi Gallery, Beijing, China
2014	Scholar's Rock, Gallery VIVID, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
2012	En Route, Gallery Van Krimpen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2008	Babs Haenen, Frans Hals Museum—De Hallen, Haarlem, The Netherlands
	Porselein, een huid van steen (Porcelain, a skin of stone), Haarlem, ABC Architecture Center,
	Harlem, The Netherlands
2002	Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY
1999	Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY
1998	The Turbulent Vessel: Ceramics 1991-1998, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
	(catalog)
1995	Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY
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1991	A Decade of Work, The Princessehof National Museum of Ceramics, Leeuwarden, The
	Netherlands (catalog)
	Hetjens Museum/Deutsches Ceramics Museum, Düsseldorf, Germany (catalog)
1989	Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY
1987	Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Babs Haenen, Ien Lucas, Hieke Luik, Galerie Ramakers, The Hague, The Netherlands On the Way to Porcelain Blue and White, Royal Delft Museum, Delft, The Netherlands
- In Residence III, Ting-Ying Gallery and Oliver Sears Gallery, London, UK 2023 Nature/Nurture, Anna House, East Hampton

Netherlands-Korea Invitational Ceramic Exhibition, Seoul Cyber University, Seoul, South Korea

The Value in Things, Ting-Ying Gallery, London, UK

Transformative Boundaries, Fabienne Levy Gallery & Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland

- 2022 Beneath the Surface: Origin Stories, Mills Station Art and Culture Center, Sacramento, CA artgenève, Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland Hostler Burrows, Salon Art + Design, New York, NY
- 2021 Crafting a Difference at Soshiro, Ting-Ying Gallery, London, UK

Eye of the Collector, Ting-Ying Gallery, London, UK

International Art Fair for Contemporary Craft and Design, Ting-Ying Gallery, London, UK

Shapes from Out of Nowhere: Ceramics from the Robert A. Ellison Jr. Collection, The

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

The Spirit of Ceramics: lingdezhen International Ceramic Art Biennale, New Art Museum of lingdezhen Ceramic University, lingdezhen, China

This Is the Sound of C, CC Zwaneberg, Heist-op-den-Berg, Belgium

Hostler Burrows, Salon Art + Design, New York, NY

Viewing Room, Ting-Ying Gallery at the London Art Fair, London, UK

2020 Blanc de Chine: A Continuous Conversation, The Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK

Collect 2020: International Art Fair for Contemporary Art and Design, Ting-Ying Gallery at the Somerset House, London, UK

Forest Primeval, Hostler Burrow Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Stillness and Movement, Taste Contemporary, Sotheby's, Geneva, Switzerland

Time Suspended, Gallery Catherine Prevoust & Ting-Ying Gallery, London, UK

artgenève 2020, Gallery Taste Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland

2019 Cool Clay: Recent Acquisitions of Contemporary Ceramics, The Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

Entre eau et ciel: Amsterdam, Helene Aziza, Paris, France

Ghosts of Sunday Morning, Design Museum Den Bosch, Den Bosch, The Netherlands

TEFAF New York, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY

FOG Design + Art Fair, Hostler Burrows, San Francisco, CA

2018 Made in Holland: 400 Year World Brand, Ceramic Museum Princessehof, Leeuwarden,

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Show Yourself, Design Museum Den Bosch, Den Bosch, The Netherlands

Design Miami, Hostler Burrows, Miami, FL

Rich-Z Gallery, Shenzhen, China

The Salon Art and Design, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY

2017 A City in Dialogue with the World, Jingdezhen, China

Change the System, Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

China Character, Gemeentemuseum Den Haag, The Hague, The Netherlands

Classics Revived: International Contemporary Ceramics Design Invitational Exhibition, Liling Ceramics Valley Museum, Liling, China

Hotel Panorama, PAN Art Fair, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The Dramatic Vessel, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan

Vase: Function Reviewed, Farmleigh House and Estate, Dublin, Ireland

Gallery VIVID at Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

International Ceramic Fair, Spherebol+, Flow collection, Jingdezhen, China

2016 Artmonte-carlo Exhibition 2016, Taste Contemporary Craft, Monaco

Masterly: The Dutch in Milano, Palazzo Francesca Turati, Milan, Italy

Sexy Ceramics, Princessehof National Museum of Ceramics, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

The Mode: International Ceramics Arts Invitational Exhibition, Liling Ceramics Valley

Museum, Liling, China

Vase: Function Reviewed, National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland

Artgenève 2016, Taste Contemporary Craft, Geneva, Switzerland

Gallery VIVID for Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Gallery VIVID at Design Miami, Miami, FL

2015 Kunst uit Huis, Collectie Wilploo (Art from Home: Wilploo Collection), Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam, The Netherlands (catalog)

Melancholia, Gallery VIVID, Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam

New China from China: Ceramic Culture and Art Exhibition, KIP International Pavilion, Expo Milano, Milan, Italy (catalog)

The Beautiful Object, AD Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

World Tour Art Exhibition, Chinese National Treasure Museum of Arts, Beijing, China

Gallery VIVID for Design Miami Basel, Basel, Switzerland

Gallery VIVID for Design Miami, Miami, FL

Gallery VIVID for Pan Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Hostler Burrows at FOG Design+Art Fair, San Francisco, CA

2014 Clay! A century ceramics at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, The Netherlands

Europe and Beyond: 12 Artists in Clay, Peppercanister Gallery at Coach House Gallery, Dublin Castle, Dublin, Ireland

	Gallery VIVID for Art Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
	Gallery VIVID for Design Miami/ Basel, Basel, Switzerland
2013	Babs Haenen, Alexander Lichtveld
	Minimentaal II, Galerie Metis and Maria Chailloux, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
	Muzeum LeSecet Magyarorszag, Pecs, Hungary
	Salah-ad-Din: Mysterious Green, Ceramic Museum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The
	Netherlands
	Teachers and Students, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
	Amsterdam, Kunst Rai, Kunstconsult, Zuid Oost Beemster
	Amsterdam, Peter Rommers, IJ-Catchers
2012	Bloemen in het museum, Frans Halsmuseum, Haarlem, The Netherlands
	Maskerade, Frans Halsmuseum De Hallen, Haarlem, The Netherlands (catalog)
	Shifting Paradigms in Contemporary Ceramics, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX (catalog)
2011	In der sparte porzellan, Kunsthaus Frankenthal, Frankenthal, Germany
	Made in China, Ministry of Finance, The Hague, The Netherlands
	Made in China, Nederlandsche Bank, teachers and students, Ceramic Department Gerrit
	Rietveld Academie, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
	Modern Ceramics, Collection JWN van Achterbergh (catalog)
	Temporary Stedelijk 2, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
	Amsterdam, Rai- Art Amsterdam, gallery van Krimpen
	Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
	Rotterdam, Art Rotterdam, artfair, gallery van Krimpen
2010	Contemporary glass and ceramics, Haags Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, The Netherlands
	De kom, Cypres Gallery, Leuven, Belgium
	Kleikunst, Steengoed: Ceramics from the Collection of Museum Boijmans van Beuningen,
	Rotterdam Kunsthalm, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
	Gallery Van Krimpen for RAI Art Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2009	Form and Sculpture, Ministry of Finance, The Hague, The Netherlands
	Nieuwe liefdes, Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
2008	Top! Stukken: Hedendaagse Keramiek in Nederland (Top Pieces: Contemporary Dutch
	Ceramics), Gorcumsmuseum, Gorinchem, The Netherlands
	XXth Century, Haags Gemeentemuseum, The Hague, The Netherlands
	Well-meaning cultural commodities, Barrett Marsden Gallery, London, UK
2007	European Triennale for Ceramics and Glass, Les Anciens Abattoirs, Mons, Belgium (catalog)
	Pretty Dutch, Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands (catalog)
	Twenty-five years Binnen, Gallery Binnen, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (catalog)
2006	Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery, Claremont, CA

Six Women, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY

2005	Organic Abstraction, Part 2: Homage to Ruth Duckworth, Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY
2004	Goudomrand: The Future Handmade, Nederlandsche Bank, teachers and students Ceramic
	Department Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
2003	Acquisitions, Museum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
	Ceramics: Babs Haenen/Geert Lap, Frans Hals Museum De Hallen, Haarlem, The
	Netherlands
2002	Allan Chasanoff Ceramic Collection, Mint Museum of Craft+ Design, Charlotte, NC
	(catalog)
	Blue + White = Radical, Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY
	New Collection, Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan (catalog)
200 I	Dutch Contemporary Ceramics, Gallery Janet Mansfield, Sydney, Australia
1999	Collects, The George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Canada
1994	Gallery Marijke Raaijmakers for the European Fine Art Fair, Maastricht, The Netherlands
1993	The Inax Design Prize for Europeans 1st to 5th, Museum Tokoname, Tokoname, Japan
	(catalog)
1992	Beyond Tradition, Contemporary Ceramics in the collection of the Museum Boijmans van
	Beuningen Rotterdam, Institut Néerlandais, Paris, France (catalog)
1991	Recent Acquisitions, The Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Shigaraki, Japan
1988	Vice Versa, Musée Joseph Déchelette, Roanne, France (catalog)
1987	Holland in Form, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands (catalog)
1984	Helen Drutt Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

AWARDS

2020	Van Achterbergh Prize
2012	Mondriaan Fund, Visual Arts and Cultural Heritage
2005	Nomination for the Dutch Ceramic Prize
2003	Fonds BKVB, the Netherlands Foundation for Visual Arts, Design, and Architecture
1991	INAX Design Prize for Europeans, Japan
1990	Fonds BKVB, the Netherlands Foundation for Visual Arts, Design, and Architecture

COLLECTIONS

AkzoNobel Art Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Boise Art Museum, Boise, ID

Carnegie Institute Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA

Ceramic Museum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

Consulate of the Netherlands, Chongqing, China

Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum, New York, NY

Council-hall Municipal Dordrecht, Dordrecht, The Netherlands

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Beijing, China

Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY

Eye Clinic Focus, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Frans Halsmuseum, Haarlem, The Netherlands

George R. Gardener Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Canada

Hague Municipal Museum, The Hague, The Netherlands

Hetjens-Museum, Düsseldorf, Germany

House corporationYmere, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

INAX Corporation, Tokoname, Japan

Koninklijke PTTNederland. NV, The Hague, The Netherlands

Kunstgewerbe Museum, Berlin, Germany

Liling Ceramics Valley Museum, Liling, China

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, The Netherlands

Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Charlotte, NC

Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Museum for Modern Art, Arnhem, The Netherlands

Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Shigaraki, Japan

Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX

Museum of Modern Ceramics Art, Gifu, Japan

Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

NV Airport Schiphol, Schiphol, The Netherlands

Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Stedelijk Museum's Hertogenbosch, Den Bosch, The Netherlands

Stedelijk Museum Schiedam, Schiedam, The Netherlands

Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK

COMMISSIONS

2010–2011 Centrepiece Eye Clinic Focus, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

2004–2009 Porcelain floor tile for the entrance hall of Keramiekmuseum Princessehof, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

2004-2005 Design and production fireplace, Kats, Molenaar- Adriaanse,

2004 Joke Smits Prize, Ministry of Welfare and Employment, The Hague, The Netherlands (Artwork: The Forsaken Garden)

2003–2008 Ornament and tiles, design, and models for Theatre, Haarlem, The Netherlands

2003 Dordrecht Council Hall (Artwork: Wall panel)

2000–2002 Development of porcelain slabs, EEA Erick van Egeraat Architects, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

1998 Amsterdam, Stichting Het Woningbedrijf Amsterdam, Buildingcompany Ymere, Wadtegel/ Wadtile

1995 Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken (Ministry of Foreign Affair), The Hague, The

Netherlands (Artwork: Le retour éternel du ciel)

1994 Amsterdam Luchthaven/Airport Schiphol, Schiphol, The Netherlands (Artwork: Tulipiere III)

SELECTED TEACHING APPOINTMENTS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Professor, Gerrit Rietveld Academy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Visiting Lecturer, Camberwell School of Art, London Institute, London, UK
Speaker, Slow Craft, BNO, vrije vormgevers (2008)
Speaker, How I Shaped a Wall, Jingdezhen, China (2011)
Dutch Board, Ceramic Millennium '99
Design Advisory Committee to the Ministry of OCW Judith Leyster Foundation, 1987-1994