

HOSTLER BURROWS

KATI TUOMINEN-NIITTYLÄ

b. 1947, Finland

Kati Tuominen-Niittylä is an internationally acclaimed ceramic artist living and working in Helsinki, Finland. Her elegant minimalist works blend multiple techniques with extraordinary skill alternating between wheel-throwing, casting, and hand-building with a prevalence of textured, carved surfaces. All of Tuominen-Niittylä's works are high-fired. Evoking archetypal silhouettes reminiscent of functional vessels such as buckets and basketry, as well as shapes found in nature, Tuominen-Niittylä creates objects that are refined and sophisticated yet with a rough plainness that is further emphasized by the earthy neutral hues. The objects appear almost ancient or geological. The interchanging of techniques also affords a uniqueness to each piece; it often leads to new details and finishes. Although the works are suggestive of ancient functional forms, Tuominen-Niittylä creates each piece purely with artistic purpose.

Tuominen-Niittylä studied at the Aalto University School of Arts, Architecture, and Design. She is a member of the Arabia Art Department Society and has designed for Arabia Studios. Her work is in the permanent collections of numerous public institutions including the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Finnish State Collections, and the Shigaraki Cultural Park Museum in Japan.

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EDUCATION

1976 University of Art and Design, Helsinki

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Galleria Duetto, Helsinki, Finland
- 2016 Gallery Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
- 2011 *Kuvia Immagini (Pictures Images)*, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
Galleri Inger Molin, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2008 *Kaj Franck Design Prize*, Gallery Modus, Tampere, Finland
- 2007 *Kaj Franck Design Prize*, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 2003 *Shadows*, Alvar Aalto Museum Gallery, Jyväskylä, Finland
Galleri Inger Molin, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2001 *Angle of Vision II*, Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1998 Finsk Form, Malmö, Sweden
- 1997 Galleri Björnen, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1996 *Angle of Vision*, Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1993 Lawrence Gallery, Sheridan, OR
- 1990 Artek, Helsinki, Finland
- 1984 Arabia Museum Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 1982 Arabia-Nuutajärvi, Helsinki, Finland

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

- 2023–2024 *Northern Latitude 60.20890: The Arabia Art Department Society's 20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Iittala & Arabia Design Center, Helsinki, Finland
- 2022 *Vessels*, Sized Studio, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *A Thing of Beauty*, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
- 2018 *About Clay*, Kuparipaja, Fiskars
- 2015 *Contemporary Ceramics*, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
Nine Seasons, Arabia Art Department, Finnish Embassy, Washington, DC
- 2014 *Fat Clay*, Gallery Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
Sato, Galleria Gumbostrand, Sipoo, Finland

- The Ceramic Object*, Galleri Format, Oslo, Norway
- 2013–2014 *Arabia Art Department Tournament Exhibition*, Japan
- 2013 *Arabia Art Department Jubilee Exhibition*, Galleria Arabia, Helsinki, Finland
Cheongju International Craft Biennale, Cheongju, South Korea
Pyhaniemi Summer Exhibition, Lahti, Finland
- 2012 *Arabia's Ninth Floor*, Gallery Arabia, Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki Fat Clay, Fondazione Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy
Helsinki Fat Clay, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy
Flow Gallery, London, UK
- 2011 Gallery Angelo, Pori, Finland
Helsinki Art Fair, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 Galerie Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany
Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Höhr-Grenzhausen, Germany
- 2009 *Signals*, Gallery Flow, London, UK
Danske Keramisk Museum, Mitterfart, Denmark
Gallery Besson, London, UK
- 2008 Gallery Oljemark, Helsinki, Finland
Wanha Satama, Helsinki, Finland
- 2007 Gallery Goed Werk, Zulte, Belgium
- 2006 Septaria Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Fiskars, Finland
Forum Box, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 *Scandinavian Stylish Design: Arabia Ware in Finland*, The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park,
Shigaraki, Japan
- 2004 *A Touch of Finland*, Flow-Gallery, London, UK; Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK
Ceramics 2004, European Ceramics, Fiskars, Finland
Syvällä Savessa (Deep in the Clay), Finnish Handicraft Museum, Jyväskylä, Finland
Gallery Philippe Denys, Brussels, Belgium
- 2003 *Retro*, Fiskars, Finland
- 2002 *Kosketuskohta (Touchpoint)*, Gallery Laterna Magica, Helsinki, Finland
- 2000 *Arabia Artists in Retretti*, Retretti Art Center, Punkaharju, Finland
Finnish Glass Lives 4, Glass Museum of Finland, Riihimäki, Finland
Keramik, Höganäs Museum, Höganäs, Sweden
Metamorphos, Lahti, Finland
Ten from Finland, Gallery Mokkumto, Seoul, South Korea
Viewpoints II, Arabia Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999 *Arabia 125 Years*, Ambiente 1999, Frankfurt, Germany
The Nordic Transparency, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 1998 *Finnish Design 10: The Turn of the Millennium*, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland

- Light and Shadow*, The Mino Ceramic Festival, Tajimi, Japan
Savesta Syntynyt (Born from Clay), Fiskars, Finland
 Exhibition of the Mino Ceramic Competition, Tajimi, Japan
 Finnish Design Exhibition, Japan and US
 Nikolai House Liukko, Keuruu, Finland
 Nordic Ceramic Triennale, Sweden
- 1996–1997 Museum of Art and Design (touring exhibition), France
- 1996 *Arabia Pro Arte Collection*, Arabia, Helsinki, Tampere, Finland
Extra Trend Show, Frankfurt Fair, Frankfurt, Germany
Finland Designs, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
 Kerava Art Museum, Kerava, Finland
 Nikolai House Liukko, Keuruu, Finland
- 1995 *Design Finlandais*, Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, Nice, France
Joint Nordic Exhibition for Invited Artists, Gallery Lionet, Stockholm, Sweden
 Centrum for Changing Exhibitions, Karlsruhe, Germany
 Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Hetjens-Museum, Düsseldorf, Germany; Keramikmuseum, Germany
- 1994 *Arabia Pro Arte*, Luum Galeri, Tallinn, Estonia
 Gallery Bremer, Karkkila, Finland
 Gallery Arioso, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1993 *Arabia Pro Arte*, Arabia, Helsinki, Finland
 Gallery Maronie, Kyoto, Japan
 Third Gallery, Seoul, South Korea
- 1993–1994 *From Dreams to Reality*, Scandinavian-Baltic Touring Exhibition
- 1993 *Finland Designs*, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
Group Six, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 1992 *A Little Thing*, Båstad, Sweden
Art and Industry in Ceramics: Personal Statements in Clay by Nordic Artists and Designers, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
Spring, Gallery Bellarte, Turku, Finland
The Pot, Design Forum Finland, Helsinki, Finland
- 1991 *Arabia Pro Arte Collection*, Arabia, Helsinki, Finland
Arabia Pro Arte Collection, Verkaranta, Tampere, Finland
Oslo International Ceramics Symposium: Research in Clay Art, Oslo, Norway
Six Ceramists from Finland, Seoul, South Korea
Thoughts in Clay, Gallery Pictor, Nummela, Finland
- 1990 *East Meets North*, Posio, Finland
 Lidköping Craft and Maritime Museum, Sweden
 Galleria Johans, Porvoo, Finland
- 1989 *Finland Designs*, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland

- 1989–1990 *Actualité de la Ceramique Européenne* (touring exhibition), France
Scandinavian Ceramics and Glass, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
- 1988 *Arabia Pro Arte Collection*, Arabia, Helsinki
Arabia Pro Arte Collection, Verkaranta, Tampere, Finland
- 1987–1988 *Zeitgenössisches Deutsches und Fnnisches Kunsthandwerk*, Frankfurt and Hannover,
Germany; Helsinki, Finland (touring exhibition)
- 1987 *Finland Designs*, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
Gallery Otso, Espoo, Finland
- 1985 *Finland Designs*, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
Lidköping Craft and Maritime Museum, Sweden
Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Faenza, Italy
Tampere Museum of Contemporary Art, Tampere, Finland (touring exhibition)
The American-Scandinavian Foundation, New York, NY
- 1984 Galerie Grafiart, Turku, Finland
NK, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1983 *Finland Designs*, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
- 1982 *Unikate Finnischer Künstler (Unique Pieces by Finnish Artists)*, Düsseldorf; Frankfurt, Germany
Illums Bolighus, Copenhagen, Denmark
Stockmann, Helsinki, Finland
- 1981 *Finland Designs*, Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
- 1979 *Rakennuseramiikkaa (Building Ceramics)*, Finnish Design Center, Helsinki, Finland
- 1978 *The Bowl*, Vientitalo, Helsinki, Finland

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

- 2021 Wall Brick Installation, National Theatre Restoration (with Pekka Paikkari)
- 2005 Gekko, Kamppi, Helsinki (with Pekka Paikkari & Kristina Riska)

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2007 Kaj Franck Design Prize
- 2002 Gold Medal, Mino, Japan
- 1998 Grand Prix, Mino, Japan
Honorary Mention, Mino, Japan

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

- Arabia Museum, Helsinki, Finland
- Finnish State Collections
- Handelsbanken, Sweden
- Hetjens Museum, Dusseldorf, Germany
- Höganäs Museum, Höganäs, Sweden

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
Mino's New Ceramics Museum, Tajimi, Gifu, Japan
Museum of Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
Nationalmuseum, Stockholm, Sweden
New Ceramic Museum, Tajimi, Gifu, Japan
Pohjola Companies, Helsinki, Finland
Röhsska Museet, Gothenburg, Sweden
Seoul Design Museum, Seoul, South Korea
Shigaraki Cultural Park Museum, Japan
Statens Konstråd, Sweden
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
Ulster Museum, Belfast, UK
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
Wihuri Foundation Collections