

# HOSTLER BURROWS

## **VEERA KULJU**

b. 1975, Finland

Artist Veera Kulju describes herself as a “hybrid of a curious, random-minded artist and a rational, business-orientated designer.” She uses ceramics and textiles in her work, layering multiple small elements with slight variations to create larger meanings. Working predominantly in black or white glazed clay, she experiments with unexpected materials and motifs.

In Kulju’s *Popcorn* series, the artist uses actual popcorn, mixing it into porcelain to transform a popular snack into a refined artistic element. In this series she often uses pigment or gold leaf to heighten the texture and emphasize the materiality of the media. In her most recent *Mirror* series, Kulju plays with the viewer’s sense of perception, as the works only reference the shape and scale of mirrors, not actually featuring any reflective qualities.

Kulju studied at Aalto University and was a visiting artist at the Arabia Art Department in 2017–2018. Her work was commissioned to be included in the Finnish State Art Collection and was recently acquired by the National Museum in Stockholm. She has exhibited widely throughout Finland and abroad.

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## EDUCATION

- 2010 Aalto University, School of Art and Design, MA Applied Art and Design, Helsinki, Finland
- 2005 Lahti University of Applied Science, Institute of Design, BA Experimental Design, Lahti, Finland
- 2004 University of Gothenburg, School of Design and Crafts, Exchange Studies, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2000 Vihti School of Art and Craft, Interior Textiles, Artesan, Finland

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *A Horse, The Forest, A Father*, Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki, Finland
- 2020 *Noir*, Gallery Halmetoja, Helsinki, Finland
- 2019 *Forest Returns*, Täky – Design Autumn, Lappeenranta, Finland  
*Sounds of Silence*, Konsthantverkarna Gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2018 *NAKU*, Mäntinranta Artcenter Studio, Tampere, Finland  
*Holy Wood*, ARTag Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 *Shadows & Threads*, School of Art & Design, Helsinki, Finland

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Recent Works by Veera Kulju, Marianne Huotari, Hanne G.*, HB381, New York, NY  
*After Glow, New Nordic Porcelain*, Kunsthall Grenland – Porsgrunn, Norway  
*After Glow, New Nordic Porcelain*, Clay Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark  
*After Glow, New Nordic Porcelain*, Gustavsberg Porcelain Museum, Sweden
- 2021 *Ceramics Facing the New*, EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Finland  
*LUONTO RETKI*, Nastolan kesänäyttely 2021, Nastola, Finland  
*Solid Ground*, IAC Post Tour -program, Väre-Building, Otaniemi, Finland  
*Coming home to Seoul*, FACTORY2, Seoul, South Korea  
*On the Edge – Äärellä*, Rovaniemi Art Museum, Finland  
*SIELUNMAISEMA*, Glasshouse Helsinki, Finland
- 2020 *Ceramega 2020 – National Ceramic Exhibition*, Voipaala Art Center, Sääksmäentie, Finland  
*Forest Primeval*, Hostler Burrows, Los Angeles, CA

- Mexico & the Nordics: A Meditation on Individuality in Craft, Tradition, & Modernism*, Adorno Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2019 *Dark Matters*, Taidekeskus itä, Riutta, Lappeenranta, Finland  
*Coming Home III*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Re/Defining Finnish Contemporary Art & Design*, Spazio Nobile Gallery, Brussels, Belgium  
 London Design Week, Adorno Gallery, London, UK  
 CHART Design, curated by Lokal Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Perspectives*, Iittala & Arabia Design Centre, Helsinki, Finland  
*Coming Home II*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
 Collectible, curated by Lokal Gallery, Brussels, Belgium,  
*Re/Defining Finnish Contemporary Art & Design*, The Finnish Cultural Institute for the Benelux & Spazio Nobile Gallery at Collectible, Brussels, Belgium  
 Institut Finlandais, Paris, France  
 Spazio Nobile Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2018 *Coming Home*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Juhlat*, curated by Lokal Gallery, Institut finlandais, Paris, France  
 CHART Design, curated by Lokal Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark  
*Fiskars Summer House Exhibition*, Fiskars Village, Finland  
*TypoCraft Helsinki*, Reykjavík Art Museum, Hafnarhús Island, Finland  
*Line*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2017 *Enchanted Forest*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Typocraft*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Kisses and Popcorn*, Arabia Art Department Society, Designcentre, Helsinki, Finland  
 Arabia Art Department Society, SEB Bank, Helsinki, Finland
- 2016 *Yhes*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Signals & ASUN*, Habitare Ahead!, Helsinki, Finland  
*Smaragdus*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland
- 2015 *Ukly Truth*, HABITARE Block area, Helsinki, Finland
- 2013 *Another Setting*, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki, Finland  
*Give a New Life*, MONA the Museum of New Art, Pärnu
- 2012 *Hirameki Himmeli*, Tokyo, Japan  
*Finnish Design Unwrapped*, Istanbul Design Biennial, Turkey  
*Yhteinen Pöytä*, Empiresali Helsinki, Finland  
*Everyday Discoveries*, Suvilahti Helsinki, Finland  
*Protoshop*, Habitare Ahead!, Helsinki, Finland  
*Finnish Design Unwrapped*, Helsinki Design Museum, Finland
- 2011 *Hells Looks*, Antwerp, Belgium  
*Finnish Design Unwrapped*, London Design Festival, United Kingdom  
*Protoshop*, Habitare Ahead!, Helsinki, Finland  
 DMY International Design Festival, Berlin, Germany

- Awake*, Argos Young Designers at Argosshall, Helsinki, Finland  
*Open 140*, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*Masters of Arts 2011*, Salmisaarentalo Helsinki, Finland  
2010 *Protopp Köln*, Iso-Roba 4-5, Helsinki, Finland  
2009 *Sprouts*, Young Designers at Argosshall, Helsinki, Finland  
2008 *Nice08*, Nordic Art and Culture Festival, Bluecoat, Liverpool, United Kingdom  
*100 Show*, Helsinki Design Week, Cable Factory, Helsinki, Finland  
*Wandering*, European Commission Representation, London, United Kingdom  
*Fennofolk*, New Nordic Oddity, Design Museum, Helsinki, Finland  
*THIS IS ME WHO ARE YOU* Young Designers, Argosshall, Helsinki, Finland  
*100% Finlande*, Helsinki á Saint Suplice, Paris, France  
2007 *Table is Set*, Helsinki Design Week, Esplanadi park, Helsinki, Finland  
2006 *Helsinki Biennale*, Myymälä 2, Helsinki, Finland  
*The Daughters of Midas*, Jewellery on Tour, Helsinki, Finland

## **COLLECTIONS**

Arabia Art Department Society, Finland  
Suomen Laatuokeskus, Finland  
Finnish State Art Commission Collections, Finland  
The Nationalmuseum Stockholm, Sweden

## **GRANTS**

- 2022 Arts Council of Finland  
2021 Arts Council of Finland  
FRAME  
Finnish Cultural Foundation  
2020 Greta ja William Lehtisen's Foundation  
TAIKE  
Arts Council of Finland  
2019 Finnish Cultural  
2018 Finnish Cultural Foundation  
Arts Council of Finland  
2017 Arts Council of Finland  
2016 Arts Council of Finland  
2009 Arts Council of Finland  
2008 Finnish Cultural Foundation, Raivio & Kulju, group exhibition project  
2007 Finnish Cultural Foundation, The Daughters of Midas, group exhibition project

## **RESIDENCIES**

2018 Arabia Art Department Society, Visiting Artist

2017 Arabia Art Department Society, Visiting Artist

## **RESIDENCIES**

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Artists O

The Jewelry Art Association

The Association of Finnish Sculptors