

HOSTLER BURROWS



VEERA KULJU (Finnish, b. 1975)
Shadow Gardens, 2018
Hand built black clay and glaze
9.5" H x 7.5" W x 3.5" D

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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 NationalMuseum in Stockholm. She has exhibited widely throughout Finland and abroad.

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VEERA KULJU

b. 1975, Finland

EDUCATION

- 2005–2010 Aalto-university, School of Art and Design, Helsinki Applied Art and Design, MA
2001–2005 Lahti University of Applied Science / Institute of Design Experimental Design, BA
2004 School of Design and Crafts, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, Exchange Studies
1997–2000 Vihti School of Art and Craft, Interior textiles, Artesan

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 Sounds of Silence, Konsthantverkarna gallery, Stockholm, Sweden
2018 NAKU, Mältinranta Artcenter Studio, Tampere
Holy Wood, ARTag gallery, Helsinki
2010 SHADOWS & THREADS, School of Art & Design, Helsinki

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Coming Home, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki
Juhlat, curated by Lokal Gallery, Institut finlandais, Paris
CHART Design, curated by Lokal Gallery, Copenhagen
Fiskars Summer House Exhibition, Fiskars
TypoCraftHelsinki, Reykjavík Art Museum, Hafnarhús Island
LINE, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki
2017 ENCHANTED FOREST Lokal Gallery, Helsinki
TYPOCRAFT, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki
KISSES AND POPCORN, Arabia Art Department Society, Designcentre, Helsinki
Arabia Art Department Society, SEB Bank, Helsinki
2016 YHES, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki
HABITARE Ahead, Signals & ASUN, Helsinki
SMARAGDUS, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki
2015 UKLY TRUTH, HABITARE Block area, Helsinki
2013 ANOTHER SETTING, Lokal Gallery, Helsinki
GIVE A NEW LIFE, MONA the Museum of New Art, Pärnu
2012 HIRAMEKI HIMMELI, Tokyo
FINNISH DESIGN UNWRAPPED, Istanbul Design Biennial
YHTEINEN PÖYTÄ gathering, Empiresali Helsinki
EVERYDAY DISCOVERIES, Suvilahti Helsinki
PROTOSHOP, Habitare Ahead! Helsinki
FINNISH DESIGN UNWRAPPED, Design Museum, Helsinki
2011 HELL LOOKS, Antwerpen
FINNISH DESIGN UNWRAPPED, London Design Festival
PROTOSHOP, Habitare Ahead!, Helsinki
DMY International Design Festival, Berlin

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- AWAKE, Argos Young Designers at Argosshall, Helsinki
OPEN 140, Design Museum, Helsinki
MASTERS OF ARTS 2011, Salmisaarentalo Helsinki
2010 PROTOTYP KÖLN, Iso-Roba 4-5, Helsinki
2009 SPROUTS, Young Designers at Argosshall, Helsinki
2008 NICE08, Nordic Art and Culture Festival, Bluecoat, Liverpool
100 SHOW, Helsinki Design Week, Cable Factory, Helsinki
WANDERING, European Commission Representation, London
FENNOFOLK, New Nordic Oddity, Design Museum, Helsinki
THIS IS ME WHO ARE YOU, Young Designers, Argosshall, Helsinki
100% FINLANDE, Helsinki á Saint Suplice, Paris
2007 TABLE IS SET, Helsinki Design Week, Esplanadi park, Helsinki / The Daughters of Midas
2006 HELSINKI BIENNALE, Myymälä 2, Helsinki
THE DAUGHTERS OF MIDAS, Jewellery on Tour, Helsinki

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Arabia Art Department Society
Suomen Laatuokeskus

GRANTS

- 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

MEMBERSHIPS

Ornamo
Artists O
The Jewellery Art Association