

# HOSTLER BURROWS



VEERA KULJU (Finnish, b. 1975)  
*Teardrop/Kyynel*, 2019  
Hand built black clay and glaze  
22" H x 18" W x 5.5" 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