

MARIANNE NIELSEN

b. 1971, Denmark

Marianne Nielsen crafts delicate ceramic arrangements, which expose the synthetic and psychological aspects of the natural world. Through the lens of botany and a naturalist approach, she produces an herbarium of gestural forms that preserve the liveliness of plants. In reexamining the still life genre, her works evoke the ephemeral forms of overgrown spaces, crystalizing transient and fleeting moments.

Nielsen's subjects are found throughout nature as well as the decorative arts: in textile patterns, architectural elements, and the general abstracting of form across vernacular craft traditions. As a result, many of her works improvise on the basic format of vase, plate, or decorative dish. At other times, the artist isolates botanical scenarios and chance compositions from field and forest through the slow and detailed observation of her surroundings. Hers is an attention which aims not to simply comprehend the whole but to see each petal, stamen, burl, and stem for its rudimentary elements. Looking at Nielsen's porcelain and stoneware sculptures, one finds an articulation of the vast taxonomy of natural forms nested within and alongside human culture.

Nielsen graduated from the Design School Kolding in the department of ceramics and glass. Her work has been exhibited at the CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, the Vejen Art Museum, the Biennale for Craft & Design in Copenhagen, and the Nordic Craft Pavilion at the Grand Palais in Paris. She is a recipient of the Annie & Otto Johannes Detlefs Ceramics Prize, the Danish Arts Foundation Award, the Danish Crafts Award, the Danish National Bank Jubilee Fund of 1968, and the Ole Haslund Foundation Grant. Nielsen's works are in the collections of the CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark; the Designmuseum Danmark, Copenhagen, Denmark; and the Vejen Art Museum, Vejen, Denmark.



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EDUCATION

1999 Design School Kolding, Ceramics and Glass Department, Kolding, Denmark

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Leaf, stem, twig, HB381, New York, NY, USA
- 2019 Marianne Nielsen, Design Square Gallery, Kolding, Denmark
- 2017 Flower Vase, Ann Linnemann Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark Modelleret, Glaseret Stentøj (Pinched, Glazed Stoneware), Bagsværd Church, Bagsværd, Denmark
- 2014 Lunch of the Green, Butik for Borddækning, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2003 Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 The Language of Ceramics, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark
- 2022 Can You Hear Me, Galeria FAB, Tirana, Albania City and Country, Peach Corner Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark Repetition, Galerie Pi, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2021 Bend, Bubble and Shine: Copenhagen Ceramics at Hostler Burrows, Hostler Burrows, New York, NY, and Los Angeles, CA, USA Nature: Traces and Reflections, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark
- 2020 Shiftings, Galerie Pi, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2019 Ceramic Momentum, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark
- 2018 Planted, Galerie Pi, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 Flower Power, Vejen Art Museum, Denmark Grand Designs, Clever Hands, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark

The Biennale for Craft & Design: Liquid Life, Copenhagen, Denmark New York Ceramics & Glass Fair, New York, NY, USA

2016 Copenhagen Ceramics Invites, Galleria Salvatore Lanteri, Milan, Italy Danish Arts and Crafts, Galerie für Angewandte Kunst, Munich, Germany

	Danish Contemporary, Lacoste Gallery, Concord, MA, USA
	Hairy Matters, PLADS Artspace, Aarhus, Denmark
2015	Homeliness, Private Flat, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Magic Language, Game of Whispers, The Nordic Craft Pavilion at Révélations, Grand
	Palais, Paris, France
	Biennale Internationale Design, Saint-Etienne, France
2014	<i>Céramique 14</i> , Paris, France
	Meeting Beauty, Ann Linnemann Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Mindcraft I 4, Milan Design Week, Italy
	Three Days in Paris, Galerie Maria Lund, Paris, France
2013	Écrits, Mythes, et Legendes: 17ème edition de la Biennale Internationale de Céramique,
	Châteauroux, France
	Squander, Gallery Pagter, Kolding, Denmark
	Terres: Copenhagen Ceramics Invites, Galerie Maria Lund, Paris, France
	The Biennale for Craft & Design, Rundetaarn, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Chi Chi Potter, Copenhagen, Denmark
2012	Behold, Ann Linnemann Studio Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Elitist Folklore, Copenhagen Ceramics, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Mechanic Picnic, Lunchmoney Gallery, Aarhus, Denmark
2011	Martin Bodilsen Kaldahl Invites, Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium
	The Biennale for Craft & Design, Koldinghus, Kolding, Denmark
	Wild and Vigorous, Ann Linnemann Studio Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
2010	Across, Ny Tap, Carlsberg District, Copenhagen, Denmark
	<i>Contrast</i> , Ann Linnemann Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
	The Cultivated Nature, CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark
	Designer Zoo, Copenhagen, Denmark
2009	Spring Exhibition, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
	The Cobra Room, Sophienholm Kunsthal, Lyngby, Denmark
	Nicolai, Kolding, Denmark
2008	Nothing to Display, Koppe Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Blås & Knåda, Stockholm, Sweden
2007	Ceramics in Kolding, Koldinghus, Kolding, Denmark
	The Biennale for Craft & Design, Trapholt Museum for Modern Art and Design, Kolding,
	Denmark
2006	Ceramics Above Ground, Blås & Knåda, Stockholm, Sweden
	Damascus – Copenhagen, The Danish Institute, Damascus, Syria
	Home from Damascus, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Wofür Brennen Wir, Künstlerhaus 188, Halle, Germany
2005	Conversation Pieces, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
2004	Ceramics Below Ground, Bunker DG 177, Copenhagen, Denmark

Stuff: Ingenuity and Critique, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, Canada

- 2003 Western, Charlottenborg, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2002 Ambiente-fair, Frankfurt, Germany Summer Exhibition, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark Tableware, Museum of International Ceramic Art, Grimmerhus, Middelfart, Denmark The Tradition of the Future: Innovation in Everyday Life, Maison du Danemark, Paris, France

Visite: Danish and German Ceramics, Banegaarden Kunst & Kultur, Aabenraa, Denmark 2001 Ambiente-fair, Frankfurt, Germany

- *Christmas Plaque*, Museum for Decorative Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark *Happy Christmas Clay*, Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium *New Nordic Ceramics*, Gallery Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2000 Ceramics without Precedent, Udstillingssted for Ny Keramik, Copenhagen, Denmark Challenges, Trapholt Museum for Modern Art and Design, Kolding, Denmark Challenges, Royal Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark Danish Porcelain 1775–2000, Museum for Decorative Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark Kunstnernes Efterårsudstilling Den Frie, Copenhagen, Denmark Summer Exhibition, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark Talente, Handwerkskammer, Munich, Germany The Danish Wave, Traveling Exhibition: Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing, Qingdao, Dalian, Nanjing, Wuhan, and Chengdu, China
- 1999 Christmas Exhibition, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark Design School Kolding Diploma Exhibition, Design School Kolding, Denmark Design School Kolding Diploma Exhibition, Edison, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1998 Design Projects, Museum for Decorative Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark Fast Forward, Hordaland Kunstcenter, Bergen, Norway
- 1997 Brick Furnitures, Trapholt Museum for Modern Art and Design, Kolding, Denmark Young Designers Award, SNBA Nacional de Belas-Artes, Lisbon, Portugal

AWARDS

The Danish Arts Foundation Annie and Otto Johs. Detlefs Ceramics Prize & Travel Grant The Danish National Bank Jubilee Fund of 1968 Ole Haslund Foundation Travel Grant Danish Crafts

COLLECTIONS

CLAY Museum of Ceramic Art, Middelfart, Denmark Vejen Art Museum, Denmark Designmuseum Danmark, Copenhagen, Denmark