

# Morten Løbner Espersen

1965 Born in Aalborg.  
Lives and works in Copenhagen.

## Education

1987-92 Denmarks Design School, Copenhagen, Denmark  
1989-90 École Supérieure des Arts Appliqués, Duperré, Paris, France

## Professional positions

2014-17 Member of Projektstøtteudvalget for kunsthåndværk og design, The Danish Arts Foundation  
2005-11 Visiting professor at the School of Design and Crafts, Gothenburg, Sweden  
2004 Member of the International Academy of Ceramics, Genève, Switzerland  
1999-05 Lecturer, Kolding School of Design, Denmark  
1992- Studio in Copenhagen, Denmark

## Public collections

Beumans van Beuningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama, USA  
The Danish Arts Foundation  
Denmarks Ceramic Museum, Grimmerhus, Middelfart, Denmark  
The Design Museum Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Lyngby-Taarbæk Municipality, Denmark  
MAD, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA  
Musée Magnelli, Vallauris, France  
The National Museum, Stockholm, Sweden  
The National Public Art Council, Sweden  
The New Carlsberg Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark  
The Röhsska Museum, Gothenburg, Sweden  
The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan  
V&A Museum, London  
Vejen Art Museum, Vejen, Denmark

## Awards and grants

The National Bank of Denmark's Anniversary Foundation of 1968  
The Arts and Crafts Award of 1879, silver medal, 1993  
The Art Prize of the year 1994, The Simon Spies Foundation  
Design book Award, 1999  
The Design Foundation  
The Danish Arts Foundation  
The Danish Arts Foundation three year Working Grant  
Ole Haslund's Arts Foundation  
The Toyota Foundation  
The Augustinus Foundation

LF Foght's Fondation  
Danish Crafts  
Annie and Otto Johs. Detlefs Ceramic Prize, 2018

### **Public Commissions**

Hillerød Library  
The Danish Arts Foundation and the Municipality of Hillerød, Denmark

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2020

Pearls, Boms & Moonjars, Brutto Gusto, Berlin  
Jason Jacques Gallery, New York

2019

Terra Incognita, Morten Avlskarl Gallery, Copenhagen  
Terra Nova, Pierre Marie Giraud, Bruxelles  
Bornholm Ceramic Museum, Hjorths Fabrik, Rønne

2017

Brutto Gusto, Berlin, Germany

2016

Jason Jacques Gallery, New York

2015

Brutto Gusto, Berlin, Germany

2014

Pierre Marie Giraud, Brussels, Belgium

2013

Copenhagen Ceramics, Denmark  
Hedge Gallery, San Francisco, USA

2012

Brutto Gusto, Berlin, Germany  
Trapholt Art Museum, Kolding, Denmark  
Jason Jacques Gallery, New York, USA

2011

Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium

2010

Galleri Jytte Møller, Fredericia, Denmark  
Sintra, Gothenburg, Sweden

2008

Kaolin, Stockholm, Sweden  
Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium  
Gallery Carla Koch, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2007

Lerverk, Gothenburg, Sweden  
Andrew Hollingsworth, Chicago, USA

2006

Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark

2005

Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium  
Kant, Fanø, Denmark  
Gustavsbergs Porcelain Museum, Gustavsberg, Sweden  
Gallery Carla Koch, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

2004

Clara Scremini Gallery, Paris, France  
Kaolin, Stockholm, Sweden  
Vikingsberg, Helsingborg, Sweden

2002

Puls Contemporary Ceramics, Brussels, Belgium

2001

Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark

2000

Galleri Björnen, Stockholm, Sweden  
Clara Scremini Gallery, Paris, France

1999

Space for New Ceramics, Copenhagen, Denmark  
Ribe Art Museum, Ribe, Denmark

1998

Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen, Denmark

1997

Galleri Björnen, Stockholm, Sweden

### **Group Exhibitions**

2020

Tommerup Keramiske Værksted, Galleri Moderne, Silkeborg  
Officine Saffi, NOMAD, St. Moritz, Switzerland

2019

“Momentum”, Copenhagen Ceramics, Clay, Middelfart  
“Vessel”, Museum of Danish America and Jason Jacques Gallery  
Collect, London, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy  
Design Miami, Basel, Pierre Marie Giraud  
Design Miami, Miami, Pierre Marie Giraud

2018

Officine Saffi at Oneroom Gallery, London, UK  
“About a vase”, Ceramic Museum of Montelupo, Italy  
“Ceramics of the World”, Marianne Heller Gallery, Germany  
“Jus de Céramique”, Keramiekcentrum Tiendschuur Tegelen, Holland  
“Printemps des Potiers”, Bandol, France  
Collect, London, Officine Saffi, Milan, Italy  
Design Miami, Basel, Pierre Marie Giraud  
Design Miami, Miami, Pierre Marie Giraud

2017

Everyday life – thinking design, 21.st. Century Museum, Kanazawa, Japan  
“Large formats, clever hands”, Clay Museum, Middelfart  
“The stars they are”, Berg Gallery, Stockholm  
Side Gallery, Barcelona  
Design Miami, Basel, Pierre Marie Giraud  
Design Miami, Miami, Pierre Marie Giraud & Jason Jacques

2016

Sublime Bastards, Morten Avlskarl Gallery Copenhagen  
Sculpture in Pilane, Tjörn, Sweden  
Design Miami, Basel, Pierre Marie Giraud  
Design Miami, Pierre Marie Giraud  
Glaze – chemistry, mass and myth, Hempels Glasmuseum

2015

Design Miami, Basel, Pierre Marie Giraud  
Design Miami, Pierre Marie Giraud & Jason Jacques

2014

“Teabowl”, The Oxford Ceramics Gallery, Oxford UK  
MINDCRAFT14, Ventura Lambrate, Milano, Italy

2013

A vase is a vase is a vase, Brutto Gusto, Berlin, Germany  
SOFA, Jason Jacques Gallery, Chicago, USA  
Design Miami, Jason Jacques Gallery & Pierre Marie Giraud, Miami Beach, USA  
Lust & Colours, Banja Rathnov, Museumsbygningen, Copenhagen

2012

SMART, Process Design Objects, Helsinki, Finland.  
Design Miami, Jason Jacques Gallery, Miami Beach, USA

2011

Tradition transformed, Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama, USA

2010

Contemporary Crafts, Brutto Gusto, Berlin

Exempla, Gallerie Handwerk, München

Kopp, Kaolin, Stockholm

IAC, Members exhibition, Musée de Sevres, Paris

2009

SOFA, New York, Lucy Lacoste Gallery

Adventures of the fire, WOCEF, Icheon, Korea

Collect, Køppe Gallery, Saatchi Galleries, London

2008

New Danish Ceramics, Röhsska, Gothenburg, Sweden. Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Hambrug, Germany

40 years, Gallerie Handwerk. Munic, Germany

Tulessa Syntynyt, Fiskars, Finland

New Danish Ceramic, Lucy Lacoste Gallery+SOFA Chicago, USA

XX th International Biennial of Contemporary Ceramics, Vallauris, France

Blue, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland

2007

Works, Rörstrand Museum, Lidköping, Sweden. Konstbanken, Hamar, Norway

Collect, Galleri Nørby, V&A London

Modern Masters, München, Germany

Craft Biennale, Kolding

Yellow, a celebration, Scottish Gallery, Edingburgh, Scotland

Triennale de la Céramique et du Verre, Mons, Belgium

2006

Email Parures du grand Feu, Giroussens and other venues, France

SOFA, Chicago, Galleri Nørby

2005

Yufuku Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Collect 2005, Puls Contemporary Ceramics, V&A London

Lights in the Dark, Designer Zoo, Copenhagen

SOFA, Chicago, Galleri Nørby

One piece – One artist, Gallerie Marianne Heller, Heidelberg, Germany

2004

Biennalen 2004, Trapholt, Kolding

Coup de Bols, Gallerie Traces, Belgium

Blue and White Christmas, Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh

2003

Wallceramics, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen

New Danish Ceramics, Kunstindustrimuseet, Copenhagen

2002-04

From the Kilns of Denmark, Contemporary Danish Ceramics. New York, Fitchburg, San Diego. Sacramento. USA. Paris, France and Berlin Germany.

2001

Danish Ceramics, Sigtuna Museum, Sweden  
Les Jarres, Åtvidaberg, Sweden

2000

Borreby Galleri, Skælskør  
Les Jarres, Galleri Granberger, Förslev, Sweden  
Danish Wave, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing, Nanking, Kina. Tokyo, Sapporo, Osaka, Japan.  
Taipeh, Taiwan. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

1999

Ceramics from Denmark, München, Germany  
Keramik-Galerie Bürkner im Keramion, Frechen, Germany and Grimmerhus Keramik Museum,  
Middelfart

1998

Junta at the Town Hall, Albertslund Town Hall  
Yoshimi Futamura and Morten Løbner Espersen, Galleri Nørby, Copenhagen  
Nordic Ceramic Triennale, Stockholm, Göteborg, Arvika and Höganäs, Sweden

1997

To Art Space, Seoul, South Korea  
Junta with Guests, Andersen's Watertower, Frederiksberg  
Danish Ceramics 1947-97, Museum of Decorative Arts, Copenhagen  
Danish Ceramics, The Vejstrup Collection, Roskilde  
Danish Ceramics 1850-1997, Sophienholm  
The Biennale for Crafts and Design, Nordjyllands Art Museum

1996

Unika, Museum of Decorative Arts, Copenhagen  
The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Japan

1995

Gallerie Vromans, Amsterdam, Holland  
Junta at Bastionen, Frederiks Bastion, Copenhagen  
Biennale for Crafts and Design, Museum of Decorative Arts, Copenhagen

1994

Nordic Profiles, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Göteborg, Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim and Helsinki  
Rooms and Rituals of Everyday Life, Den Frie, Copenhagen  
XIV Biennale Internationale de Céramique d'Art, Vallauris, France  
The First Danish Ceramic Triennial, Trapholtmuseum, Kolding

1993

Ceramic Undergrowth, Copenhagen and Århus

Charlottenborg, spring and autumn shows, Copenhagen