

José Sierra



José Sierra is a self-taught artist and ceramicist, born in Mérida, Venezuela in 1975. His work draws inspiration from his heritage, along with pre-Hispanic art, East Asian pottery, and contemporary design. His work teems with super-saturated colors and conflicting textures populating asymmetrical forms reminiscent of microscopic life or grand mythological icons.

"The images and memories of coffee mills, intensely colored mountains, dramatic landscapes, pre-Colombian art, and architecture of the Andean region of Venezuela... as well as the geometry of the Catalina Mountains. The range of textures and colors of the Andes and Catalinas also inform my palette of glazes and engobes, which are achieved through high-firing in oxidation and reduction. My work fuses organic and geometric forms, in which I express both the fluidity and abruptness of the shapes and lines in the landscapes and architecture that surrounds me." -Artist Statement

Selected Exhibitions

- 2022 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2020 SOFA Intersect Chicago, Mindy Solomon Gallery
Eutectic Gallery, Portland, OR
Culture Object, New York, NY
- 2019 Lefebvre et Fils Gallery, Paris, France
NCECA, Eutectic Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
Plinth Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2018 NCECA, Eutectic Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA
Abel Contemporary, Paoli, WI
Patricia Sweetow Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 NCECA, Santa Fe Clay, Portland, OR
Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe, NM
- 2016 Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, Mesa, AZ
Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
NCECA, Santa Fe Clay. Kansas City, MO
Red Star Belger Crane Yard, Kansas City, MO
- 2015 Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE
Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI
NCECA, Santa Fe Clay, Providence, RI
- 2014 American Museum of Ceramics Art, Pomona, CA
Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE
NCECA, Santa Fe Clay, Milwaukee, WI
San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
Craft Alliance, St. Louis, MO

Selected Collections

- Everson Museum of Art
- American Museum of Ceramic Art
- Boise Art Museum
- Las Cruces Museum of Art
- Kamm Teapot Foundation
- University of Indiana, Evansville
- NCECA Collection
- Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art
- San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts
- Wichita Center for the Arts

