

# Bean Finneran



Bean Finneran's ceramics are born from repetition: the result of stacking hundreds of clay impressions or hand-rolling thousands of curves. Working with super-saturated colors, Finneran's work alludes to nature without directly replicating it. Unnaturally vibrant, her forms are reminiscent of beehives and sea anemones, but with a distinctly human touch.

"The clay curve connects me to time, the earth, the elements and human culture. The geometry of a curve weaves and allows construction. The clay curves I roll are each similar but unique connecting them to the natural world where blades of grass are almost the same but never quite the same. The process I use to construct the sculptures follows the patterns in nature. The shapes grow in the space allotted them through adding curve after curve." - Artist Statement

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## Education

Goucher College  
University of Michigan  
Museum School, Boston Museum of Fine Arts  
Massachusetts College of Art

## Selected Exhibitions

- 2021 PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR  
Slate Contemporary Art gallery, Sanoma, CA
- 2019 PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR
- 2017 Centre céramique de Giroussens, Giroussens, France
- 2016 Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI  
Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA  
The Foothills Art Center, Golden, CO
- 2011 Musee Royal de Mariemont, Belgium
- 2010 Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR  
Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, OR  
Galerie Favardin & de Verneuil, Paris, France  
Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 Biennale Internationale de Ceramique Contemporaine de Vallauris, France  
Braunstein/Quay Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT



## Public Collections

Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO  
Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA  
Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, CA  
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ  
San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI