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Flower  
Papercut  
51.6 cms x 78.5 cms

## Charlotte Hodes THE GRAMMAR OF ORNAMENT

### New papercuts and ceramics

A poetic response to the *Thirty Seven Propositions* outlined in Owen Jones' 1856 publication.

**Private View @ jaggedart: Wednesday 5 March 2014**  
**Exhibition dates: 6 March - 5 April**

**jaggedart**

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In Hodes' papercuts the female figure appears as a protagonist serving to undermine and disrupt the rigidity of the hierarchical system presented by Jones, defined by his "General Principles" that govern the use of design and ornament in architecture. Her feminist approach is further explored through the medium of ceramic dishes as a canvas, situating the imagery firmly within the domestic domain rather than seeking to replicate the grand and lofty iconography of architecture and classic design.

"Her work, using tiny fragments of paper and decorative motifs, explores the diverse manner in which the women have been presented in art history; the decorative links to the domestic, and the way in which so much of female activity goes unnoticed," says McKenzie.

Significantly the exhibition will be restaged at New Hall Art Collection, Cambridge, the only collection devoted to women's art in the UK. (26<sup>th</sup> April-24<sup>th</sup> May)

The work in this first solo exhibition by Charlotte Hodes at **jaggedart** builds upon her prize-winning work on paper for the **Jerwood Drawing Prize** in 2006, her solo exhibition at The Wallace Collection 2007 and her participation in Glasstress: White Light White Heat exhibitions at both the **Venice Biennial** 2013 and **The Wallace Collection** 2013.

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Forthcoming exhibitions and projects with works by Charlotte Hodes:

**11 March 2014:** Charlotte Hodes will be delivering her professorial address at **London College of Fashion**, University of the Arts London.

**26 April 2014 – 24 May:** The Grammar of Ornament will be shown after jaggedart at **New Hall Art Collection, University of Cambridge**, a permanent collection of modern and contemporary art by women artists.

**9 -12 May 2014:** jaggedart will present a selection of A Concise History of Vessels by Charlotte Hodes at **COLLECT** at the Saatchi Gallery.

**For further information or photographic material please contact**  
**info@jaggedart.com**

Gallery opening times: Wednesday to Friday: 11-6 Saturdays 11-2.  
Other times by appointment.



## Charlotte Hodes: The Grammar of Ornament

You are invited to join the artist for the Opening Reception  
4.30pm to 7pm on Saturday 26 April 2014  
Jocelyn Bell Burnell Room, Murray Edwards College

Charlotte Hodes will be in conversation with Dr Nina Lübbren  
4.30pm on Saturday 26 April 2014  
Long Room, Murray Edwards College  
In association with [jaggedart](#)

RSVP: [art@newhall.cam.ac.uk](mailto:art@newhall.cam.ac.uk)



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### Nina Lübbren

Nina Lübbren is Deputy Head of the Department of English, Communication, Film and Media at Anglia Ruskin University. She is also a Principal Lecturer in Film Studies. Prior to this, she was Senior Lecturer in Art History and Modern Visual Culture in the Cambridge School of Art. She gained a Master's degree in Art History and Italian at the Freie Universität Berlin (Germany). Her research interests are in the area of nineteenth-century European art, in particular landscape and academic painting. She is the author of *Rural Artists' Colonies in Europe, 1870–1910* (Manchester University Press, 2001) and the co-editor of *Visual Culture and Tourism* (Berg, 2003). She is currently writing a book on visual narrative in nineteenth-century painting.

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Exposition du 14 mai au 7 juin 2014

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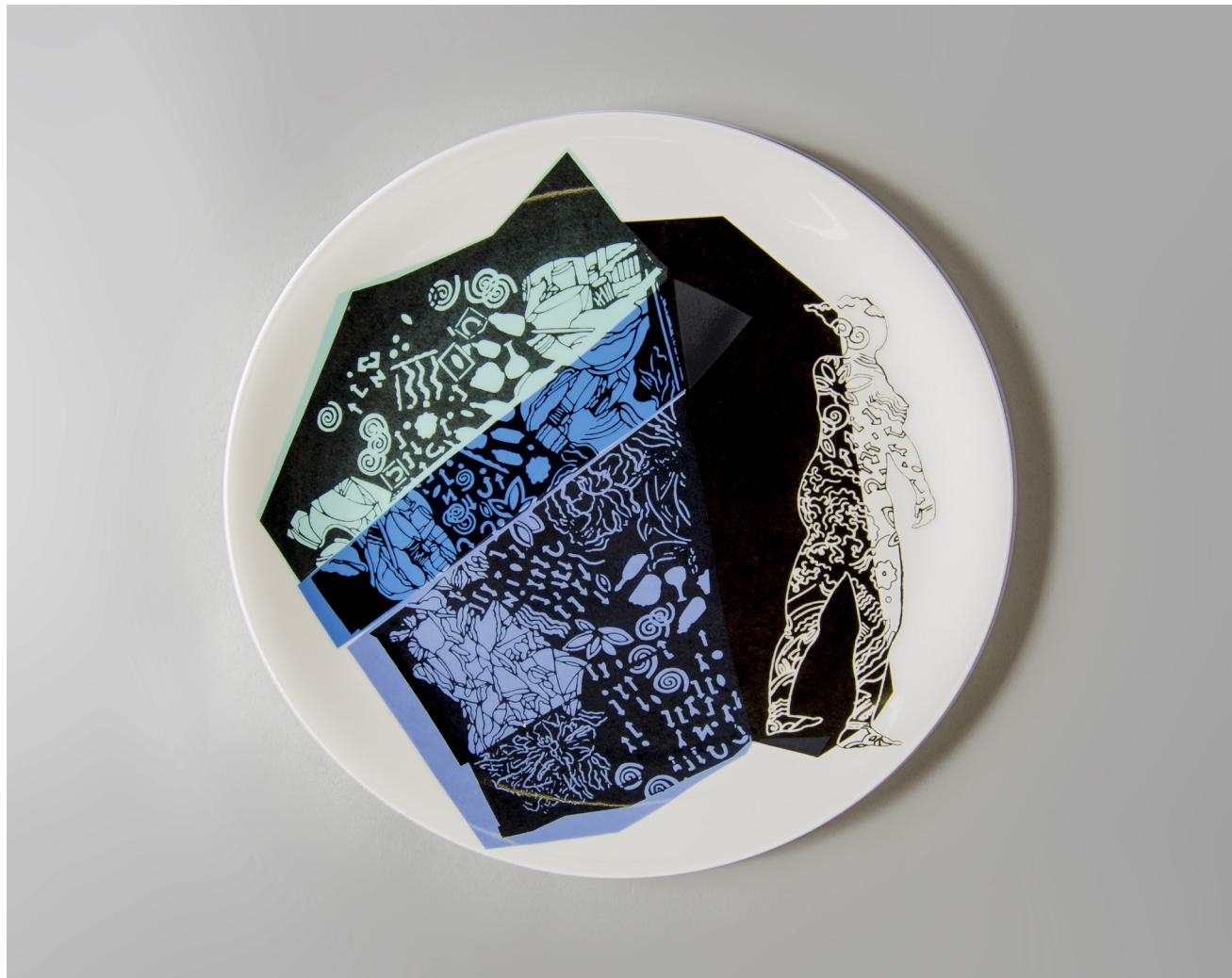
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## Céramiques

*The Grammar of Ornament*



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Une fois de plus Clara Scremini Gallery nous fait découvrir une des grandes artistes de la céramique contemporaine internationale originaire de Grande-Bretagne.

Charlotte Hodes, dont c'est la deuxième exposition en France à Clara Scremini Gallery, est connue internationalement comme une artiste qui décline le travail du collage/découpage sur différents supports.

Ce nouveau projet s'inspire de l'ouvrage *The Grammar of Ornament* de l'architecte Owen Jones l'un des plus importants théoriciens du design du 19ème siècle. Hodes détourne et réinterprète ce traité sur « l'arrangement des formes et des couleurs dans l'architecture et dans les arts décoratifs ». En intégrant ces motifs dans des céramiques en formes de plats et assiettes, l'artiste fait entrer ces références dans l'univers domestique tout en questionnant le design et le féminisme du 21ème siècle.

La forme féminine occupe chacune de ses œuvres en des poses lascives et passives, contrastant de façon ironique avec la technicité minutieuse utilisée. Au travers de ses silhouettes drapées ou dansantes Charlotte Hodes cherche à évoquer une sensualité féminine et un sentiment de célébration tout en questionnant la position de la femme comme motif décoratif, volontairement éloigné de l'iconographie grande et noble de l'architecture et du design classique.

Hodes conçoit ses plats et les travaille comme un peintre : la vaisselle devient son support à peindre. Pour elle le plat s'éloigne de sa fonction première et devient un dessin poétique. L'artiste démantèle ainsi l'idée et la forme en utilisant la technique du collage et du découpage pour perturber les images, créant de nouvelles orientations et des possibilités multiples.

Elle affirme avec pragmatisme son ancrage dans la tradition anglaise des arts décoratifs et l'indépendance des femmes dans le monde de l'art, dans une œuvre à la fois baroque et contemporaine.



## **Biographie**

Charlotte Hodes a étudié à Brighton College of Art, de 1977 à 1978, puis la peinture à la Slade School of Fine Art, University College de Londres jusqu'en 1984. Elle a travaillé en tant qu'artiste à la Spode factory de 1998 à 2004. Ses céramiques ont été exposées à la European Design Biennal au Design Museum London en 2003. Elle a également exposé au Victoria & Albert Museum en 2002 où elle a présenté une collection de plus de trente-cinq vases en céramique. Elle a été artiste associé à la Wallace Collection, de Londres en 2005-2007 et a remporté le Jerwood Drawing Prize en 2006. Charlotte Hodes est actuellement professeur des Beaux-Arts au London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London.

## **Expositions récentes**

*The Grammar of Ornament, New papercuts and ceramics* à la Jaggedart Gallery, Londres, 2014  
UK Crafts Council jusqu'en 2013  
*White Light White Heat*, Biennale de Venise 2013  
*White Light White Heat*, Wallace Collection, 2013  
*Ceramics and Papercuts* Clara Scrimini Gallery, Paris, 2012  
Glasstress Stockholm Millesgården Stockholm, Sweden, 2011  
Art Fair for 21st Century Art Cologne, Germany, 2010  
*Silhouette and Filigree* à la Malborough Gallery en 2009  
Glasstress, Biennale de Venise de 2009  
*Drawing Skirts* à la Baring Wing & University Gallery, University of Northumbria en 2008  
Fragmented Images Wallace Collection à Londres en 2007

## **Collections publiques**

Arthur Andersen  
Berengo Glass Museum  
Birmingham City Art Gallery  
Brighton City Museum & Art Gallery  
British Council  
Clifford Chance  
Deutsche Bank  
Leicestershire Education Authority  
Potteries Museum & Art Gallery Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire  
Ruth Borchard Collection  
St.Thomas' Hospital  
Southampton General Hospital  
Spode Museum  
University College London Art Museum  
Victoria & Albert Museum  
Wellcome Foundation  
Women's Art Collection, New Hall Cambridge  
Worcester City Museum & Art Gallery

