



## Press Release

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# Bente Hansen

## *Lessons in geometry*

**Opening Saturday 8 April 2017 from 6 pm, with the artist's presence**

On the occasion of its twentieth anniversary, the Galerie de l'Ancienne Poste wishes to present some major figures in European ceramic arts. Danish ceramic artist Bente Hansen, who has inspired generations of contemporary artists and designers, opens up the season by presenting about thirty new pieces.

Bente Hansen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1943. She was trained at the Copenhagen School of Arts, Crafts and Design where she was a student of Richard Kjøergaard who inspired a whole generation of talented ceramic artists like Bodil Manz, Ursula Munch-Petersen and Alev Siesbye.

She then became for a few years the head of one of the world's most highly regarded ceramic departments and is now one of the leading lights of Danish ceramics and a professor. Often referred to as a kaleidoscope of Bauhaus forms or a throwback to Malevitz and the Russian Avant-Garde, Bente Hansen's works are a thoughtful reflection on geometry and colour. The artist glazes her wheel-thrown stoneware pots before applying coloured transfers in many layers, each layer requiring a new firing.

Although her shapes remain simple, the application of colours tends to create a subtle balance between form and expression.

The predominantly gold, silver and copper decorations of the pieces displayed reveal an elaborate construction where transparency effects create a depth, allowing us to retrace the different steps of the work's "life".

Bente Hansen lives and works in Copenhagen. Her work is exhibited in prestigious institutions throughout the world such as London's Victoria and Albert Museum, Stockholm's National museum, US Palmer Museum or Düsseldorf's Hetjens Ceramic Museum. She has received wide acclaim and numerous awards for her work and has been granted the Danish Design Award repeatedly. Bente Hansen is a member of the International Academy of Ceramics.

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*The Galerie de l'Ancienne Poste is open from Thursday to Sunday included, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.*

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