

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS  
An Exhibition of Vases & Paintings

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Lucinda Mudge

A major figure in the world of ceramic design, Lucinda Mudge has been internationally recognised for her unique vases, often described as “extraordinary” for their large scale, rich colour and complex detail. Her pieces – sometimes, as high as a metre, and bold with omnipresent political and social implications – are instantly recognisable.

Both a visual and a socio-political record, each collection of vases draws inspiration from a wide variety of references, including cartoons, pop songs, fabric and jewellery design, resulting in whimsical collisions of the popular and refined, the mundane and elevated, the violent and the beautiful.

This range of contemporary and historical sources merges to present a complex narrative. Themes, images and text are constantly repeated and reshuffled, embodying humanity’s ability to carry contradictory impulses simultaneously.



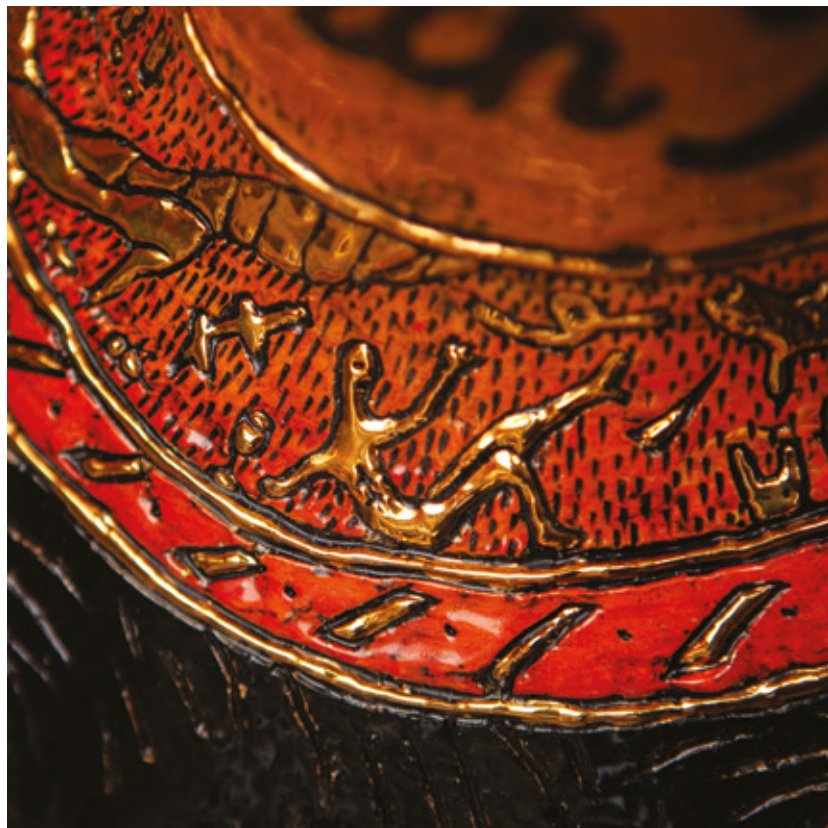
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## INTRODUCTION

I first encountered Lucinda Mudge's work a dozen or so years ago in the form of a fairly sombre platter which I immediately bought – ceramics are something of a passion for me (the German word porzellankrankheit certainly applies in my case).

We started working together and my suggestion that she make a large vase was, I think, the catalyst for what has transpired since. A suggestion is one thing, but to put it into practice is another – large vases are technically difficult to make and fire but Lucinda is single-minded, a perfectionist, and immensely talented and she is now one of the premier ceramic artists in the world.

She is not a journeyman potter but a true artist and her recent, seemingly effortless, segue into painting confirms this. Her work is edgy, lush, witty, glowing, sad, charming, and feminine, and sometimes all of these at once.

I am intensely proud of her and honoured to have this superb exhibition in our gallery.

Trent Read 2024





*Hallelujah*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
62cm high





*Thinking About You*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
60cm high



*Madness and Wonder*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
75cm high





*Turn Up The Music*  
2024  
Acrylic on canvas  
100 x 120cm



*Life Is Wondrous*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
69cm high





*Forget It*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
60cm high





*Passion II*  
2024  
Acrylic on canvas  
100 x 120cm



*The Rising Sun II*  
2024  
Acrylic on canvas  
100 x 120cm

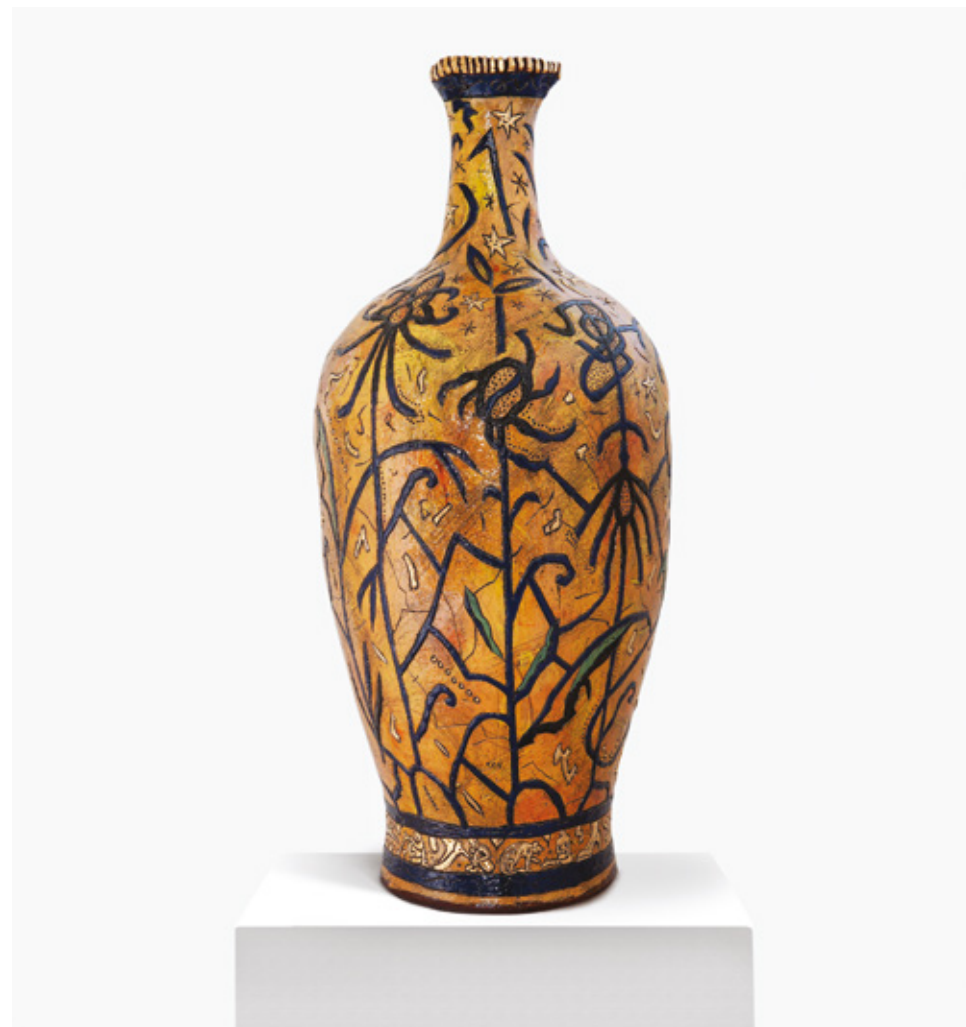




*Say It With Flowers II*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
55cm high



*Help I'm Stuck In The Never Ending Circle Of Life II*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
71cm high





*Say It With Flowers I*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
48cm high





*Say It With Flowers III*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
70cm high



*Forever*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
65cm high







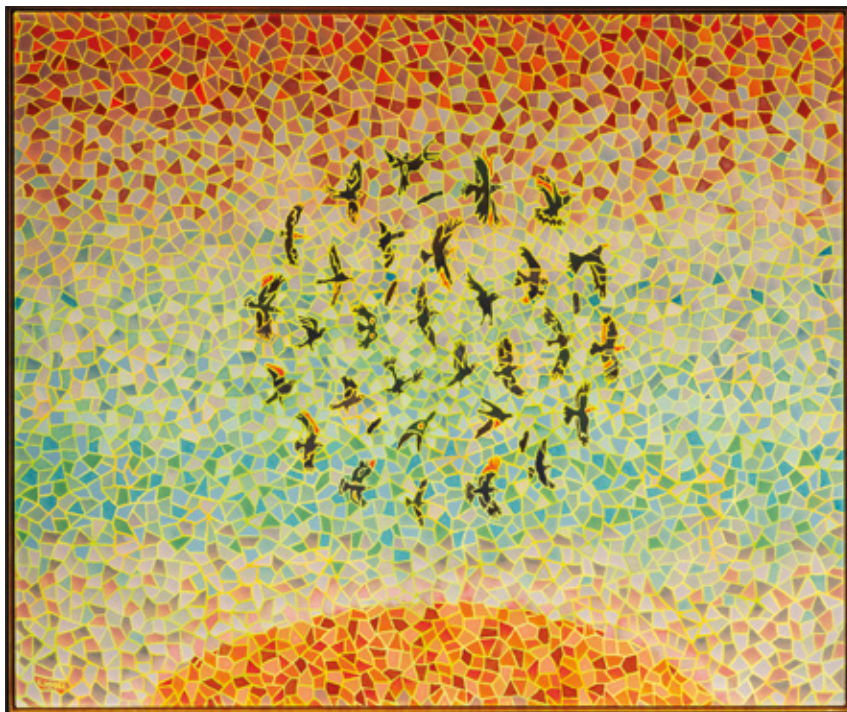


*The Colours Of The Earth Are Constantly Changing*

2024

Acrylic on canvas

100 x 120cm



*Everything Is Black And White*

2024

Acrylic on canvas

100 x 120cm







*The Most Resilient Flower In The World*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
75cm high





*Never Enough*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
70cm high



*Help I'm Stuck In The Never Ending Circle Of Life*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
74cm high





*The Rising Sun*  
2024  
Acrylic on canvas  
100 x 120cm







*Everything Is Black and White*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
62cm high



*What If All Stories Were Real*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
50cm high



*Never Forever*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
62cm high





*Forever, I Never Said Forever*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
65cm high



*An Illusion in Flesh and Bone*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
71cm high





*The Earth Breathes*  
2024  
Acrylic on canvas  
120 x 100cm



*My Shadows*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
69cm high





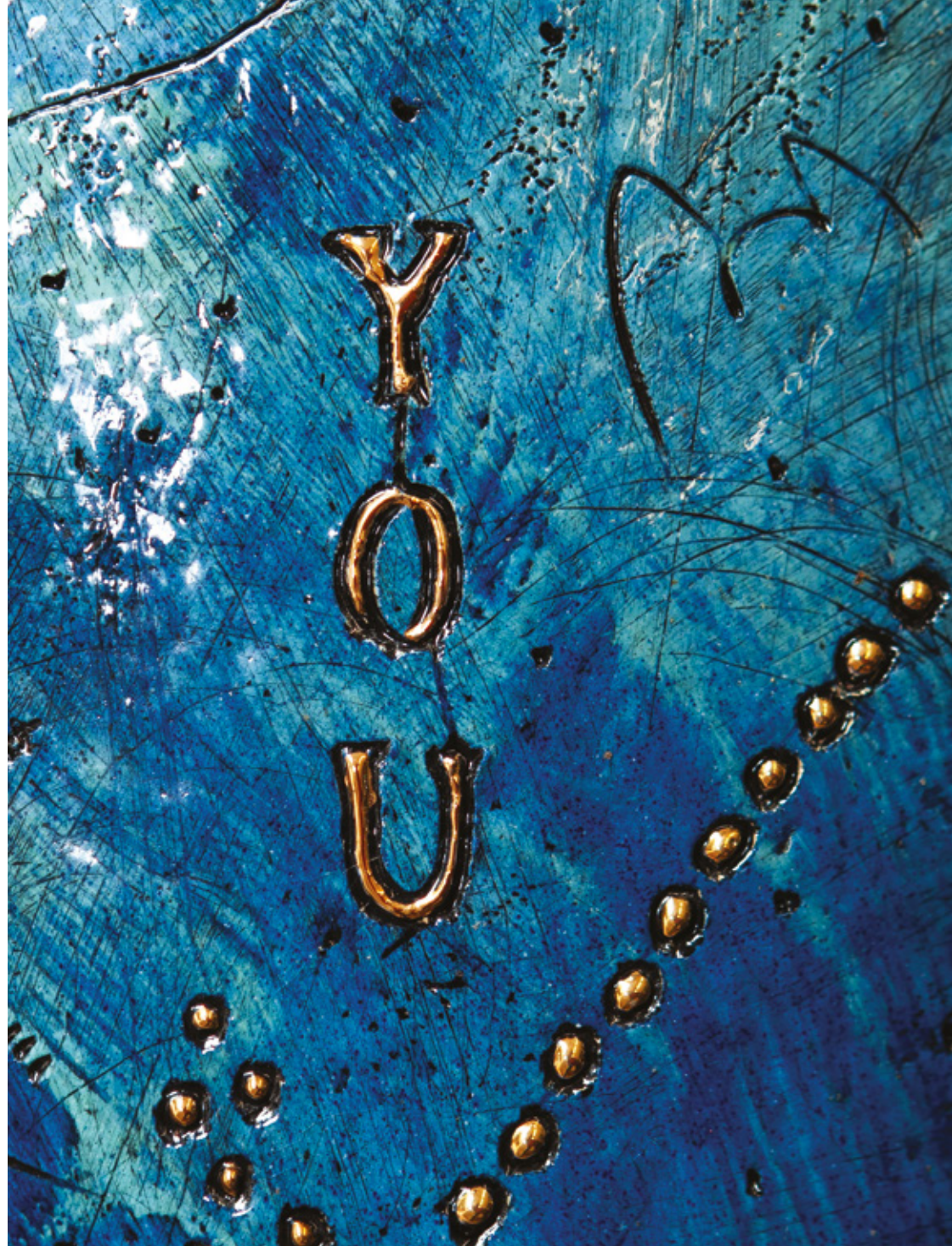
*Let Me Pray For You*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
71cm high



*I'm Giving It My All And It's Worth Fighting For*  
2024  
Ceramic, gold lustre  
63cm high











## EXHIBITIONS

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2024 'Say It With Flowers', solo exhibition, **Knysna Fine Art**, Knysna, South Africa

2024 'Does Anybody Know What's Going On?', solo exhibition, **Everard Read, London**, United Kingdom

2023 'All Is Well', solo exhibition, **Everard Read, Cape Town**, South Africa

2023 Group exhibition, Bitches Brew, **Everard Read, Johannesburg**, South Africa

2021 'Some Kind of Love', solo booth, Cologne Art and Design, with **Nuweland**, Germany

2021 'Nothing's Ever Enough', **Everard Read at Leeu Estates, Franschhoek**, South Africa

2021 'Everything all the Time', **Everard Read, London**, United Kingdom

2019 'Love Story', solo exhibition, **Everard Read, Cape Town**, South Africa

2018-19 'Making Africa', group exhibition, **Albuquerque Museum, New Mexico**, USA

2018-19 'Making Africa', group exhibition, **Blanton Museum of Art, Austin**, USA

2018 'Space Is The Place', **Knysna Fine Art, Knysna**, South Africa

2018 'Making Africa', group exhibition, **High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia**, USA

2018 'Eternity Bam!', solo booth, Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with **Everard Read, Cape Town**, South Africa

2017 'Pixel Vases', solo exhibition, **Everard Read, Cape Town**, South Africa

2017 'The Wolf Is Always Near', solo exhibition, **Everard Read, London**, United Kingdom

2017 Investec Cape Town Art Fair, with **Everard Read, Cape Town**, South Africa

2017 'Making Africa', group exhibition, **Kunsthal Rotterdam, Rotterdam**, Netherlands

2016 1:54 Art Fair London, with **Everard Read, London**, United Kingdom

2016 'VASE – Function Reviewed', group exhibition, **National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny**, Ireland

2016 FNB Joburg Art Fair, with **Everard Read, Johannesburg**, South Africa

2016 'Making Africa', group exhibition, **CCCB Barcelona**, Spain

2016 'Kill You Eat You', solo exhibition, **Everard Read, Johannesburg**, South Africa

2015 'Making Africa', group exhibition, **Guggenheim Bilbao**, Spain

2015 'Making Africa', group exhibition, **Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein**, Germany





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LUCINDA MUDGE

Lucinda Mudge is a contemporary South African artist working primarily in the medium of ceramics. After graduating from the Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town (1997-2000), she spent the following years between Cape Town and London, before moving to Keurboomstrand, where she now lives and works.

Lucinda Mudge has artworks in major corporate and private collections nationally and internationally, including Australia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Russia, the United Kingdom and the UAE.

Her artwork is included in various publications including *CLAY FORMES: Contemporary clay from South Africa* (2023); *African Generation: The power of design* (2019); *Making Africa: A continent of contemporary design* (2015); *The Bauhaus: #itsalldesign* (2015), *VASE: Function Reviewed* (2016).



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