

Lidya Buzio

b. 1948, Montevideo, Uruguay – d. 2014, Greenport, New York



A unique talent in the world of ceramics, Buzio had worked in clay in New York since 1972. Born in Uruguay, Buzio learned to create, form, and shape clay sculptures from the *Taller Torres-García* master ceramicist José Collell, based on ancient Amerindian practices. Buzio continues to work with this same method, cutting earthenware slabs into geometric shapes, and then combining these cylinders, cones, and hemispheres to form the body of her sculptures. Using special pigments which she mixed herself, the artist drew and painted directly onto her unfired works. Before firing, Buzio burnished her pieces; this step serves to fuse the paint into the clay and results in the unique luminosity and distinctive hues that characterize her artworks.

After moving to New York, Buzio's pictorial vocabulary shifted to reflect her new, urban surroundings, inspiring her to create her New York Cityscapes, with their evocative rooflines, cast iron architecture and water towers. Her last series of abstract geometric designs executed in bright primary colors represented a new direction in her practice.

Buzio's ceramics are found in the Painting & Sculpture Collection of the Brooklyn Museum, New York; the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Texas; the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the San Francisco Fine Arts Museums; the Honolulu Academy of Art, Hawaii; the Victoria & Albert Museum, London; National Museum of History, Taipei City, Taiwan and other museums and private collections internationally.

Museum Collections

Renwick Gallery of the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.
Untitled Roofscape Vessel XIX, 1986, 12 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York
Roofscape X, 1987, 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
N.Y.C. Roofscape XXIII, 1984, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 14 in.
Round Blue Roofscape X, 1986, 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ in.
Untitled Roofscape XVI, 1991, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 12 in.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California
Roofscape, 1983, 11 x 14 $\frac{1}{3}$ x 6 in.
Untitled, 1984, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 in.

M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, California
Untitled (Square Vessel), 1982, 12 $\frac{7}{8}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.
Roofscape Teapot XIII, 2003, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 6 in. 17 x 25 x 15 cm.

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri
Untitled (Square Vessel) XXIII, 1984, 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ x 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ x 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York
Untitled VI, 1985, 13 in. height

Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, Alfred, New York
Untitled Cityscape, 1983, 13 in. height

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R.I.
Cityscape, 1983, 15 in. height
Roofscape IX, 1990, 16 x 8 in. 41 x 20 cm.

Long Beach Museum of Art, California
Soho Roofscape Vessel, 1982, 7½ x 12 x 8¾ in.
Loan: Melba and Al Langman Collection

Berkeley Art Museum, California
Recessed Smokestack Roofscape, 1985, 19 x 25 x 1½ in.

Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence, Kansas
Untitled, 1983, 12⅞ x 9¾ in.

Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Johnson Co. Com. College, Kansas
Untitled Roofscape, 1986, 18½ x 13 in. 27 x 33 cm.

University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, Iowa
Untitled Roofscape, 1986, 13¾ x 15 x 13 in. 35 x 38 x 33 cm.

Kamm Teapot Foundation, Statesville, North Carolina
Roofscape Teapot, 1991, 4½ x 9¾ x 6¾ in. 11 x 23 x 27 cm.

Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe
Moon Flask Vessel, 1983, 12½ x 9¾ x 4¾ in.

Hallmark Art Collection, Kansas City, Missouri
Roofscape Vessel VIII, 1987, 16½ in.

Racine Art Museum, Racine, Wisconsin
Untitled Teapot, 1990, 10 x 9 x 9 in.
Dark Blue Roofscape IV, 1994, 8 x 10¼ x 9¾ in.

New Orleans Museum of Art, Louisiana
Soho Roofscape XXLV,
Untitled Cityscape,

Honolulu Academy of Art, Hawaii
Roofscape Vessel, 1992, 4½ x 8¾ in.
Roofscape Teapot XX, 1993, 4½ x 8 x 6 in.

Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Soho Roofscape, 1983, 5⅜ x 13⅞ in.

National Museum of History, Taipei City, Taiwan
Untitled XII, 1991, 16 x 13 in.

Museum of Fine Arts, Tai Pei, Taiwan
Teapot II -Roofscape, 1994, 7 x 10½ in. 18 x 26 cm.

Main Solo Exhibitions

2012 Cecilia de Torres, Ltd, New York.
Art Sites, Riverhead, New York

- 2009 South Street Gallery, Greenport, New York
- 2006 Art Sites, Riverhead, New York
- 2004 Garth Clark Gallery, New York
- 1996 Garth Clark Gallery, New York
- 1993 Garth Clark Gallery, New York
- 1992 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles
- 1991 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles and New York
- 1989 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles
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- 1986 Garth Clark Gallery, New York
Fuller/Goldeen Gallery, San Francisco
- 1985 Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse
Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles
- 1984 Greenberg Gallery, St. Louis
- 1983 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles and New York
Thomas Segal Gallery, Boston
- 1977 Rawspace Gallery, New York
- 1973 Greenwich House Pottery, New York

Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *The City as Muse: Works by Lidya Buzio and Sarah Grilo*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd. New York
- 2018 *Abstracting Gender, Seven Latin American Women Artists*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
The Very Mirror of Life: Ceramics at the Everson 1968-2018, Everson Museum, Syracuse, New York
- 2016 *Under the Influence*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- 2013 *Contemporary Abstraction: Recent Works by Gallery Artists*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- 2012 *Shifting Paradigms in Contemporary Ceramics. The Garth Clark & Mark Del Vecchio Collection*, The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Texas
- 2011 *44th Springs Invitational Exhibition*, East Hampton, New York
Red Dot. East End Art Council, Riverhead, New York
- 2010 *Collecting with Passion: Contemporary Ceramics - Lennie & Jerry Berkowitz Collection*, Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, Missouri
Bricks & Mortar: Inspired by Architecture, Santa Fe Clay, New Mexico
Dream Sequences, Palo Alto Art Center, California
- 2009 *Dirt On Delight: Impulses That Form Clay*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2008 *Architecture and Ceramics*, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2007 *An Art of Our Own: Women Ceramicists from the Permanent Collection*, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York
ReGrouping: 3 Generations of Latin American Artists in New York, Mishkin Gallery, New York

- Cityscape/Landscape*, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- All for Art! Our Great Private Collectors Share Their Works*, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada
- 2006 *DWELL*, Nelson Fine Arts Center, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe
- Line-Plane-Volume/Sculpture: 1944-2006*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- 2005 *Studio Ceramics from the Museum Collection*, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence
- FRAGILE: Think With Care*, Wyvern University Gallery, University of Essex, Great Britain
- Works ON & OF Paper*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- School of The South*, Marlboro College, Vermont
- 2004 *Tea, Anyone? The Donna Moog Teapot Collection*, Racine Art Museum, Wisconsin
- 2003 *Sueños y Encuentros, Works by Latin American Masters*, Long Beach Museum of Art, California
- Fast Forward II*, Berkeley Art Museum, University of California
- Spring Exhibition*, Robischon Gallery, Denver, Colorado
- 2002 *New Works*, Art Site, Greenport, New York
- The Artful Teapot, 20th C. Expressions from the Kamm Collection*, COPIA Museum, Napa, California; Montgomery Museum of Fine Art, Montgomery, Alabama; Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Canada; Long Beach Museum of Art, California; and Mint Museum of Craft & Design, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2001 *U.S.A. Clay*, Renwick Gallery of the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 *Works from the Saxe Collection*, M.H. de Young Memorial Museum, San Francisco, California
- Color and Fire. The Smits Collection and Related Works*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California; Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO.; The Tucson Museum of Art and Historic Block, Tucson, AZ.; Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y.
- A Latin American Metaphysical Perspective*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- 1999 *Gallery Artists*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- 1998 *Real & Imagined*, Robischon Gallery, Denver, Colorado
- 1997 *New Works*, Robischon Gallery, Denver, Colorado
- 1996 *A Walk in the Woods*, Islip Art Museum, New York
- The Still Life*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- 1995 *65 Years of Constructivist Wood*, Cecilia de Torres, Ltd., New York
- 1994 *The Collector's Eye: Ceramics from the Milrad Collection*, Koffler Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 1992 *International Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramic Art*, National Museum of History, Republic of China
- 1991 *Parallels & Divergence: One Heritage, Two Paths*, Daniel Saxon Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1990 *Rituals of Tea*, Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1989 *Surface and Form: A Union of Polarities in Contemporary Ceramics*, The National Museum of Ceramic Art, Baltimore, Maryland
- Kansas City Collects Contemporary Ceramics*, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri
- A Woman's Perspective*, Muckenthaler Cultural Center, Fullerton, California
- 1987 *Hispanic Art in the United States: Thirty Contemporary Painters & Sculptors*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston; The Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington, D.C.; The Lowe Art Museum, Miami, Florida; Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Centro Cultural de Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California; and The Brooklyn Museum, New York
- 1986 *American Potters Today*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, Great Britain

- Beyond Clay*, Kiley Hall Gallery, Queens College-CUNY, Flushing, New York
- Painted Volumes*, Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, Virginia
- Ceramics - a Survey*, Joanne Lyon Gallery, Aspen, Colorado
- 1985 *Contemporary American Ceramists/Twenty Artists*, Newport Harbor Art Museum, California
- 1983 *Ceramic Echoes, Historical References in Contemporary Ceramics*, Nelson-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, Missouri
- Constructions*, San Francisco International Airport Arts Commission, California
- Surfaces*, Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1982 *Introductions*, Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1981 Clayworks Gallery, New York
- 1980 Teapot Invitational, Horizon Gallery, California

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- All for Art! Our Great Private Collectors Share Their Works*, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Canada, 2007.
- Reilly, Maura and Linda Nochlin. *Global Feminisms: new directions in contemporary art*, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, 2007.
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- Lauria, Jo. *Color and Fire. Defining Moments in Studio Ceramics, 1950-2000*. Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California, 2000.
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- Clark, Garth. *American Ceramics, 1876 to the Present*. Abbeville Press, New York, 1988.
- Watson, Oliver. *American Potters Today: An Exhibition of American Studio Pottery*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, Great Britain, 1986.

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