

SARAH MYERSCOUGH GALLERY

JULIAN STAIR | AVAILABLE WORK

Julian Stair is one of the UK's leading potters. Since 1982, he has exhibited internationally and his work is held in over 30 public collections including the Victoria & Albert Museum, UK; The British Museum, UK; Museum of Arts and Design New York, USA; Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art, Japan; Museum Boijmans van Beuningen, Netherlands; Kolumba Museum, Germany; Grassi Museum, Germany; and The Fitzwilliam Museum, UK. His recent solo exhibitions include Art, Death and the Afterlife, Sainsbury Centre UK, 2023; Equivalenze, Fondazione ICA Milano, Italy, 2019; Equivalence, 2018 and Quotidian, 2014-15, both at Corvi-Mora Gallery, UK; the UK touring exhibition Quietus: The Vessel, Death and the Human Body, at MIMA, National Museum of Cardiff, Winchester Cathedral, and Somerset House between 2012-14, and Manchester Cathedral, 2016. Julian's work was recently exhibited in the Gallery's group ceramic show Earthly Bodies in 2024.

Julian's work with clay revolves around a deep recognition of the social and material importance of the pot, as well as its enduring cross-cultural presence throughout history. His works often convey a quiet yet powerful seizure of space, re-contextualizing domestic and familiar forms towards large-scale sculptural vessels. Julian has also created ceramic artworks that commemorate and memorialise the body after death. His funerary ware, cinerary jars, and monumental life-size sarcophagi offer an arresting and contemporary perspective on enduring and universal themes such as life and death.

His collection of sculptural ceramic seat for the gallery marks a significant evolution in Julian Stair's practice as he enters the realm of design. With the exception of 'Seat 1,' these pieces are high-fired and vitrified, a process traditionally used by Scottish brickmakers for its environmental stability and resilience. The collection offers a variety of colors and textures, ranging from white to black and utilizing glazed surfaces, natural clays, and vitreous slips. Each unique, hand-built piece is an exploration of geometric form that remains rooted in utility. Ergonomically designed for comfort, the seats feature contoured, concave tops; some have handles, others remain pure, abstract forms.

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Julian Stair
Seat 4, 2025
Etruria marl
45 H x 40 W x 40 D cm
17.7 H x 15.7 W x 15.7 D in

(JS011)

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Julian Stair
Seat 7, 2026
Etruria Marl, vitreous slip, with 24 carat gold leaf.
47.5 H x 40.5 D cm
19 H x 16 D in

(JS026)

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Julian Stair
 Seat 6, 2026
 Oxidised Etruria Marl
 44.5 H x 40.5 dia cm
 17.5 H x 15.9 dia in

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(JS023)



Julian Stair
 Seat 5, 2025
 Stoneware, porcelain slip, clear glaze
 44.5 H x 37 W x 41.5 D cm
 17.5 H x 14.5 W x 16.3 D in

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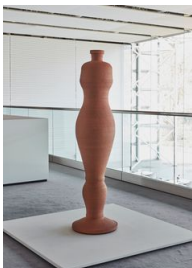
(JS012)



Julian Stair
 Table, 2025
 Polyurethane, lime, marble powder, pigment, conservation
 grade wax
 73.5 H x 75 W x 75 D cm
 28.9 H x 29.5 W x 29.5 D in

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(JS013)



Julian Stair
 Monumental Figural Jar III, 2022
 Carboniferous Shale
 172.5 H x 45.5 dia cm
 67.9 H x 17.9 dia in

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(JS05)



Julian Stair
 Figural Jar III, 2022
 Etruria marl
 98.7 H x 28.9 dia cm
 38.9 H x 11.4 dia in

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(JS001)



Julian Stair
 Figural Jar V, 2022
 Black Stoneware
 92.5 H x 27 dia cm
 36.4 H x 10.6 dia in

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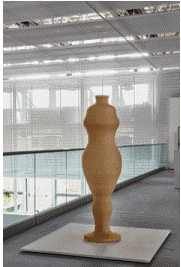
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Julian Stair
Figural Jar IX, 2022
Carboniferous shale
98.8 H x 25.6 dia cm
38.9 H x 10.1 dia in

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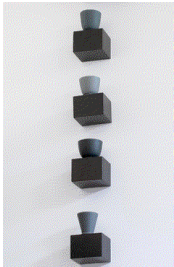
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Julian Stair
Monumental Figural Jar V, 2022
Carboniferous Shale
180 H x 51 dia cm /
70.8 H x 20 dia in
Weight: 140kg

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(JS06)



Julian Stair
Cup on a Floating Ground (1/4), 2025
Coloured porcelain, glaze, black porcelain
16 H x 11 W x 10 D cm
6.2 H x 4.3 W x 3.9 D in

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(JS017)



Julian Stair
Twelve Cups on a Floating Ground, 2025
Coloured porcelain, glaze, oxidised Etruria marl, reduced
Etruria marl, Keuper marl
15 H x 110 W x 13 D cm
5.9 H x 43.3 W x 5.1 D in

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(JS016)



Julian Stair
Black Porcelain Place Setting, 2025
Black porcelain, coloured glaze
Large Plate: 3 H x 25.5 dia cm / 1.1 H x 10 dia in
Small Plate: 3 H x 17.5 dia cm / 1.1 H x 6.8 dia in
Bowl: 6 H x 10.5 dia cm / 2.3 H x 4.1 dia in
Demi-tasse: 8 H x 8 W x 6 D cm / 3.1 H x 3.1 W x 2.3 D in
Saucer: 4.5 H x 15.5 dia cm / 1.7 H x 6.1 dia in

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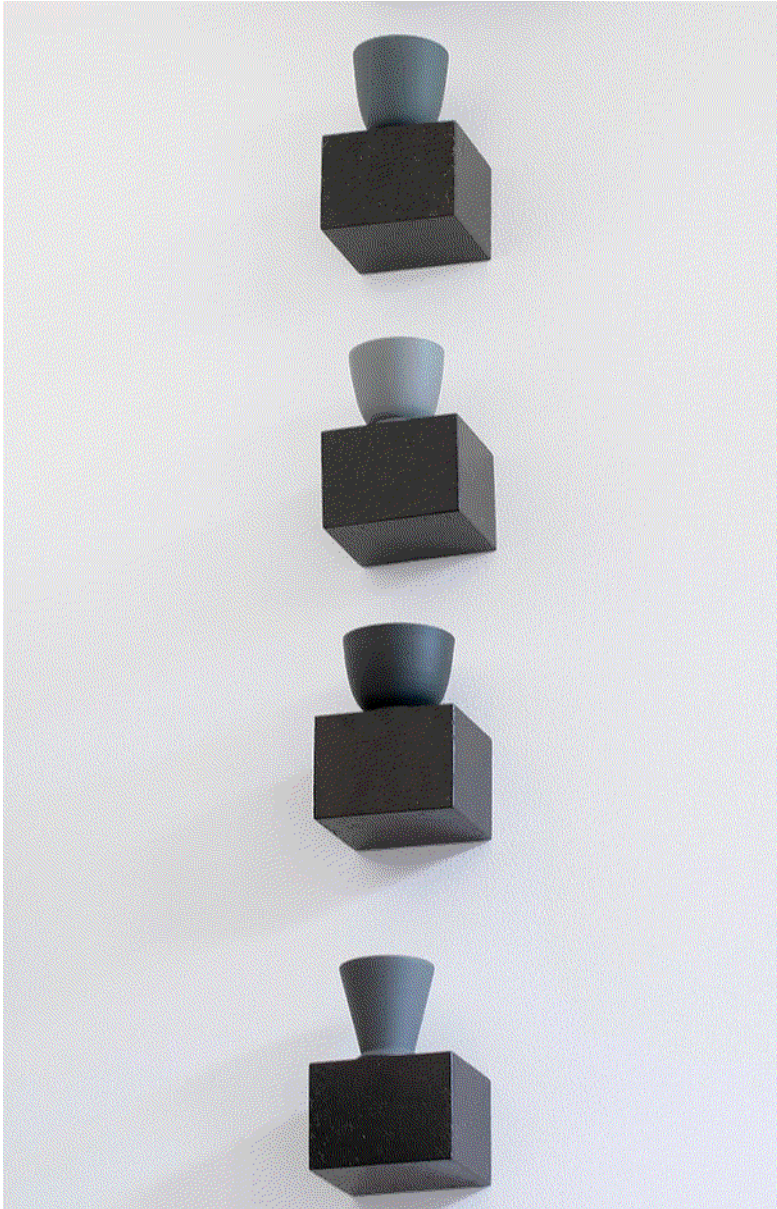


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