

## MEEGAN BARNES

Meegan Barnes is a multidisciplinary artist, sculptor and illustrator. Her work is cheeky, irreverent and empowering by combining the feminine with feminist motifs in her high fired stoneware that is covered with a beautiful reflective luster.



Barnes grew up in the Bay Area of California and received a BFA in illustration from California College of the Arts in Oakland. She moved to New York after graduating and worked for many years as a designer and illustrator for the fashion, beauty, and music industries, including Paper and Vibe magazines. It was after returning from a four month painting and surf trip to Brazil, and experiencing the culture's embrace of female forms in all shapes and sizes, that she sculpted her first ceramic and has been honing her artistry ever since.



Her sculptures are rooted in the tradition of craft with nods to ancient artifacts and folklore, spiritual symbolism, warrior women, and pop culture. The sculptures act as a vehicle for artistic expression and social commentary. Her voluptuous backsides are often glazed with 22kt gold and/or bold colorful designs. Drawing on her early career as a fashion designer, the sculptures also serve as a canvas for colorful design motifs inspired by high-end fashion as well as Los Angeles iconography. Each set of curves is unique with a very individual personality.

Her work has been featured in numerous group shows at galleries including The New Museum, New Image Art, Fifty24SF, The LodgeLA, Modern Eden, MAMA Gallery & Stephanie Chefas Gallery and in publications including Vice, Paper, Juxtapose and Paulette. She has also collaborated with Los Angeles fashion brand, Opening Ceremony.



### Exhibitions

- 2018 New Image Gallery, West Hollywood, CA
- 2016 "Governor's Island Art Fair" Governor's Island, NY
- "Heatwave" Stephanie Chefas, Portland, OR
- "Swimmin' at the Playground" Fifty24SF Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- "The Parking Lot Art Fair" Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA
- "Splash Experience" Rhabbitat, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 "Sexy X-mas" The Lodge LA, Los Angeles, CA
- "Platinum Bend" Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- "California Fantasy" New Image Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- "Dark Paradise" Last Projects, Los Angeles, CA

### Press

- 2016 VICE Magazine
- 2016 Paulette Magazine
- 2016 Wine & Bowties
- 2015 Paper Magazine

### Notable Collections

- Ariel Winter, Los Angeles, CA