

# VESSEL GALLERY

LONDON



**Louis Thompson (1965 - )**

**Archive of the Elements**

Circa: 2016

2016

United Kingdom

Glass

'Archive of the Elements' is a multi-coloured hand-blown glass installation by the British artist, Louis Thompson.

Each component 'bottle' has been sculpted in its own unique colour, creating a stunning spectrum of hues. Each unit is actually solid, with a scientific feel and characteristic, which draws and creates curiosity for the viewer of the detail captured within each one. The inner beauty resembles the DNA double helix.

Price per art work. These range in height from 52cm to 65cm.

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Available in various colours these bottles are sold singular from available stock in the gallery. Bespoke installations are possible choosing your own combination of sizes, shapes and colours, please contact the gallery for more information.

### **Literature:**

Unique

### **Artist description:**

Accomplished glass artist Louis Thompson explores illusion and the perceptions of glass, fascinated by the haptic experience in art and sculpture. He works with molten glass, sometimes sabotaging the material: twisting, creasing, buckling and collapsing the glass. The works have underlying themes of the human body; sensuous, tactile, echoing folds, curves and creases. With simplicity and purity of materials, he plays with the viewers' comprehension of what is put before them, often creating collections of objects where the dialogue and relationship between each element is as essential as the collective composition.

In his own words;

'My work is concerned with ideas of repetition, sequence and multiples. This stems from a fascination with the idea of collections: multiples that record and archive history from medical apparatus to the scientific aesthetic of research and inquiry. My glass works examine material volume, weight, and ambiguity, are they solid or liquid, full or empty? My pieces pose questions about the material and the idea of function, playing with the viewers' perception to examine what is real and not real.'

Thompson has exhibited extensively in the UK, Europe, USA and Japan. In 2012 Thompson received two prestigious awards in the UK: British Glass Biennale Winner and the Jerwood Foundation Makers Commission. He has been invited to create installations for various museums and international exhibitions and his work is held in permanent museum collections in Belgium, Germany, Japan, Czech Republic, the USA and the V&A Museum in London. Thompson has completed International residencies at the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, The Glazenhuis Museum in Belgium and most recently at Soneva Art Glass in the Maldives.