

# V e s s e l



**Bruce Marks (South Africa 1968 - )**

## **Tall Birds in Blue**

Handblown glass

Approx 38 and 40cm high.

The Bird Collection in his own words:

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### **Artist description:**

Marks has been a glassmaker since 2001. He completed his Masters’ Degree at the University for the Creative Arts at Farnham in 2010. He was the winner of the Gold Award in the Glass category of Craft & Design Selected National Awards 2014. □

Born in South Africa, his work is collected nationally and internationally and his pieces are in Public Collections at the Turner Museum of Glass and Broadfield House Glass Museum. □

Marks is a member of the Contemporary Glass Society and of Contemporary Applied Arts in London. He has exhibited in major shows including SOFA New York and Chicago, the Miami Art Fair and Collect at the Saatchi Gallery and Collect Somerset House 2020.

Simplicity of form and colour is a constant within his creations and a challenge that he continues to explore, seeking to perfect with each new piece.

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I am a long-time admirer of the sculptor Brancusi. I envy his ability to capture the essence of his subject, creating a purity of form with minimal detail, whilst projecting profound presence. My response and ultimately in homage to his works, has been to strip back my forms, to achieve an exquisite simplicity, retaining a definite bird-like quality”