

# V e s s e l



**Sandra A. Fuchs (Krems, Austria 1973 - )**

## **Orientation IXX**

Sculpted glass

41 x 28 x 15 cm (16 1/4 x 11 x 5 7/8 inches)

Fuchs' artworks share a common 'spirit' and 'organic' aesthetic. The themes which run through her pieces are inspired by the beauty and power of nature; of rising, elevating and growth, which she also interprets from a spiritual influence. She feels creativity and vision are born by travelling, connecting with people from around the world and through cultural exchange.

Her signature patterns are formed from many unique pieces of 'murrine', which Fuchs designs and makes by herself. Traditionally 'murrine' all possess the same pattern, however, by employing a different kiln-formed technique, Fuchs makes each 'murrina' unique by having more control during the stretching process whilst working with her hot molten glass.

With her blown artworks, Fuchs combines this new special manufacturing technique of 'kiln formed murrine' (which has only been in existence since 1992) with centuries-old traditional Muranese glassblowing knowledge, resulting in pieces that are the only ones of their kind worldwide.

In the artist's own words;

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### **Artist description:**

Sandra A. Fuchs lives and works in Mautern, a small town located on the Danube within the Wachau, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in Austria and in Murano, Italy.

Specialising in the areas of coldworking, fusing and flameworking, Fuchs has undertaken additional advanced training for glassblowing at the Technical College of Glass for Design and Craft (Kramsach, Tyrol, Austria) Abate Zanetti (Scuola del Vetro, Murano, Italy) and at Cam Ocagi (The Glass Furnace Istanbul, Turkey). Her artistic approach and style has also been developed through attending numerous masterclasses with artists predominantly from Italy and the USA. Since 2014 and after much time abroad, Fuchs is now focused working exclusively as an independent glass artist in her own studio.

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Her signature fused panels have an inner life which is captured in dense and complex patterns which are formed from many unique pieces of 'murrine', which Fuchs designs and makes by herself.

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