

# VESSEL GALLERY

LONDON



**Olivia Walker (United Kingdom 1985 - )**

## **Tall Collapsed Bowl in Black**

29 x 28 x 28 cm (11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>1</sub> x 11 x 11 inches)

'Tall Collapsed Bowl in Black' is a unique porcelain sculpture by the British artist, Olivia Walker.

Walker begins by throwing the inner form which once leather hard, is adorned with a trail of organic ridges, all created by hand and also from porcelain. Each one is placed as if organically grown there of its own will.

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The artist can also create pieces to commission, please contact the gallery for further information.

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Starting from a set point on a piece, Walker lets these organic accretions spread out and grow, almost eating through, or growing over the form beneath and covering it. Walker makes reference to organisms such as fungus, corals, and bacteria but her pieces are her own interpretation, letting the viewer bring their own ideas and emotions to her pieces.

Walker studied at Farnham in 2014 where she completed her MA in Contemporary Craft, specialising in Ceramics. An apprenticeship with the highly revered potter and writer, Julian Stair, gave her invaluable insight into the practice of running a ceramic studio and also the opportunity to further hone her skills. She has exhibited extensively throughout the UK and Europe.