

# VESSEL GALLERY

LONDON



**Peter Bowles (Birmingham, UK 1968 - )**

## **Merletto**

'Mertetto' is a unique glass artwork by the British artist, Peter Bowles.

In the artist's own words;

"These pieces from a series titled 'Lines of Inquiry' are an exploration to the innate quality of a material in its ability to be stretched to the finest of threads. These fine threads then gathered, tacked, rolled and folded to create a complex pattern of entwined lacework or filigree."

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### Artist description:

Initially studying glass at Stourbridge College of Art and Design, Peter Bowles went on to work with some of the most established studio glass artists in the UK before spending a further 10 years travelling as a journeying glassmaker throughout Denmark, Sweden, France and Italy.

Settling in Australia, Bowles set up his own studio 'Glass Manifesto' with his partner Anne Clifton in Northern Tasmania. A quiet maker and passionate teacher, Bowles work spans studio production, exhibition work, public art and what he calls 'a somewhat more private sculptural practice'. He has garnered an international reputation for his technical mastery and inventive approach to the art of glassmaking.

In the artist's own words;

"My work as a glassmaker is guided by a deep regard for materials, process and a history of glassmaking that has shaped our understanding of this most complex material. I'm intrigued by the relationship between available technology, human dexterity and practical ingenuity. I'm interested in how these factors interplay as critical aspects of the evolution of contemporary craft and object making."

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