

# VESSEL GALLERY

## LONDON



**Maria Bang Espersen (Denmark 1981 - )**

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Espersen studied glass and ceramics at Engelsholm Højskole, in Denmark, continuing her studies at the Kosta School of Glass in Sweden, The Royal Danish Academy of Design, and Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Maine.

She has exhibited extensively throughout Europe and the USA, where she has also participated in several residencies, whilst winning numerous prizes and nominations.