**ANNE BUTLER**

Anne Butler’s ‘Eclipse’ and ‘Ararti’ Series are inspired by the urban environment and the light and shadow cast by man-made architectural forms. The abstract marks of coloured parian porcelain are transferred onto thin sheets of porcelain that are then cut, layered, assembled and joined in a plaster mould. The translucent quality of Parian evidences this layering process and allows traces and shadows to be seen.

Many years spent in Asia and Japan has had a direct influence on Butler’s work. The Japanese aesthetics and sentiments regarding natural transience, distortion and fallibility of material and process are key concepts in her work.

**Born**  1963, Duxford, Cambridgeshire

**Education**

2000 MA Ceramics, University of Wales, Cardiff

1985 BA Ceramics Ulster University Belfast

**Awards**

2017-18 Portfolio, Design and Craft Council of Ireland

2017 Selected member, Royal British Society of sculptors

2016 General Award, support for Individual Artists, Arts Council Northern Ireland

Sponsorship Award, Innovations in Ceramics, On-Line Ceramics

**Selected Exhibitions**

2017 Bravura, Blue Egg Gallery, Wexford, Ireland

Hot Pots, Flowerfield Arts Centre, Portstewart

7 Shades, Downpatrick Arts Centre, Downpatrick

2017 Narratives in Making, Critical selection, Portfolio, National Craft Gallery Kilkenny & Ruthin Craft Centre Wales

Artists in Crafts, Cill Rialaig, Kerry, Ireland

Master Class Lecture, Irish Ceramics in Education, Limerick School of Art and Design

2016 Royal Ulster Academy exhibition, Ulster Museum, Belfast

Boyle Arts Exhibition, Boyle Ireland

Art of Craft, Market place Theatre, Armagh

2015 Royal Ulster Academy exhibition & artist talk, Ulster museum, Belfast

**Publications**

2017‘Back to the Future - Anne Butler, Past and Present’ by Felicity Straker-Graham, Ceramics Ireland, Issue 39

2001 ‘Trace Elements, Work of Anne Butler’ by Jeff Jones, Ceramic Art and Perception, Issue 46

**Collections**

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

Irish Contemporary Ceramic Collection, Hunts Museum Limerick