

# SIDE GALLERY

ADAM SHIVERDECKER (1980-)



## Ceramic vase model "Absurd Mug 024"

Manufactured by Adam Shiverdecker  
USA, 2022

Porcelain, basalt clay, nichrome

### Measurements

20,3 cm x 15,2 cm x 15,2h cm  
8 in x 6 in x 6h in

### Edition

Unique piece

## Biography

Adam Shiverdecker (b. 1980, Arcanum, Ohio) is an artist and educator living in Berkeley, California. He has held multiple artist residencies, including The Archie Bray Foundation, Greenwich House Pottery, and the Tyler School of Art. His work has been shown widely, including recent exhibitions at Museum of Craft and Design, Everson Museum of Art, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art. Adam is currently Associate Professor of Spatial Art at San José State University.

## Concept

For his third series of works, aptly titled "Absurd Mugs", Shiverdecker seeks to illustrate the loss of identification of an object, through the reduction of form, until there is little to nothing left to reference the object's original functionality. The shape of the cup acquires a new meaning by taking on the form of a landscape. These pieces have been created using different processes and ceramic materials that are fused together. This process invites reflection: Can conventional forms be rethought through new methods, or should they simply disappear?