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### **Artist Statement**

“With my work I hope to bridge modern design and the natural world by paring down the essence of things to repetitive texture and basic form. I love the way a texture can produce the illusion of movement, the way light and shadow play with one another. I like to keep the work simple, as I strive to make it captivating yet universally understood. Understated and elegant, it should be able to fit in many different contexts.

I work mostly with porcelain, as touch also plays a major role in my work. The feel of the clay is something I will never be able to get away from. The texture is buttery smooth, the color a brilliant white and the working properties challenging.

Focusing on a very limited, almost all white color palette enables me to focus more on texture and surface and calls attention to the brilliance of the clay. I am constantly searching for new hints of inspiration on walks through the woods, beach adventures and through macro photography. The natural world holds a wealth of imagery from which I filter into this work.”

### **Artist Bio**

Heather Knight opened Element Clay Studio in Asheville, NC in the summer of 2007 as a way to supplement her income in between teaching sessions at the local museum. Interior Design magazine contacted her late that year, and by May 2008, she resigned from her teaching position to pursue Element Clay Studio full time. Her shop now occupies a large storefront studio in the Asheville River Arts District; an eclectic neighborhood that houses almost 200 artists and craftsmen, and produces work for stores, galleries, designers and consultants all over the world.

Though the business has grown greatly in the last eight years, the backbone of the studio has remained the same. Heather is committed to remaining a craft based business, and all of the porcelain dishes, tiles, vases and decorative objects are 100% handmade and don't use any means of mass production. Adhering to these values allows Element Clay Studio to continue to produce only the finest, heirloom quality work.

As a small, family run company, we pride ourselves in providing you with not only handmade, gallery quality work, but excellent customer service that exceeds your expectations. We hope to bring a little luxury to your life, and provide you with things you will love and cherish for a lifetime.

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**Education & Awards**

- University of North Carolina Asheville, BFA Ceramics, 2006
- Guadalupe Art Scholarship Recipient, 2005
- Odyssey Center for the Ceramic Arts, Resident Artist, 2006 – 2007

**Experience**

- Studio Assistant, University of North Carolina Asheville, 2001 – 2006
- Faculty, Greenville County Museum of Art, Center for Museum Education, 2007
- Instructor, Odyssey Center for the Ceramic Arts, 2007
- Artist & Proprietor, Element Clay Studio, 2007 to Present