

KATYA LAKSHTANOVA

CERAMIC ARTIST, SURREY, UK
CLAYVERSE STUDIO OWNER



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SKILLS

- Handbuilding
- Wheel throwing
- Sculptural ceramics
- Stoneware and high-fire practice
- Grogged and crank clay bodies
- Porcelain slip application
- Oxides, slips and glaze testing
- Electric kiln firing
- Raku, pit and wood firing experience
- Surface development
- Studio management
- Adult and children classes & workshops
- Technical problem-solving
- Health and safety

LANGUAGES

- English (Fluent)
- Russia (Fluent)
- German (Basics)

REFERENCE

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BIO

Katya Lakshtanova is a ceramic artist based in Surrey, UK, and co-founder of Clayverse, a ceramic studio and community space. With over twenty years of ceramic practice, she works primarily through hand-built forms inspired by pods, pinecones and seed cases. Her work explores ageing, transformation and human experience, using enlarged natural forms, rough clay surfaces and vivid glaze contrasts to create contemplative sculptural objects. Before turning more fully towards ceramics, she trained in geochemistry and applied sciences and built a career in the IT industry, where she continues to work as an independent contractor in user research and service design.

EXHIBITION EXPERIENCE

- 2026 Hannah Peschar Sculpture Garden, Surrey, UK
- 2026 Fresh Air Sculpture show
- 2025 Kingston Artist Open studios, London UK
- 2024 Surrey Artist Open studios, Place, Surrey UK
- 2018 Artist Open Studio, London UK

CERAMICS COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2026 Composite forms, Gareth Mason
- 2025 Get Art Fit Clay residency
- 2025 Oxford Kilns fast wood firing
- 2024 Expressive Slip Work, Dylan Bowman, West Dean College
- 2023 Wheel throwing, Joe Devies, West Dean College
- 2018 Introduction to Sculpture, City Lit
- 2016 - 2018 Ceramics Intermediate, Morley College
- 2014 - 2019 Ceramics Intermediate, New Malden ceramic studio
- 2007 - 2014 Ceramics Intermediate, Wimbledon Adult Education
- 2002 - 2007 Potters guild, Urbana Champaign, Illinois

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022–current — Owner, Clayverse Ceramics Studio, Surrey, UK
Teaching introductory ceramics to adults and children; running workshops for families and older adults.

EDUCATION

- MS, Geochemistry, Moscow, Russia, 1999
- MS, Applied Sciences, Urbana Champaign, Illinois, 2003