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If you've a passion for pottery, don't miss this year's Ceramic Art London for a chance to buy pieces from our leading, as well as up-and-coming ceramic artists

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**Ceramic Art London** runs from **17-19 April** at the **Royal College of Art** in London. See work by more than 80 top ceramicists, which is available to buy. *Pictured above:* set of six handthrown porcelain cylinders by **Willy Van Bussel**.

More of us are collecting pieces of contemporary pottery as appreciation of the genre grows. Ceramics offer us wondrous shapes and colour and as long as you don't drop them, they'll last forever.

**Ceramic Art London** (17-19 April) takes place at the **Royal College of Art** in the super posh postcode of SW7. So if you want to add a new **Keith Varney** or **Sophie Cook** to your collection, well...make sure you get there early.



**Sophie Cook** is acclaimed for her slender decorative **porcelain** bottles in beguiling colours. She says she can throw just four pieces a day, and she's lucky if two will survive the making and baking processes, so you can see why her work is highly sought-after. She's been working on new squatter shapes, which will be on show.

Somerset-based **Keith Varney's** porcelain works are hand-built, as he puts it, using folded construction and references to origami. He is a master of shape while the translucency of the porcelain gives his pieces a delicate quality.

Sardinia-born **Delfina Emmanuel's** work is distinctive for its rich surfaces, many layers and colourful glazes. Her pieces are inspired by marine life - especially coral and anemones.



And don't miss work by Sophie MacCarthy, who decorates her jugs, pots and vessels using a range of coloured slips in combination with stencils, wax resist and paper cuts.

All the work by these ceramic artists is remarkable for its technical skill, originality and creativity and if you want to start building up a collection of ceramics, this show is a good place to start because as well as established names, talented newcomers are also exhibiting.

***Tickets cost £12, and the show opening hours are 10-6pm and 10-5pm on the final day.***

***The show is hosted by the Craft Potters Association.***