

## Pushing Korean Design Into the Future



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“Contemporary Korean Design,” a show of more than 30 pieces of tableware and home furnishings by five Korean designers and ceramicists, opens March 1 at the R 20th Century gallery in TriBeCa.

“These are people who have taken tradition and pushed it forward,” said Zesty Meyers, an owner of the gallery, which is collaborating with Gallery Seomi in Seoul on the exhibition. The artists include Byung- Hoon Choi, who hand-carves and sands stacked laminated red oak to make soft, curvaceous side tables (\$50,000 for the pair), above; Jin Jang, who creates delicate, luminous porcelain bowls perforated with tiny holes (\$2,000); and Hun-Chung Lee, who makes ceramic stools with glazed surfaces and gently rounded edges (\$9,000). “They have a cool feeling when you sit on them,” Mr. Meyers said of the stools. “But they look like fabric.” Through May 15 at 82 Franklin Street (Church Street), (212) 343-7979 or [r20thcentury.com](http://r20thcentury.com).

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