

## GREENWICH HOUSE POTTERY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

### MALENE BARNETT

New York, NY – Greenwich House Pottery is pleased to announce Malene Barnett as our Resident Artist from September 24 to November 16, 2018.

Malene Barnett is a cross-media contemporary artist and the head of Malene B, an art and design atelier in New York City. She is known for her bespoke carpet designs, which she creates based on her artwork on canvas, paper, wood—and now ceramics. In all of her work, Barnett explores the way colors and patterns can evoke dreams, memories and identity.

Born in the Bronx, Barnett was raised along the Norwalk coastline of Connecticut on a diet of soca, reggae and Caribbean folktales. She started painting at an early age and then went on to explore textile design and study fashion illustration and surface design at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Barnett established her New York-based atelier Malene B in 2008. Her work has been featured in publications such as *Interior Design*, *New York Magazine* and *House Beautiful*, and can be found in Saks Fifth Avenue, WeWork NYC and NBC Telemundo Miami, just to name a few.

Barnett will be refining her ceramic work and exploring surface design while she creates a series of 25 handbuilt vessels inspired by mud house designs found in India, Nigeria and Burkina Faso as a resident at GHP September 24 through November 16, 2018.

Our residencies foster an artist’s development by providing time, space and material in the center of the art world. The resident has access to a private studio space (20’ x 17’) during the Pottery’s regular business hours, free stocked clay and access to gas and electric firings.

Greenwich House Pottery, a non-profit (501c3) organization, is New York City’s premier ceramic facility. Originally founded in 1909 to teach immigrants a marketable skill in the spirit of the Arts & Crafts Movement, the Pottery is now an arts center for the local and international community that strives to support the history and future of the ceramic arts through its educational facilities, artist residency and gallery.

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Malene Barnett. Photo: courtesy of the artist.



Malene Barnett, *Dominica*, handknotted carpet. Photo: courtesy of the artist.



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