

THE INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE CENTER PRESENTS

CERAMICS AS SCULPTURE

MAY 22 – NOVEMBER 6, 2026

ISC GALLERY
5126 BUTLER ST
PITTSBURGH, PA 15201



EXHIBITION INFO & JURORS

Ceramics possess a unique duality: it is both ancient and contemporary, fragile and durable, domestic and monumental. Through sculptural approaches, artists can activate clay as a site of resistance, storytelling, and experimentation, pushing scale, surface, and structure to challenge how ceramics are perceived and valued.

In the practice of ceramics, artists often address issues such as labor, material extraction, and the value placed on handmade objects. Ceramics can also highlight cultural heritage and challenge historical narratives around craft versus fine art. Additionally, the medium provides a platform to explore environmental concerns, bodily experience, and the politics of everyday domestic objects.

Ceramics as Sculpture was juried by Leslie Ferrin, Director of Ferrin Contemporary and Project Art specializing in Ceramic Art; Joshua Green, Executive Director of NCECA, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts; and Kevin Snipes, Full time Ceramic Artist. Additional support provided by Laura Jean McLaughlin, ceramicist and ISC Member Artist-in-Residence.



DEBORAH BRIDGES
SAMATA *BUDDHA*
WOOD-FIRED PORCELAIN
2026



HELAINE BLUMENFELD, OBE
EXODUS III
TERRACOTTA,
2023

COVER IMAGE:
ASIA MATHIS, *CARRY ME*

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SUSAN BUDGE

ORANGE ASTEROIDEA
STONEWARE, PORCELAIN,
GLAZES, GOLD LUSTER
2025

LOUISE DEROUALLE

*REFLECTIONS, TRANSITIONS,
AND BOUNDARIES,*
CERAMICS
2020



RACHEL ENG

VISIONS III
PORCELAIN, GLAZE, WOOD
2026

HELEN DUNCAN

*WHEN WE WALKED
IN BOGS OF COTTON,*
STONEWARE, PORCELAIN
CLAYS, WIRE 2025



CJ ESCOBAR RODGERS

DEITY OF TIC TAC TOE
CERAMIC, PAINT, WOOD,
CHALK, COTTON,
NOSE RINGS, CHAINS
2024



QWIST JOSEPH

BIRTH
VIDEO/PERFORMANCE
2020, 2024,
FORTHCOMING
2027



LESLIE FRY

BLUE
CERAMIC, GLAZE,
PAINTED STEEL
2025



EVA KWONG

FILOPODIA
STONEWARE, GLAZE
2019



TREVOR KING

*WHERE WATER
COMES TOGETHER
WITH OTHER WATER,*
STONEWARE,
GLAZE, PAINT
2025



ASIA MATHIS

CARRY ME
STONEWARE CLAY
2025



NNENNA OKORE

EBE ANO
HESSIAN, CERAMIC
2009





JANE POWERS
MOTHER LODE II
 PORCELAIN
 2026



DINA PERLASCA
GUERRERITOS ESPACIALES
/ LITTLE SPACE WARRIORS
 CERAMIC, CLAY,
 VOLCANIC ROCKS
 2023



KATHY RUTTENBERG,
SPIDER BITE,
 CERAMIC STONEWARE,
 URETHANE RESIN,
 CAST SILICON BRONZE,
 STAINLESS STEEL, COPPER
 2023

JAMES SIMON
TOASTER WITH
BAGEL
CERAMIC
2025



IAN F. THOMAS
WORM
WOOD-FIRED PORCELAIN
2025

LYDIA C. THOMPSON
RESILIENCE OF BEING:
ABODE #11
CERAMICS, GLAZES
2025



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STONEWARE CLAY
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