

Fifth Annual Flower City Pottery Invitational

Flower City Arts Center welcomes 20 premier ceramic artists from across North America

October 10-13 | Preview Sale & Opening Reception: Friday, Oct. 11, 6-8:00 p.m.

(ROCHESTER, NY – August 27, 2019) Flower City Arts Center is proud to welcome, for the fifth year, 20 premier ceramic artists from 14 different states across America for a long weekend celebrating contemporary clay. The event includes an artist reception, pottery exhibitions and sale, demonstrations, workshops and talks by the visiting artists.

Artists were selected to participate by curators and local ceramicists Richard Aerni, Matt Metz, Peter Pincus, and for the first time Shoko Teruyama. Each was selected for their mastery of craft, the unique properties of their work, and their appreciation of the community fostered by the event.

Flower City Arts Center Executive Director Janice Gouldthorpe says:

It is extremely rare to be exposed to the work of so many top ceramic artists from across the country in one setting. And we are excited to bring these artists to our Rochester community for a rich cultural experience. People from all across our region are invited to come and view the art and hear from the artists about their artistic methods.

Thursday and Friday will feature workshops by artists Andrea Denniston, Tom Jaszczak, Kenyon Hansen, and Sean O'Connell. These workshops will provide insight to the creative process and techniques used by the artists, and are informative for creators and collectors. Tickets range in price from \$35 to \$40 and should be purchased in advance online. Saturday and Sunday will feature free demonstrations and talks as well as the exhibition and sale of over 2,000 works of art. Both Saturday and Sunday are free and open to the public.

If you are unable to attend, virtual shopping appointments are available. This appointment will help collectors and ceramics fans from anywhere in the nation to view works from their favorite artists. The virtual shopping appointments are Friday, October 11, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., with the purchase of a \$20 opening night ticket required to get this early access to the exhibition. For more information and to make an appointment, contact ceramicstudio@rochesterarts.org or call 585-271-5183.

This is a unique opportunity for collectors, enthusiasts and anyone who appreciates finely crafted, handmade work to meet and talk with masters of the field. Whether you prefer contemporary design or rustic tableware, thousands of handcrafted pots will be exhibited. For individuals who are new to contemporary ceramics, this is the perfect opportunity to see the range of work being made with this versatile material.

The Firehouse Gallery is located at 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY. The sales and exhibition are free and open to the public. Preview Sale & Opening Reception tickets are \$20 each. Workshops are individually priced. See www.rochesterarts.org/special-events/pottery-invitational-2019/tickets for more information on ticket prices. Additional information about the event can be found at www.rochesterarts.org/special-events/pottery-invitational-2019.

Exhibition Hours:

Friday: 6 – 8:00 p.m. (with ticket only)

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (free and open to the public)

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (free and open to the public)

About the Flower City Arts Center

Flower City Arts Center has been operating since 1970. Flower City Arts Center is a darkroom, photography and digital arts facility, a ceramics workshop, and a printmaking and book arts center. The Center uses its resources to provide youth programs in schools, offers over 140 classes to the general public, and rents space to artists and others interested in the visual arts. Internships, facilities for advanced students, and resources for anyone interested in book arts, photography and ceramics are also available. Three galleries in our building serve as exhibit space for local, regional and national artists.

Our Ceramics department, founded in 1972, is one of Rochester's premier community-based ceramics facilities, serving students, studio artists, instructors and artists-in-residence. Our comprehensive studio facilities and 24 hour access available to our artists-in-residence and studio artists is unparalleled in the region.

For more information, contact the Arts Center Office at (585) 244-1730, or visit our website at www.rochesterarts.org.