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# A CALL TO ARTISTS

for



3rd Annual “Off Center”

## An International Ceramic Art Competition

Since the first ceramics were created, like Venus of Dolní Věstonice, before 25,000 BCE and pottery vessels that were discovered in Jiangxi, China, which date back to 18,000 BC, people have been fascinated with clay. Northern California has a rich history of talented ceramic artists from Robert Arneson to Peter Voulkos. Blue Line Arts is excited to showcase the innovation of ceramic techniques and vision from around the world during this annual show. Ceramic artists who want to share their vision of ceramic art are encouraged to apply.

**Judge:**

Joshua Green earned his BA from Bennington College and his MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. He has received fellowships from Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Bemis Foundation, Eleanor Janeway Fund, Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council, and the Japan Fulbright Memorial Teachers Fund. His writings on arts education, community arts, critical exhibition and book reviews have appeared in NEA publications, as well as Ceramics: Art & Perception, American Craft, C-file, and Arts Hansa (UNESCO). As an arts leader, recently Green has served as an advisor to United States Artists and the American Crafts Council on selection of fellowships for artists. The chair of a panel presentation on clay and cultural identity at the 2019 College Art Association conference in New York, Green will also be writing the catalog essay for James Watkins’ retrospective at the Museum of Texas Tech University. For more than twenty years, he helped develop and lead the acclaimed Apprenticeship Training Program and other arts education initiatives at Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since late 2010, he has served as executive director for the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.

**AWARDS**

- First Place: \$1,000
- Second Place: \$500
- Third Place: \$300
- People’s Choice: \$100

**Important Dates**

Deadline to Enter:..... March 1st, 2019

Exhibition Dates:..... April 5th- June 1, 2019

Artist Notification: ..... March 3rd, 2019

Shipping deadline of work to Blue Line Arts:..... March 29th, 2019

Hand deliver work to Blue Line Arts: ..... March 31th or April 1st from 10 to 3pm

Opening Reception:..... April 20th, 2019 From 5 pm- 8:30 pm

Closing Reception:..... May 18th, 2019 From 5pm- 8:30 pm

Pick up unsold work from Blue Line Arts:..... June 2nd and 3rd, from 10 am -3 pm

**Eligibility**

- Open to artists everywhere!
- All artwork must be original and completed within the last two years
- Artwork cannot have been previously exhibited at Blue Line Arts
- All 2-D works must be ready to hang
- All artwork must be for sale
- Accepted artwork that differs significantly from image in online submission will be disqualified
- No accepted entry may be withdrawn or sold outside of the exhibition prior to the closing date
- Blue Line Arts handles all sales transactions. Non-member artists receive a 50% commission from all gallery sales and members receive a 60% commission
- Size limitations
  - Art must be able to enter through the doors with a clearance of 94”h x 91”w
  - Ceilings in the gallery are 10 feet high
  - Nothing over 60 lbs will be accepted
- The artist is responsible to pay for all shipping and should have a prepaid label from FedEx or UPS (No US Mail) for return of artwork.
- All shipping of art must be packed as in this link! Please see <https://ceramicartsnetwork.org/daily/ceramic-art-and-artists/ceramic-artists/packaging-ceramics-shipping/>

### **ENTRY FEES**

There is a non-refundable entry fee for *Off Center* show of \$35; This covers 3 image uploads; there is a \$5/image fee for every additional image upload.

**Application Requirements:** Applicants must apply using the form on the Blue Line Arts website, <http://www.bluelinearts.org/call-to-artists>. You must be 18 years or older to apply.

**Questions:** If you have any questions about submissions, please contact Blue Line Arts staff during open hours at (916) 783-4117 or email Tony at [tony@bluelinearts.org](mailto:tony@bluelinearts.org)