

For immediate release: Clay Fire and Ash. Ceramic Sculptures by Tim Rowan

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Public Reception: Saturday, January 28, 5-7pm

The Riverside Galleries at Garrison Art Center

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The Riverside Galleries at Garrison Art Center proudly present the meditative works of ceramic artist Tim Rowan. Select wood-fired clay vessels, boxes and sculptures quietly inhabit the Balter Gallery in homage of ceramic-making traditions. Under the guidance of Ryuichi Kakurezaki, Rowan was immersed in an intensive apprenticeship for two years in Bizen, Japan. During that time, the artist studied and found a greater understanding of the medium. Rowan's deep understanding of clay, paired with his unique ability to transform and create new expression is captured in the works in this exhibition.

Drawing inspiration from landscapes, old tools and decaying objects, Rowan sculpts fragments and shapes that could pass as relics from past or future. **Clay Fire and Ash** evokes a visual history, perhaps a memory or a glimpse into another world, something lost but now found. Rowan starts each piece slowly by building up raw clay for days and even weeks before the carving and shaping begins. He approaches multiple pieces simultaneously, working to create a contemplative and binding body of work. Minimal, if any, application of glaze gives way to the clay, fire and ash to capture a weathered effect suggesting an intimate time and place to be discovered by the viewer.

Tim Rowan's work is included in several national and international museum collections, including The Currier Art Museum, The Fuller Craft Museum, FuLe International Ceramic Museum in Shaanxi, China, and Shimada City Museum in Shimada, Japan. Rowan was awarded the prestigious Janet Mansfield Ceramic Award and most recently the Ruth and Harold Chenven Foundation Grant. The artist lives and works in Stoneridge, New York.

The Riverside Galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday through Sunday 10am to 5pm. To learn more about the exhibition and education programs and special art events, please visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845-424-3960.