# JAMES**AARONS**

Ceramic Artist, Yoga Teacher

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### Purpose:

My goal, whether as an artist or yoga teacher is to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary. Each of my disciplines share the necessity of exploring space in combination with earthy materials, plus heat, resulting in an alchemical transformation of clay and body into vivid forms and limber consciousness.

### **Education:**

BFA, Modern Dance, 1984 North Carolina School of the Arts Winston-Salem, NC

RYT-500, 2017 Yoga Tree SF/Yoga Works San Francisco, CA

RYT-200, 2014 Piedmont Yoga School Oakland, CA

### **Experience:**

1991 – present

## Sole Proprietor, Natoma Ceramic Design

Production of one-of-a-kind and repertory art pieces for public, corporate and private spaces. The exploration of space, time and place is an integral part of this work and informs every aspect of its creation.

2009 – present

### Yoga Teacher, emphasis on therapeutic mobility and alignment

Reformed modern dancer with interest in mobility, health and holistic balance. Working in a rural area necessitates focusing practice for many body types and age groups.

### **Exhibitions**

What Remains, 2021 - Radius Gallery, Santa Cruz, CA

Flow, 2021 - Epperson Gallery, Crockett, CA

Light show, 2019 - Roscoe, Oakland, CA

Ceramics National, 2018 - Univ of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Marshes and Salt Flats - Ceramic Paintings, 2017, Roscoe, Oakland, CA

Transference, 2016 - The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA

From Heaven to Earth, 2014 – Katie Gingrass Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

Splendid Objects, 2013 - Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael, CA

Solo Exhibition, 2013 - Roscoe, Oakland, CA

Julia Terr Annual, 2012 - Gallery 212, Sonoma, CA

Not Just For The Office, 2012 - Katie Gingrass Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

Small Favors VII, 2012 - The clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA

Good Company, 2012 – Petaluma Art Center, Petaluma, CA

What in the World, 2011 - Commerce Bank of California, Lafayette, CA

Fire and Ice, 2011 – Petaluma Art Center, Petaluma, CA

ACGA @ DAC, 2011 - Davis Art Center, Davis, CA

White, 2011 – Katie Gingrass Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

Five Dimensions, 2010 - Katie Gingrass Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

Eight From ACGA, 2010 - Davis Art Center, Davis, CA

Objects of Virtue, 2009 - Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA

Small Ceramic Wonders, 2009 - Crossman Gallery, Whitewater, WI

CraftForms 2008 - Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA

Drawn Lines, 2008 - Idyllwild Gallery of Fine Art, Idyllwild, CA

Flatlanders, 2008 - Richard L.Nelson Gallery - UC Davis, Davis, CA

New West Coast Design, 2008 - SF Museum of Craft + Design, San Francisco, CA

Plates and Platters, 2007 – Pewabic Pottery Gallery, Detroit, MI

Clay, Color and Composition, 2005 – Idyllwild Gallery of Fine Art, Idyllwild, CA

California Design, 2004 - CCCA, San Francisco, CA

Smithsonian Craft Show, 2003, Washington, DC

Featured Artist, 1997, 2001, 2003 - del Mano Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Featured Artist, 2002 - Aaron Faber Gallery, New York, NY

Form as Function, 2000 – Maclaren Markowitz Gallery, Boulder, CO

Geometry – Solo Exhibition, 1999 – The Clay Place, Pittsburgh, PA

The Ceremony of Tea, 1995 - Images Friedman Gallery, Louisville, KY

California Design, 1994 - CCCA, San Francisco, CA

### **Commissions and Collections**

Autograph Collection Hotels - Turnberry Isle, Miami, FL

Brookline Medical, Brookline, MA

Butterfield Country Club, Oak Brook, IL

The Ballantyne, Charlotte, NC

Children's Hospital Boston, Boston, MA

FM Global. Johnston. RI

Forest Park Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Grand Hyatt, Atlanta GA

Harrah's, Cherokee, NC

Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, CA

Hotel Monaco, Denver, CO

Hyatt Miami at the Blue, Miami, FL

Kaiser Permanente, Baldwin Park, CA Kaiser Permanente, Tyson's Corner, VA Kaiser Permanente, Richmond, CA Kaiser Permanente, Redwood City, CA Kitsap Credit Union, Bremmerton, WA Lake Buena Vista Hotel, Orlando, FL Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN MayoSeitz Media, Blue Bell, PA Montgomery County Circuit Court, Rockville, MD North Shore Bank, Milwaukee, WI New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee, WI One Brookline Place Medical Center, Brookline,, MA Park Lane Seaport, Boston, MA Peninsula Hotel, Hong Kong Radian Group Inc, Philadelphia, PA Renaissance Suites, Washington, DC Ritz Carlton, Dana Point, CA Sodexo USA, Gaithersburg, MD Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Milwaukee, WI Temple University, Philadelphia, PA TriHealth, Cincinnati, OH U.S. Embassy. Ottawa. Ontario U.S. Navy, Philadelphia, PA Valley Health Center, Milpitas, CA Wyndham, Tampa, FL

#### **Awards**

2011 - Award of Excellence, American Craft Council - San Francisco

2009 - Third Place, Ceramics, Scottsdale Arts Festival

2005 - First Place, Members Show, Art Alliance of Idyllwild