

Joey Watson



"My work is oriented around the concept of ceremonial procedure and its associated paraphernalia. I'm interested in the forces that ritual objects imply and the sequence of operations necessary to activate them. The work that I make is intended to be utilitarian, but within specialized circumstances. Through this intention I invite percipients into choreographed scenarios that I hope entice a kind of transformative participation." - Artist Statement

Joey Watson was born and raised in the Sonoran Desert. While growing up, Watson was charmed by the visual splendor of his environment: the canyons carved through time by erosion, mountains in every direction jutting out of the earth, mineral deposits and the unique plant and animal life were all influential. Upon graduating in 2014 from the Kansas City Art Institute with a BFA in ceramics, Watson was awarded a studio residency through the Charlotte Street Foundation. He currently works as the artist in residence at the Kansas City Clay Guild.



Education

2014 Bachelor of Fine Art, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

Selected Exhibitions

- 2016 SOFA Chicago, Duane Reed Gallery
Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
Art Market San Francisco, Duane Reed Gallery
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
Grand Arts Gallery, Kansas City, MO
PLUG Projects, Kansas City, MO
99c Plus Gallery, New York City, NY
- 2015 HAW Contemporary, Kansas City, MO
Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA
Eutectic Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2014 Red Star Studios, Kansas City, MO
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, MO
Sherry Leedy Contemporary, Kansas City, MO
Sight Unseen OFFSITE, New York City, NY
The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
Kansas City Artist Coalition, Kansas City, MO
Paragraph Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2013 Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
Leedy-Voulikos Gallery, Kansas City, MO

Awards

- 2014 Best in Show, KCAI BFA Exhibition
Best in Show, 2014 Undergraduate College
Student Exhibition
Regina Brown Fellowship, NCECA
Partner Scholarship, Pilchuck

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