

# Ryan LaBar



Ryan LaBar grew up in Great Falls Montana. In 1999 he moved to Helena Montana and set up a studio. He has worked as a resident artist at the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, the LH Project in Joseph Oregon, and California State University Long Beach. He assisted workshops at the Bray, Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina and Haystack in Maine. In addition, he spent time at the Kohler factory in Wisconsin. He was an intern at Enrique Martinez Celaya's studio during the summer of 2008 in Santa Monica California. Currently, Ryan is the director of residents at the LH Project, a prestigious residency program in Joseph Oregon. About his ceramic sculptures, LaBar states: "These systems are metaphors for our times, our bodies, and our philosophies. Time ages all things. It softens hard edges and moves material to alternative states of rest. Not only does time test form, it tests ideas. Some become foundations for future breakthroughs as others fall into oblivion. My process is the concept. My ideas are subject to the same cascading failure as are my forms."



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## Education

- 2010 MFA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE
- 2005 Post Baccalaureate Studies at NYSCC Alfred University, Alfred, NY
- 1998 BS in Biology, Art and Chemistry minors, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA

## Selected Exhibitions

- 2013 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO  
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX
- 2012 Gaya Ceramic and Design, Ubud Bali
- 2010 Eisentrager Howard Gallery, UNL, Lincoln, NE
- 2007 The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT

## Artist Residency

- 2013 Caldera, Sisters, OR
- 2012 Porcelana Inaczej, Walbrzych Poland  
Gaya Ceramic Art Center, Ubud, Bali
- 2011 Da Wang Culture Highland, Shenzhen, China
- 2010,11 USCLB invited artist, Long Beach, CA
- 2009 LH Project, Joseph, OR
- 2008 Enrique Martinez Celaya, Santa Monica, CA
- 2006-07 LH Project, Joseph, OR
- 2006 Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT

## Public Collections

- Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA

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