



THE OTTAWA GUILD OF POTTERS  
LA GUILDE DES POTIERS D'OTTAWA

Meet our Juror for the Annual Exhibition

# MAT KARAS



# BIOGRAPHY

Mat Karas is a ceramic artist from Montréal, Québec. He is an Associate Professor in the Studio Arts Department at Concordia University in Montréal. Mat previously taught Ceramics at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in Baltimore from 2012 to 2019. He holds an MFA from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University and a BFA from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax. Mat's work in ceramics explores function as a language to mediate art, tradition, and daily life. In 2016, he was awarded an ArtWorks grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to organize a collaborative studio residency at MICA in Baltimore, celebrating and researching the intersection of 19th-century American architectural terracotta with contemporary digital tools and techniques. In 2015, he was awarded a one-month studio intensive residency at Guldagergaard in Skælskør, Denmark, where his research focused on the junction of traditional firing methods and digital fabrication. Most recently, Mat received an Honorable Mention at the 13th International Ceramics Competition in Mino, Japan. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally.



Warped Ware  
2016



Warped Ware  
2016



Warped Ware  
2016