



*EXHIBITION ADVISORY*

Exhibition: *Hot! & Ready to Serve: Celebrating Functional Ceramics*

On View: March 29—September 28, 2025

Reception: March 29, 2025, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm • Opening Remarks @ 4:30 pm

Location: American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA

**HOT!**  
**& READY TO SERVE**  
**Celebrating Functional Ceramics**



(Pomona, California—March 24, 2025) Opening March 29, 2025, *Hot! & Ready to Serve* explores the rich tradition of functional ceramics—objects created for the rituals of daily life. Throughout history, these objects have connected us through the universal experiences of gathering, preparing, and sharing food and drink.

On view will be hundreds of pieces from AMOCA's collection, including functional works handmade by artists, as well as others designed by artists for factory production. All these pieces reveal intimate connections between maker and user, form and function, tradition and innovation. Both narrative and functional, each piece carries a story of cultural exchange, technological advancement, and artistic expression. Artists whose work will be presented in *Hot! & Ready to Serve* include Julia Galloway, John Gill, Ayumi Hori, Alleghany Meadows, Matthew Metz, and Michael Simon. Distinctive production pottery from Gladding McBean, Hall China Company, Jaru Ceramics, Vernon Kilns, Weil of California, and others will be on display.

Executive Director Beth Ann Gerstein says, “This exhibition asks us to reflect upon the ways we might invite art into our daily lives. The pieces presented here not only demonstrate the breadth of AMOCA’s permanent collection; they also show how production pieces rise to the occasion of beautiful functionality, and how fine art can productively challenge expected norms of shape and function. Ceramic pieces, whether designed for repeated use or pedestaled viewing, carry with them the imprint of their maker, leaving a lasting impression on those of us who spend time in their presence.”

*Hot! & Ready to Serve* will be on view in the Julianne and David Armstrong Gallery at AMOCA March 29-September 28, 2025.

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Complementing the in-person exhibition experience, numerous public and educational programs will be mounted, including lectures, conversations, college-level tours, and tours for Title 1 schools serving grades K-12.

This exhibition is supported, in part, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors through the Department of Arts and Culture and the DEW Foundation. Thanks to the Windgate Foundation for their generous support of our Artist in Residence Program.

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

*Hot! & Ready to Serve* opens at the American Museum of Ceramic Art, 399 N Garey Ave, Pomona, CA 91767 on March 29, 2025, with an opening reception on Saturday, March 29 from 4-6 pm. The exhibition runs through September 28, 2025. The museum is open Friday-Sunday, 11am to 4pm.

For more information: [https://www.amoca.org/future-exhibitions/hot\\_and\\_ready/](https://www.amoca.org/future-exhibitions/hot_and_ready/) or (909) 865-3146 or [communications@amoca.org](mailto:communications@amoca.org).

### **Credit**

This exhibition is organized by the American Museum of Ceramic Art.

### **About AMOCA**

The American Museum of Ceramic Art was founded in 2003, in Pomona, California. The mission of the museum is to champion the art, history, creation, and technology of ceramics through exhibitions, collections, outreach, and studio programming.

**Museum Hours**

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 11am – 4pm

**Admission**

General \$14, Senior \$9, Student/Pomona Resident \$7, Members & under 12 Free  
Pay-what-you-can First Fridays are the first Friday of each month.

**Location**

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