



## **Artist Statement**

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What attracts me to clay is the history of the material; bringing people and cultures together through dining, art, architecture, and stories. I was reading an Irish fairy tale about a man who stumbled upon a leprechaun and his treasure. The man marked the tree with a red ribbon, planning to dig up the pot of gold the next day. When the man returned, the leprechaun had tied a ribbon on every tree of the forest. When reading this tale I thought about history. How ancient artifacts of long passed cultures are buried deep in the earth and lost. Humans are in search of that lost past but never truly understanding what they discover.

Each teacup is a lost artifact entangled in the roots of time. As time passes, these roots obscure the artifacts as well as their context. As I have worked on this piece, I have also become entangled in the roots, their surface quality, glazing and structure. This piece shows life deep under the earth, a representation of hidden stories, cultures, and humanity.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	<u>Original Format</u>
<b>Figure 1:</b>	Timeless- Composition 1	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 7 ft. x 4 ft. x 1.5 ft.
<b>Figure 2:</b>	Timeless- View 1	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 7 ft. x 4 ft. x 1.5 ft.
<b>Figure 3:</b>	Timeless- View 2	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 7 ft. x 4 ft. x 1.5 ft.
<b>Figure 4:</b>	Timeless- Right Side	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 7 ft. x 4 ft. x 1.5 ft.
<b>Figure 5:</b>	Timeless- Left Side	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 7 ft. x 4 ft. x 1.5 ft.
<b>Figure 6:</b>	Timeless- Close up 1	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 7 ft. x 4 ft. x 1.5 ft.
<b>Figure 7:</b>	Timeless- Close up 2	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 7 ft. x 4 ft. x 1.5 ft.
<b>Figure 8:</b>	Timeless- Composition 2	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 24 in. x 24 in. x 10 in.
<b>Figure 9:</b>	Composition 2- Close up 1	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 24 in. x 24 in. x 10 in.
<b>Figure 10:</b>	Composition 2- Close up 2	Ceramic	ceramic wall hanging; 24 in. x 24 in. x 10 in.





Figure 1: Timeless- Composition 1.



Figure 2: Timeless- View 1.





Figure 3: Timeless- View 2.

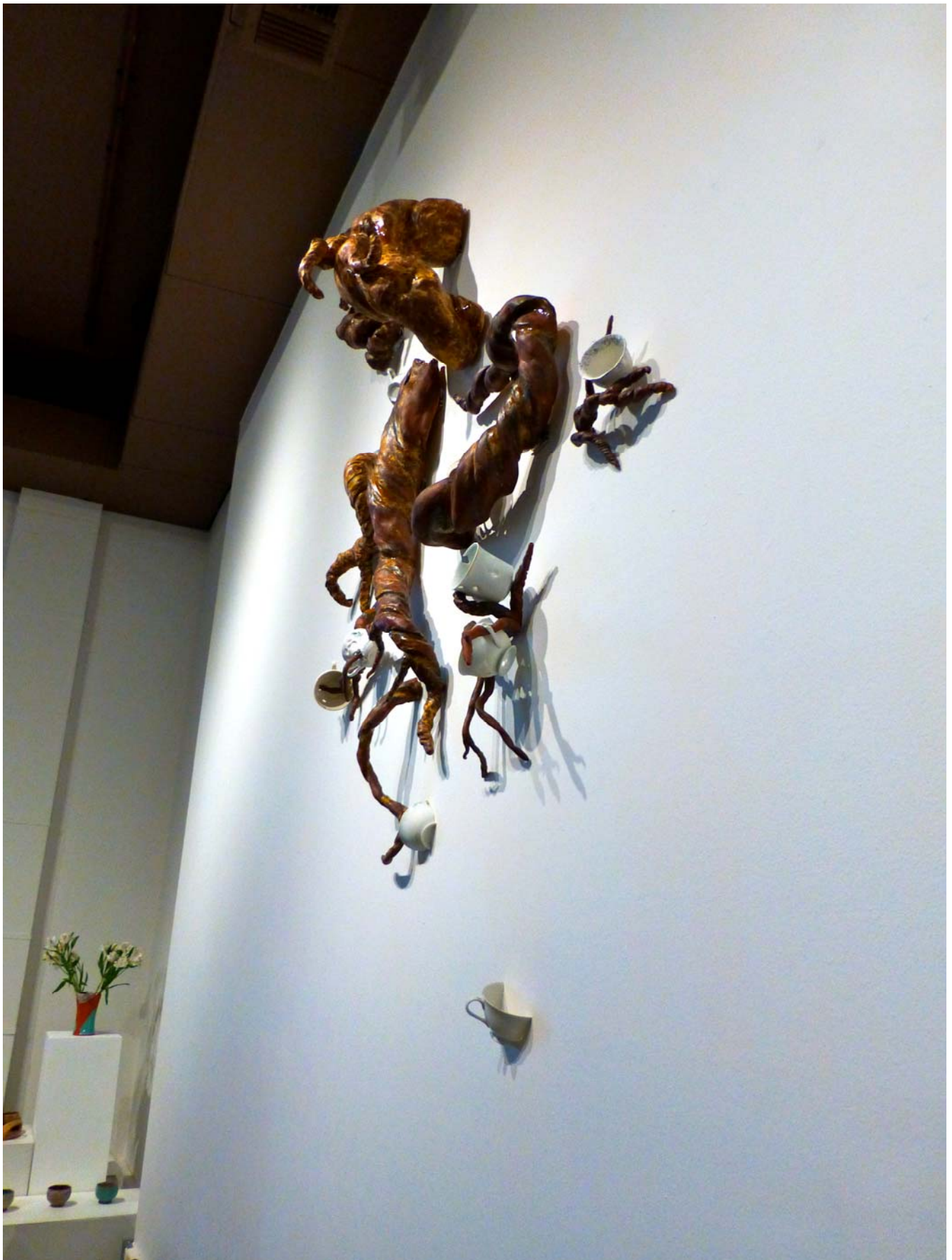


Figure 4: Timeless- Right Side.





Figure 5: Timeless- Left Side.





Figure 6: Timeless- Close up 1.



Figure 7: Timeless- Close up 2.





Figure 8: Timeless-Composition 2.



Figure 9: Composition 2- Close up 1.





Figure 10: Composition 2- Close up 2.