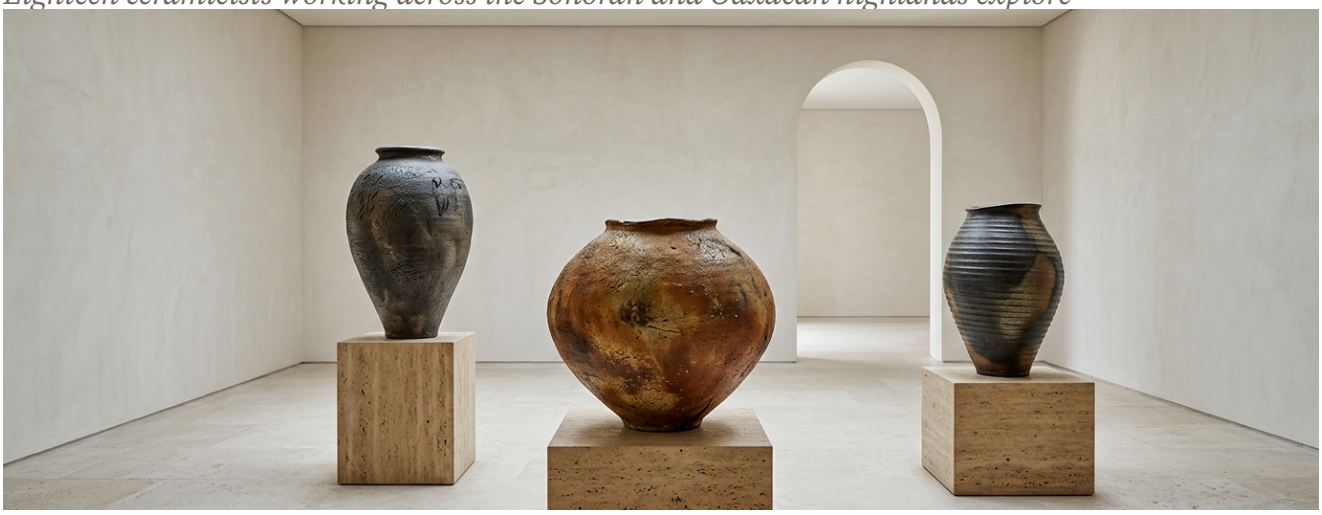
AUTUMN BIENNIAL · OCTOBER 12 – DECEMBER 20, 2026

Earth & Ash: Contemporary Vessel Forms

Eighteen ceramicists working across the Sonoran and Oaxacan highlands explore



Curatorial statement

Every vessel in this exhibition begins in the ground within fifty miles of the artist's studio. By digging wild iron-rich shales, micaceous river clays and volcanic pumice directly from arroyos, the participating makers allow geological origin to dictate wall thickness, thermal shock resistance and surface vitrification.

Curated by **Mateo Villalobos**, the programme pairs forty-two gallery objects with live kiln firings and public clay-processing demonstrations throughout November.

- Opening reception & artist talk: October 12, 18:00
- Anagama wood-kiln stoking weekend: November 7–9
- Oaxacan barro negro burnishing workshop: November 21

VISITOR INFORMATION

Location North & Courtyard Galleries, 410 N. Meyer Ave

Hours Tue–Sun, 10:00 to 18:00 (Thu until 20:00)

Admission $12 general · Free for students and Sundays

Acquisitions All works listed on Page 2 are available for purchase

EXHIBITION CHECKLIST · GALLERY I

Selected works & acquisitions

Dimensions listed height by diameter. Proceeds support the Mesa Kiln Resident Artist Fund.

PHOTO 3:2
Cat. 01 · Red Mesa Amphora

PALOMA REYES · OAXACA

Red Mesa Coiled Amphora

Burnished red clay, pine-wood reduction firing; 44 × 31 cm.

$2,400

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Cat. 02 · Ash-Glazed Jar

KENJI TAKAHASHI · TUCSON

Mesquite Ash Storage Jar

Wheel-thrown stoneware, natural mesquite ash glaze; 38 × 34 cm.

$3,150

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Cat. 03 · Micaceous Olla

LUCIA CORDOVA · TAOS

High Valley Micaceous Olla

Hand-built micaceous clay, open cedar pit fire; 29 × 27 cm.

$1,850

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Cat. 04 · Basalt Tea Bowl

DAVID YELLOWHORSE · FLAGSTAFF

Cinder Cone Chawan Pair

Crushed volcanic basalt slip over wild buff stoneware; 10 × 14 cm.

$920

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Cat. 05 · Barro Negro Vessel

ROSA CASTELLANOS · COYOTEPEC

Pierced Barro Negro Cántaro

Quartz-stone burnished black clay, sealed reduction kiln; 35 × 24 cm.

$2,750

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Cat. 06 · Caliche Slab Platter

HANNAH LINDQVIST · BISBEE

Caliche & Iron Slab Platter

Slab-formed copper-slag stoneware with raw lime wash; 6 × 48 cm.

$1,480