Alan Willoughby
Artist

Free Opening Reception:
Second Friday
July 13, 2018
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Gallery Talk: 6:00pm

Alan Willoughby retired as the Executive Director of the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown and Collingswood, New Jersey in 2016 and has since returned to the studio full time. Interested in the tactility and physicality of clay, he finds connections with the primal elements of the world and uses them to make works that fluctuate between functional and sculptural forms.

Willoughby works in both additive and subtractive processes including layering, wax resist, and slip trailing to embellish his wheel-thrown and hand-built components. His pots are then fired in a wood kiln, transforming the pieces and their physical forms as well as their importance as they go through this purifying ritual. The final result bridges Willoughby to the earth, to other makers in the community, and to those who used and made pots hundreds and thousands of years ago.
When Willoughby enters the studio, he pays no attention to the news and events that circulate out of modern-day society, but instead focuses on his relationship with his materials. Through the use of clay, he enters a dialogue with the primal elements of earth, air, water, and fire. This hands-on and intimate process allows him to focus on what is truly important and reflect on the wonder and phenomenon of life.

Willoughby received his MFA in Ceramics from Clemson University and has been awarded two Artists Fellowships by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. His work and writing have been featured in *Ceramics Monthly, Ceramics Art & Perception, Ceramics Technical* and *Studio Potter*. His work has also been shown in galleries around the country and is in many public and private collections.

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