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## **Saratoga Clay Arts Center Schacht Gallery hosts National Invitational Exhibition**

Founder Jill Fishon-Kovachick and Exhibitions Director Liz Howe announce the opening of an invitational art exhibition featuring artists from Washington state, South Carolina, Philadelphia, and The Republic of China.

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LAND+SCAPE: New Horizons in Ceramics October 22 - December 1, 2011 presents work that references, considers or interprets the physical natural world while representing a full range of technical approaches in ceramics. Participating artists, both emerging and established, hail from across the US and China. The show traverses the visual aesthetics of early video games, the vast Arctic, personal topographies, and investigations of traditional landscape painting in ceramic materials.

Participating artist Dylan J. Beck, a professor of ceramics at Kansas State University, describes his work as “exploring the interaction of built space with the natural environment and the idea that manmade landscapes express a society’s material and political priorities. Within this domain, my interests range from concepts of land use and automobile-centered planning to the psychological effects of living in the “non-places” of a hypermodern world. Hypermodernity has created places that have no relation to the natural environment in which they reside. These places include airports, shopping malls, and various housing developments, among others.” The exhibition revels in diverse approaches to the subject as evidenced by Charles Timm-ballard’s statement, “Investigating the traditions of landscape representation in painting and combining these strategies with sculptural concerns in ceramic material, allows me to operate in a space between the sensuous earthly qualities of the ceramic materials and the more ethereal qualities of light presented by a painting or drawing.”

Artists were selected for invitation based upon their ability to create a visual sense of place through strong, dynamic and contemporary artwork. Each artist approaches the subject in a highly personal style offering a diverse and engaging exhibition. Participating artists include: Charles Timm-ballard (Wash.), Craig Clifford (Wis.), David Katz (Ind.), Dylan J. Beck (Kans.), Joe Page (Wash.), Jonathan Mess (Maine), Keith Renner (N.Y.), Kristin Schimik (Wash.), Kristina Stafford (S.C.), Laura Primozic (Wis.), Matthew Ziemke (Pa.), Tabbatha Henry (Vt.), Ying-Yueh Chuang (Toronto currently China).

The exhibition runs October 22 - December 1, 2011 every day 11:00am-4:00pm with an opening reception on Saturday October 22, 2011 5-7pm.

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