

# Ashtonn Means

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## Education

2011-2016 Bachelor of Fine Art with an emphasis in ceramics and a Minor in Psychology  
Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

## Solo Exhibitions

2019 *Our Lines Connect*, Omnia Contemporary, Grand Junction, CO

## Invitational Exhibitions

2024 *10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dirty South Cup Competition, Invited artist for the "Friends of the Art Center" Exhibition*, River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria, LA  
*Annual Juried Fine Art Auction*, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

2023 *영감을 주는...(Inspirational...)*, invited artist in this four women ceramic exhibition curated by KyoungHwa Oh with KyoungHwa Oh, Heesoo Lee, and Kyungmin Park, The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO  
*Annual Juried Fine Art Auction*, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

2022 *Locals: Sip, Slurp, Gulp, or Guzzle: Cup Invitational*, The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO  
*Annual Juried Fine Art Auction*, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

2019 *Annual Invitational Cup Show*, Worcester Center for Craft, Worcester, MA

## National Juried Exhibitions

2024 *Contemporary Clay Biennial: Juror Alleghany Meadows*, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO - *3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award Winner*.

2023 *8th Annual 5x5x5 Exhibition*, Juror: Tom Richard, River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA  
*Hotter'n'Hell, National Pyrotechnical Art Exhibition*, Juror Michael W. Howes, North Western State University Orvill Hanchey Gallery, Natchitoches, LA

2022 *Contemporary Clay Biennial: Juror Fong Choo*, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO  
*2022 KC Clay Guild Teabowl National Juried Exhibition: Jurors Hitomi Shibata and Takuro Shibata*, KC Clay Guild with The Arts KC Gallery, Kansas City, MO

2021 *6th Annual 5x5x5 Exhibition*, Juror: Haley Prestifilippo, River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA  
*Cheers! Drink Up! Celebrating the Clay Drinking Vessel*, Juror: Lorna Meaden, Common Wheel Artist Co-Op, Manitou Springs, Co  
*FOUND, National CMU Alumni Exhibition: Juror TJ Smith*, Colorado Mesa University 437CO Art Gallery, Grand Junction, CO

2020 *5th Annual 5x5x5 Exhibition*, Juror: Virginia Rougon Chavis, River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA  
*Contemporary Clay Biennial: Juror Bill Van Gilder*, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

2019 *FOUND, National CMU Alumni Exhibition: Juror John Anglim*, Colorado Mesa University 437CO Art Gallery, Grand Junction, CO  
*Opposites Exhibition: Juror Caitee Hoglund*, Attleboro Arts Museum,

2018	Attleboro, MA <i>Contemporary Clay Biennial</i> : Juror Doug Casebeer, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5x5x5 Exhibition</i> , Juror: Steve Martin, River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA
2017	<i>Annual Cup Show</i> , Worcester Center for Craft, Worcester, MA <i>For Pitcher or Pouter Exhibition</i> , Juror: Kristin Keiffer, Worcester Center for Craft, Worcester, MA <i>2nd Annual 5x5x5 Exhibition</i> , Juror: Linda Dautreuil, River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA
2014	<i>St. Petersburg National Biennial Juried Cup Show</i> , Juror: Matt Schiemann, Morean Center for Clay, St. Petersburg, FL
2021	<i>6th Annual 5x5x5 Exhibition</i> , Juror: Haley Prestifilippo, River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA

### Regional Juried Exhibitions

2021	<i>Annual Juried Fine Art Auction</i> , Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO <i>Shared Earth, Ceramics of the Western Slope</i> , Colorado Mountain College Aspen Gallery, Aspen, CO
2020	<i>Annual Juried Fine Art Auction</i> , Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
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2015	<i>Annual Juried Fine Art Auction</i> , Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO <i>Annual Juried Colorado Mesa University Student Exhibition</i> , Juror: Doug Casebeer, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2014	<i>Annual Juried Fine Art Auction</i> , Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO <i>Annual Juried Colorado Mesa University Student Exhibition</i> , Juror: Collin Parsons, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2013	<i>Annual Juried Fine Art Auction</i> , Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO <i>Annual Juried Colorado Mesa University Student Exhibition</i> , Juror: Justin Nordine, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

### Regional Group Exhibitions

2024	<i>Member's Exhibition</i> , Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO <i>Student/Instructor Exhibition</i> , The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO <i>FARM: Cultivating Creativity</i> , The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO
2023	<i>Mud Magic</i> , Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, The Main Street Gallery, Grand Junction, CO <i>Colorado Mesa University Art &amp; Design Faculty + Staff Exhibition</i> , 437CO CMU Art Gallery, Grand Junction, CO <i>Student/Instructor Exhibition</i> , The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand

Junction, CO  
*Member's Exhibition, Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO*  
2022 *Student/Instructor Exhibition, The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Desert Fires, Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, The Main Street Gallery, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Member's Exhibition, Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO*  
Award: Honorable Mention  
2021 *Member's Exhibition, Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Student/Instructor Exhibition, The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO*  
2020 *Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Student/Instructor Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Member's Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
2019 *Member's Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*CMU Alumni Exhibition, Mesa County Public Library, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Student/Instructor Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
2018 *Member's Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Learning Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
2017 *Member's Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Learning Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
2016 *Member's Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Slip, Press, Stroke, Colorado Mesa University Art Gallery, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Student/Instructor Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, Grand Junction, CO*  
2015 *Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Tea Bowl Exhibition, Rye Gallery, Fruita, CO*  
*Member's Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Student/Instructor Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
2014 *Glenwood Spring Fine Art Festival, Glenwood Springs, CO*  
*Student/Instructor Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*  
*Member's Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO*

*Annual Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild Exhibition, Grand Junction, CO*

### Work Experience

2024-2025	Property Manager, Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace (FARM), Fruita, Colorado
2018-2024	Administrative Assistant for the Department of Art and Design, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
2022-2025	Co-Owner of By All Means Arts, LLC, Fruita, CO
2016-2025	Working Professional Artist, Grand Junction, CO
2015-2016	Colorado Mesa University Student Gallery Director, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

### Teaching Experience - Classes

2023-2025	Ceramics Instructor at Means Pottery Studio in the Fruita Arts Recreation Marketplace (FARM), Fruita, CO
2016-2025	Ceramics Instructor for Teen and Adult Beginning/Intermediate Wheel Throwing Classes, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2018	Co-Taught Summer Art Camp with Terry Shepherd, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2017-2018	High School Art Teacher, Mesa Valley Community School, Grand Junction, CO
2015	Instructor for Summer Youth Art Camps, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

### Teaching Experience – Workshops

2023	Inspirational: Co-Taught Clay Symposium with KyoungHwa Oh, Heesoo Lee, and Kyungmin Park, The Art Center of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO
2022	Ceramic Workshop with Ashton Means, Art Space, South Padre Island, TX
2021	Mugs and Slip Trailing, Clay Club, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
2020	Let's Talk Mugs, via Zoom for the Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2019	Photographing Artwork, Mini-Workshop, Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild, Grand Junction, CO
2017	Wheel Throwing and Portfolio Workshop, Chaparral High School, Denver CO ( Co-taught with Matthew Jones) Surface Design Techniques: Part II, Slip Trailing and Shellacking, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

### Continuing Education

2022	Pattie Chalmers, Printmaking on Clay, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
2020	Matthew Schiemann, Surface Design, via Zoom
2018	Amy Kline, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO Stan Fellows, CMU Department of Art and Design, Grand Junction, CO Doug Casebeer, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2017	Connor Burns, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO Harris Deller, CMU Department of Art and Design, Grand Junction, CO
2016	Bill Van Gilder, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO Bob Smith, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2014	Jim Romberg, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2013	Lorna Meaden, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO Seth Green, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass, CO
2011	Bill Van Gilder, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
2010	Jake Allee, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO Pete Pinnel, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO Glow Worm Kiln, Bullseye Pottery, Mack, CO

2009 Tom and Elaine Coleman, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

### Publications About My Artwork

2019 *Practically Delicate: Ceramicist Creates Whimsical Functional Pieces of Art*,  
The Daily Sentinel, Author: Anne Wright, Grand Junction, CO  
2018 *Art in Bloom*, Spoke + Blossom Magazine, Grand Junction, CO  
2014 *Art Stalk, Two Grand Junction Artists Studies Distinct Cultures for  
Inspiration*, Author: Camille Silverman, Free Press, Grand Junction, CO  
2013 *Emerging Local Artist*, Grand Valley Magazine, Grand Junction, CO

### Professional Organizations

2009-2025 Member of the Grand Junction Clay Arts Guild, Grand Junction, CO  
2004-2025 Member of the Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO

### Galleries and Shops

Ago Gallery, Ouray, CO  
Orbit Art Space Gallery, Fruita, CO  
Blue Pig Gallery, Palisade, CO  
The Art Center of Western Colorado Gift Gallery, Grand Junction, CO  
The Zesty Moose, Grand Junction, CO  
Willow Creek Herbs and Tea, Grand Junction, CO