

# TOM VICIAN

## *Fowl Play: Elegance and Beauty*

January 22 – February 28, 2019

Gallery One and Gallery Two

### Artist Statement:

My interest in ceramics began early in my life and it has led to over twenty years of art making and teaching. I have explored myriad ways of working with clay while pursuing expertise in making functional pottery, sculpture, and glazes. All of this work has contributed to my never-ending curiosity about ceramics, and it has led me to engage in a focused and intentional process to create meaningful, well-constructed works of art.

This current body of work, on display in Gallery One and Gallery Two, represents a collective interest of both slip-cast, mold-made figures and wheel-thrown vessels, as well as slab-built shapes. Roosters and hens adorn forms reminiscent of early avian-inspired historical works that typically represented good luck and fortune. The work is intended to be traditionally elegant and universally beautiful, engaging the viewer to closely examine rich, decorative, soda-fired flashed surfaces and meticulously produced molded forms.

*Tom Vician received a Master of Fine Arts degree in ceramics from Illinois State University, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in ceramics from Northern Michigan University. He has been teaching ceramics at MCC since 2005, beginning as an adjunct and now full-time instructor. With a passion for both functional and sculptural ceramics, Tom is a committed professional in the arts, exhibiting his clay work regionally and nationally, and his wood-fired, soda, and reduction fired stoneware can be found in numerous private and public collections. He has been highly influenced by motivated and dedicated instructors and realizes the importance of quality education and the profound impact it can have on one's life. Tom's love of sharing his knowledge provides a unique and quality experience for the students in his ceramics classes at MCC.*

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