



Benjamin Oswald, *Cut Vessels*, 2022. Courtesy of the artist.

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**New exhibition from local ceramic artist Benjamin Oswald opens at MacEwan University's Mitchell Art Gallery**

**Edmonton** – The Mitchell Art Gallery at MacEwan University is proud to present a new exhibition for the fall season.

*Benjamin Oswald: The Shape of Absence* showcases the work of the Edmonton-based ceramicist, the recipient of several national and international awards. Oswald's practice involves the creation of vessels and sculpture and is an examination of their spaces and interactions.

"My work situates itself at the intersections of art, design and contemporary craft and investigates themes such as liminality, resonance and void," says Oswald. "I make work using minimalistic aesthetics and industrial processes to produce carefully profiled objects with the traces of the hand removed. This homage to a more reductive and dedesign-based process speaks to my desire to lease out the underlying structure of a thing and then see if multiplied and reworked in combinatory ways to produce rhythms, contrasts or acts of excavation."

The body of minimal vessels in this exhibition demonstrates the artist's rigorous approach to engaging ideas of form and formlessness, presence and absence through clay. With this meticulous engagement with his materials, Oswald's ceramic works hold us in a sublime encounter with unanswerable questions of our existence.

The exhibition is on view from September 22 to December 9, Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

Join us for the opening reception of *Benjamin Oswald: The Shape of Absence*:

**Friday, September 22, 2023**

**7 to 9 p.m.**

**Mitchell Art Gallery, Allard Hall Atrium**

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