

Zane Wilcox: Perceptual Playground

September 21 - December 31 , 2017 - in the Norma Lang Art Gallery

Opening: Thursday, September 21 @ 7:30pm

Perceptual Playground is an installation of multiple elements constructed of clay, wood and mirrors by Regina artist, Zane Wilcox. The sculptural vessel, an interest in perception and Wilcox's ongoing exploration of material, space, light and shadow is the focus of inquiry in this work. There is a rich materiality at play in the installation. The ceramic elements are highly textured, possessing a sense of density and substantial mass, while having an ambiguous quality, being modernist in form but suggestive of being impacted by time through cracking and weathering. The wooden elements are closely related to the ceramic ones, their shapes paralleling each other, but the wooden shell construction, in contrast, gives them a visual lightness and offers a more defined sense of architectural space. The installation's elements are closely related through formal parallels and through a series of doublings, both actual and mirrored. The end result is an installation where a given viewpoint will give multiple perspectives of a single object, and where different relationships between objects will unfold as the viewer moves throughout the space. Wilcox presents this work very much as a perceptual playground, a place to consciously engage in the act of seeing.

Zane Wilcox received a MFA from the University of Regina (2012) and a BMus from the University of British Columbia (1999). He has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award from the International Sculpture Center. Zane's work has been exhibited across Canada and in the United States and Australia, and has been supported by the Saskatchewan Arts Board. It is included in public collections including the MacKenzie Art Gallery and Global Affairs Canada. Outside of the studio, he has been active in roles such as juror, visiting artist, workshop presenter and teacher.