

## THE BIENNIAL

In 2014, together with curator Delia Gonzalez Falomir, the Tijuana Cultural Center (CECUT) started to work in a project focused in recognizing and diffusing [disseminating] the production of contemporary ceramic in the country. Such investigation, integration, and planning process finished in the 1st Contemporary Artistic Ceramic Biennial of which we are proud to present this catalogue.

Mexico has an important ceramist tradition, part of which has focused in recent years on exploring new forms of creation, using ancestral techniques to express critical concepts of their environment. Given the importance that it has in its region, the CECUT assumed the task of carrying out this Biennial, the first of its kind in Mexico, not only as part of its duty to spread art and culture in the Northwest of the country, but as a serious effort to participate in the education of the public and bring it closer to the new languages of artistic production.

At the beginning of the project, CECUT set itself three goals. The first one, in short-term, was to show the public the work of contemporary ceramists and the concerns that guide them. The medium-term objective was to promote (and reward) the production of contemporary ceramic, calling on ceramists to explore new ways and contemporary artists to turn to ceramic as a way of expression. Finally, the long-term goal is to consolidate the Biennial as a project of Mexican art,

expanding its field of action as much as the public and artists allow and demand.

To achieve these goals, Delia and the CECUT team, under the supervision of the Deputy Director of Exhibitions, Ar. Armando García Orso; began an investigation into the state of ceramic in Mexico that ended in summoning all ceramists residing in the country to participate. The response of the artists was more than expected, receiving almost two hundred proposals of which, 58 were finally accepted and exhibited in the Central Gallery of CECUT. Among the participants, there were artists from seven different countries residing in one of thirteen states, including seven artists from Baja California (four natives and three residents).

Just as the International Banner Biennial was one of the major exhibition projects of CECUT for twenty years, the institution pretends to set up the Biennial of Contemporary Artistic Ceramics as a reference in the discipline, exhorting the production and professionalization of the national ceramists and residents in Mexico. For it, we invite you to review the present catalog, discuss the work of the artists, and enter the world of contemporary ceramics with a critical point of view.

Pedro Ochoa Palacio Director of Tijuana Cultural Center



## Juan Ernesto Gómez Villavicencio LAJA

2016. Cerámica de alta temperatura, vidrio y lustre de oro.

2016. High temperature pottery, glass, and gold luster.

## Seleccionados

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Alma Lucero Vargas Corona

Ana Martha Fuentes Martínez

Angélica García Estrada Arturo liménez Illescas

Aurora Súarez Boldú

Beliz Iristay

Carmen de la Parra Carolina Guijosa

Claudia Liliana García Patiño

Daniel Ventura Quijano Eduardo Barrera Ramón

Eduardo Colin

Edume Otaduv Otaduv

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Federika Whitfield

Fernando Félix Peguero García Gabriela Escárcega Langarica Gilberto Gabriel Trujillo López

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José Manuel Buendía Canales

Juan Carlos Reyes Hernández

Juan Ernesto Gómez Villavicencio

Julio Alberto Martinez

Karina Venegas Rojas

Laura del Carmen Villegas Yarza

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Lourdes Huerta Gálvez

Luis Manuel Verdejo Navarro

Marcela Krafft Vera

María Cabañas León

María Cristina Riego Serrano

María de Lourdes Garza Fausto

Mariana Martínez Esténs

Mariana Velázquez

Marina Santana González

Maureen Morris

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