

## Biography

Ray Chen received his Master of Fine Arts in 1997 from The School for American Crafts, majoring in Ceramics and Ceramics Sculpture at Rochester Institute of Technology, NY, USA and BFA, Ceramics, from Ohio University, OH, USA. His education background includes both ceramics sculpture and music. He also graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in voice, and minor in piano in Taiwan National Educational University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Ray's primary professional ceramics training both as a professional functional potter and designer, as well as, contemporary sculptor, as his focus, at the Chian Zhan Ceramic Arts Center in Taipei, Taiwan and moved to the United States in 1991 to pursue more contemporary issues in his ceramic work.

Ray was an Associate Professor at the University of Southern Maine and Assistant Professor at Indiana State University as the head of the Ceramics Departments. He also was the Executive Director, curator of the contemporary Halcyon Art Gallery, Swope Art Museum in Terre Haute, IN. Currently, He serves as the Director of the Fine Arts Department at the New England Institute of Education, ME, USA.

Ray is a member of International Academy of Ceramics, the highest level of quality in all ceramic cultures, based in Geneva, Switzerland, a part of the UNESCO. Ray is a scholar member of the Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC, USA since 2010. He has written scholar articles and delivered over 100 public lectures in 32 countries. The "Mother and Child" series is represented in 44 major public collections in 19 countries. He also serves as an advisory board member of International Shino Glaze Symposium, Beijing, China. He has organized and conducted numerous regional, national and international ceramics symposiums, as well as, juried numerous regional, national and international ceramic exhibitions.

Ray's ceramic works have been exhibiting both nationally and internationally with numerous reviews and publications. He has been invited to participate in many exhibitions and traveling lecturing in Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Finland, Germany, Guam, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, and North America.