



## MEDIA ALERT

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### **Binary Form: Ceramic Abstraction by Trey Hill and Andrea Moon**

**Exhibition Dates: December 2, 2016 - May 13, 2017**

First Friday: December 2, 5-8 PM

Gallery Talk: December 2, 7 PM

Saturday +: December 3, 11 AM

**Missoula, MT / August 25, 2016 / Missoula Art Museum (MAM)** – Missoula Art Museum will bring together two Montana ceramists, Trey Hill and Andrea Moon, for *Binary Form*, a showcase of the variable strengths of ceramics as a sculptural medium. Each uses a single recognizable object as the basis to work through introspective themes. The craftsmanship, subtle surfaces, and elegant forms have holding power and encourage contemplation.

Moon allows the clay to guide her forms and then develops the rich surface patina to create a strong push-pull within the work. She states, “I create these structures embodying negative space to question emptiness and fulfillment.” Hill, on the other hand, carefully controls his forms but is freer with his surface treatment. His works question personal identity; he asks us to look at what often goes unseen. Both artists find resolution in contradiction, and their artworks find harmony in seeming differences.

Hill’s sculptures are formally pure, with clean lines and impeccable construction. He uses these elements to investigate what we see and do not see. Influenced by his recent residencies in China, Hill’s sculptures tend to be minimal, emphasizing the abstract or unknown instead of literal objects. The central form around which he builds is the graceful elegance of the idealized tree form, drawn from Greek and Roman classical sculpture. Atop Hill’s abstract, stylized forms is an underglaze surface of flowing color that mimics the qualities of water and seems as natural as rain. In this way, Hill is open to the unpredictability that reflects life.

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