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AUSTIN NAVRKAL

Earth, Sky, and Water

On View: October 2 – November 21, 2026
Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 12:00 – 5:00 pm
First Fridays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Opening: First Friday, October 2, 2026 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Artist Talk: Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 1:00 pm

For Immediate Release-

Tulsa, Okla. - 108| Contemporary presents the work of Austin Navrkal in ***Earth, Sky, and Water*** on view October 2 – November 21, 2026. Austin Navrkal's work is inspired by various natural phenomena, depicting dynamic and tranquil characteristics of color and form found within sunrises and sets, cloud formations, flow of rivers and wave formations. His sculptures express the idea of process and journey. There is a relationship he shares with each piece as it is created, his work encounters predictable and unexpected situations giving them unique characteristics through the process. In noticing these qualities of a sculpture he is able to self-reflect and contemplate on the moments that have shaped him. Join us for the exhibition opening on Friday, October 2 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm for a first look at the exhibition plus a new I Spy challenge and take home craft kit based on the techniques on view.



Eufaula Wakes by Austin Navrkal



Balance by Austin Navrkal

Austin Navrkal grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He would go on to attend Oklahoma State University, where he earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree. During his time at OSU he would find inspiration in his future mentor, Brandon Reese. Navrkal would gain a passion for art and following graduation he would continue working alongside Reese. His continual presence in the studio earned him a position as the Ceramic Studio Technician at Oklahoma State. Here he learned to become proficient working in ceramics and accenting his work with steel and wood.

Following working with Reese and as a Studio Technician, Navrkal pursued his graduate degree. Earning his Master of Fine Arts at the University of Montana, in Missoula, he would study under ceramic artists Trey Hill and Julia Galloway. After graduation he earned an Adjunct Faculty Position in Ceramics at OSU, which would lead into becoming the Lab Coordinator at OSU where he teaches and supervises the Art Department's studios and equipment. Navrkal is currently

working to grow his studio practice as an emerging artist. Being a part of numerous exhibitions throughout Oklahoma and Montana; exhibiting at the Philbrook Museum, Tulsa Artist Coalition, Individual Artists of Oklahoma, Allied Arts, Edmond Fine Arts, Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition, Zootown Art Community Center in Missoula, Clay Studio of Missoula, and being in the permanent collect of the Montana Museum of Art and Culture at the University of Montana.

Learn more about Austin Navrkal and his work on view at our artist talk on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public and will have ASL interpretation provided.

This exhibition is made possible by our Artist Award Sponsor, The John W. Marshall and Jerry E. Marshall Foundation and our Program Partner, Walter & Associates.

108 | Contemporary is a nonprofit community arts organization dedicated to exhibiting the finest in contemporary craft and supporting the artists who create it. Our vision is a community where world-class craft and design inspire and educate audiences of all ages, where diverse cultural traditions flourish, and local artists thrive. All participants are welcome. If you need disability-related accommodations, please call +1 (918) 895-6302 or email info@108contemporary.org.