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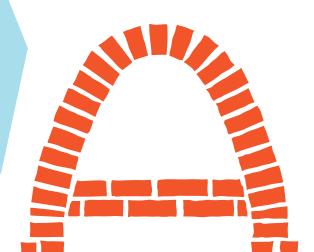
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## Mission

The Archie Bray Foundation is actively committed to promoting, celebrating, and sustaining the ceramic arts through the residency program, education, gallery, ceramic materials and technology, and community engagement on a local, national, and international scale.



In the words of Archie himself, the Bray makes available, "for all who are seriously and sincerely interested in any of the branches of the ceramic arts, a fine place to work."





# Director's Message

I am honored to reflect on the happenings of 2021 and share how The Bray is moving forward to better serve our ever-growing community. I want to highlight accomplishments of the extraordinary Bray residents, staff and board while acknowledging the work ahead of us to ensure we are actively creating opportunities for equal access in the field of ceramic art. The Bray is made up of many people, coming together through art to create a unique community, and I want to personally thank you for your involvement — donating time, creativity, financial and moral support. It all makes an impact and helps us connect to our mission at The Bray. As a non-profit, The Bray relies on the support of individuals, foundations and businesses to promote excellence in clay through the residency program, education, gallery, clay materials and technology. I am grateful to you for your commitment and belief in The Bray; it means so much to us.

"The Bray is one of the few places where artists can focus on using ceramic materials to find a voice, a way of seeing and working using one of the most fundamental materials: clay." –Andrea Gill, Bray Board Member, Former Resident Artist & Voulkos Fellow, based in Alfred, NY

We were fortunate to welcome many makers to Montana to work in various studios at The Bray over the past year. We served over 34 artists from across the nation and internationally, through residencies and our dynamic visiting artist program, Including long-term residents: Jason Burnett, Raven Halfmoon, Chase Travaille, Nick Weddell Yeh Rim Lee, Yeonsoo Kim, Candice Methe, Kelsie Rudolph, Alessandro Gallo, Uriel Caspi, Soojin Choi, Sydnie Jimenez and Kristy Moreno. We welcomed back a wonderfully talented group of summer residents in 2021 after suspending the program in 2020 due to COVID. Artists included: Cathy Lu, Katie Bosley, Iren Tete, Kristy Moreno, Sharbani Das Gupta, Paul-Robin Sjöström, Clara Hoag, Maya Beverly, Brooke Cashion, Ruby Neri and Lauren Kalman.

Visiting artists included: Alex Anderson, Bryan Burk, Theaster Gates and the Black Monks (Michael Drayton, Ben LaMar Gay, Dwayne Patrick, Yaw Agyeman), Cauleen Smith, Cannupa Hanska Luger, Sharif Bey, Paul Briggs, Virgil Ortiz, Justin Paik Reese, Amy Santoferraro, and Anabel Juárez.

Direct artist support is at the heart of The Bray's mission, and we are eager to watch and support the next stages of these artists' careers. The Bray has long been a place where collaboration and creativity are inspired by bringing together artists who have the time and space to work and to connect.



2021 was a time for rebuilding and investing in staff to help The Bray rebound from the ongoing pandemic. As a result, we are currently reopening our Education & Research Facility which is committed to sparking creativity and connecting people of all backgrounds and abilities through transformative encounters in the ceramic arts. Featured activities include Continuing Education Classes & Experiences, Community Engagement Programs, Education Assistantships, and a forthcoming Artist Amplified series, a platform for artists and art enthusiasts to share their history, process, and conceptual motivations with The Bray community.

The Bray staff and leadership have also continued to invest in our growing global community by launching The Brickyard Podcast Network featuring five shows — made possible by our network sponsor AMACO Brent along with our other show sponsors and expanding into the coming year, along with increasing online opportunities through The Bray Sales Gallery and the Clay Business.

And, finally, the long-awaited launch of The Bray's new website is in sight! Slated for this spring, the new and improved website will help us to better connect with and interact with our community and create more exposure for the talented artists who spend time working at The Bray. Thank you to M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust and Raven's Perch Foundation for their support in making our new website possible.

Thank you, again, for your commitment and support of The Bray. We are optimistic about the year ahead at The Bray and look forward to connecting with you in meaningful ways.

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Steven Young Lee, Resident Artist Director



View from inside the new sales gallery



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-Cathy Lu, 2021 summer resident, based in Richmond, CA



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2021 Resident Artist Group Photo

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-Virgil Ortiz, 2021 Bray Visiting Artist based in Cochiti Pueblo, New Mexico

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We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Indigenous communities whose land we reside on in what is now known as Montana—past, present, future—and are grateful for their ongoing and vibrant presence. We believe that acknowledging and reflecting upon the contemporary lived experience and history of the Indigenous peoples here in Montana and around the world are essential steps toward creating a more equitable world. Learn more through the #HonorNativeLand initiative of the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture, and consider contributing to Indigenous-led organizations doing important work to further health and wellness, sovereignty and self-determination of the first peoples of this land.

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