



Wes Wagner, Master

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Why I Chose Brianna Bingaman and Katie Ptaszynski

It is my pleasure to speak of the two students I selected to have work submitted into the Master Grasshopper Exhibition 2024. Both have made a mark with their art this year in my classes. Brianna Bingaman excels in challenging herself to try new things. She picked up the oil pastels as an independent portfolio medium and readily discovered its ability to be scratched through the surface. She also took my Art History and Graphic Design classes this year and has excelled in many of the fine art media and the Adobe design programs. Katie Ptaszynski also has pushed herself by expanding her work into 3D media. Polymer clay and found object art have given her recent work an elevated level of conceptualization.

Artist Statement

As a practicing artist and educator, I have also worked in a variety of media to express ideas. Recently, with teaching students to make their own interpretations of Greek black, red, and white figureware, I was inspired to create my own vision. The Sadona red clay body was a particularly good background to create a black and white terra sigillata slip effect using underglazes.