

Tanya Casteel's Artist Statement

Living on the coast of Maine for 7 years after growing up in the Midwest, has heavily influenced my work. As I work with clay, I aim to impart the impressions of joy, youth, and our curious connection to the ocean through my use of texture, vibrant colors, and an intertwining oceanic theme. Life started in the sea, and the more I ponder upon this, the more spiritually attached I become to the mysterious lives in the ocean. I work to channel these mysteries through my pottery, infusing them with a personality in order to give people a way to interact daily with the spectacular aquatic creatures and environments that we all originated from.