



Ripples from Stillwater

August 17 – September 15, 2017

Opening Reception: Thursday, August 17, 2017, 6-8pm

Martha Williford Avrett, Nisa Blackmon, Hillarey Dees, Brian Fleetwood, Jennifer Glenn, Barbara Jacques, Courtney Lynn Kelly, Nick Mullins, Aaron Nelson, Audrey Peck, Katy Puterka-Smith, Chris Ramsay, Lopeeta Tawde. Organized by Chris Ramsay.

Modella Gallery is pleased to present *Ripples from Stillwater*, an exhibition of work by selected graduates of the OSU Jewelry and Metals Program. This exhibition has been organized by Chris Ramsay, Professor of Metals-Jewelry / 3D Design at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Each of the artists selected for this exhibitions completed coursework in the BFA Studio Art Program at Oklahoma State University, and specifically, studied with Chris Ramsay.

The act of adornment is an ancient practice. The ornamentation of our bodies as well as decoration of our personal and collective spaces survives from prehistoric times. From the petroglyphs inscribed into the walls of ancient pueblos of the American Southwest to sacred objects and jewelry found in ancient Egyptian tombs, to the geometric tattoos of the Toda tribe in South India, humans have an inescapable and innate desire to adorn. The artists in *Ripples from Stillwater* employ a variety of smithing methods and sculptural techniques to illustrate their connection to nature, memory, and storytelling.

The emphasis of the jewelry and metals program is to build a strong technical foundation, while working to identify individual personal aesthetic and interests, as groundwork for being able to express themselves freely through the medium. Contemporary craft persons are well founded in a working knowledge of traditional techniques and processes while they push the boundaries of media and content. I believe that the diverse work of the artists in this exhibition demonstrate what is occurring globally. – Chris Ramsay

Modella Gallery is a non-profit art gallery dedicated to bringing contemporary arts to Stillwater, Oklahoma. The gallery will provide unique opportunities and the pleasure of enjoying works of contemporary art to the people of Oklahoma and beyond. These works include, but are not limited to the visual and performing arts; intended to enhance the quality of life and promote community pride in Stillwater, OK. The gallery presents a continuing program of art exhibitions of local and national artists, music and performance events, screenings, and special projects.

Modella Gallery is located at 721 South Main Street in historic downtown Stillwater, OK. Hours are Thursday and Friday 5-9pm; Saturday 11-5pm, and Sunday 1-5pm. For further information please contact the gallery at (405) 880-4434 or visit modellaartgallery.org.