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### **STEPHEN FREEDMAN: "MNEMONICS"**

January 7 through March 4, 2012

Opening Reception Saturday, January 7, 2012 6-9PM



Untitled #7  
14" H x 8" W x 7" D  
Stoneware, middle fire bronze glaze

Lois Lambert Gallery presents Stephen Freedman's "Mnemonics", a collection of ceramic sculptures. These new works are a departure from the formalistic vessel-based sculpture he created during his time in Los Angeles. The title "Mnemonics" derives from the vessel used as metaphor or memory device for the human body. In his early works, Stephen reduced the figure to vessel form, using wheel thrown elements, assembling minimalistic "light and space" sculpture, and isolating unglazed white vessels.

Models utilizing the elemental vessel in various forms from simple to complex evolved into his current sculptural incarnation in which multiple vessels are deconstructed and reassembled. This new process is meant to mimic the way in which we, as humans, emerge into the world, pliable and adaptable, then

proceed through time, growing and transforming.

Stephen Freedman works with high-temperature porcelaineous clays in both wet and dry states to achieve his final work. The origins of his glazes lie in 10<sup>th</sup> Century Chinese, chün, celadon and oxblood, while Stephen creates a unique black and white “fractal glaze” which emulates the immense fields of lava which ground his new home on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Stephen has exhibited all over the world including The Museum of West Australia, The Mori Museum of Contemporary American

Ceramics in Japan, The Contemporary Museum in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Additionally, several organizations, such as the Getty Museum in Malibu, California, have commissioned Stephen’s artwork.



Untitled #13  
7" H x 6" W x 4" D  
Porcelain, copper red (oxblood)