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**Ferrin Contemporary to present “Peter Pincus: Channeling Josiah Wedgwood ”,**

**on view November 10 – December 29, 2019**

North Adams, Mass. (Oct.19, 2018) — Ferrin Contemporary presents Peter Pincus: Channeling Josiah Wedgwood, a creative investigation into the Dwight and Lucille Beeson Wedgwood Collection at the Birmingham Museum of Art in Birmingham, Alabama.

Peter Pincus will debut a new collection of cast vases for his first solo exhibition at Ferrin Contemporary. Using his dynamic color palette, and innovative use of pattern and form, Pincus interprets the historic Wedgwood Collection, providing a contemporary perspective on these historical and important works.

Josiah Wedgwood (1730-1795) was one of 18th century England’s most important potters. He not only modernized the ceramics industry, he created a market for English pottery that extended well beyond its borders. Wedgwood was involved in all aspects of civic life, was a staunch abolitionist, and supporter of the American Revolution. He was the first manufacturer to command widespread consumer recognition and loyalty.  His is the first brand name to become synonymous with fine taste.

During a 3-day artist residency at the Birmingham Museum of Art, Pincus researched a selection of forms, glazes and ornamentation from the largest Wedgwood collection in the country. Producing 6 new forms, Pincus explored how his distinct relationship to pattern, color and form has been influenced and affected by the legacy of Josiah Wedgwood.

This exhibition is the preliminary exploration of ideas and technical experimentation leading toward a new body of work and future exhibition. Special thanks to Anne Forschler, Chief Curator, The Marguerite Jones Harbert and John M. Harbert III Curator of Decorative Arts, Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama and Ted Rowland Residency for Ceramic Artists at the Birmingham Museum of Art for making this unique opportunity available.

Upcoming Events

* *Artist Talk* and Opening Reception, Saturday, November 10, 5 –7
* *Demonstration Workshop* - *Peter Pincus: Colored Veneers and Plaster Prototyping* - November 9th - 11th at Project Art in Cummington, MA. Sign up at http://[projectart01026.com/workshops/](http://projectart01026.com/workshops/). Space is limited.
* *Slide Presentation* at Project Art, Friday, November 9, 7- 8 pm, open to the public limited space RSVP to info@projectart01026.com

**ABOUT PETER PINCUS**

Peter Pincus lives and works in Penfield, New York and is an Assistant Professor of Art, in the School for American Crafts at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He received a BFA and an MFA from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. He has been a resident artist at the Mendocino Art Center in California, worked as the Studio Manager and Resident Artist Coordinator of the Genesee Center for Arts and Education in Rochester, New York and taught at the Roberts Wesleyan College. Peter was a recipient of the 2017 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award.

**ABOUT FERRIN CONTEMPORARY**
Ferrin Contemporary specializes in ceramic art circa 1950 to the present. For more than 30 years, private collectors, institutions, and the media have made it their preferred source for artwork by established and emerging artists whose primary medium is clay. Based in the Berkshires of Western Massachusetts, Ferrin Contemporary exhibits curated projects and solo shows in their year-round gallery space and through innovative partnerships with leading museums and galleries throughout the US and abroad.

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**Photo Caption and credits**: Peter Pincus, Pair of Calyx Krater inspired Vases, from the series *One Shows Two, Two Influence Twenty,*2018, 13 x 10.5 x 10.5”, colored porcelain. Images courtesy Ferrin Contemporary.

CALENDAR LISTINGS

Art

Nov. 10, 5-7pm

**Ferrin Contemporary:** Opening reception for Peter Pincus: Channeling Josiah Wedgwood and artist talk from 5 to 7 p.m. 1315 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. Free. ferrincontemporary.com. 413-446-0614.

Nov. 10 to Dec. 29

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Nov. 9

**Project Art**, Artist Slide Lecture with Peter Pincus at Project Art, 54 Main Street, Cummington, MA. 7pm. Free. Space is limited. RSVP info@projectart01026.com.

Nov. 9-11

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