Yael Braha

* 2-3 ceramics + metal pieces (wall installation)
* 2-3 installations pieces - (pedestal installation): clay container with water and fog. Please note: I will need access to an outlet or extension cord and tape the cord to the floor

**Bio:**

Working at the intersection of craft, art, and multimedia, Yael creates functional, sculptural and installation ceramic work. She received her BA from the European Institute of Design in Rome, and her MFA from San Francisco State University.

**WORK STATEMENT:**

My parents escaped from Libya: they left everything behind except their knowledge, becoming refugees, and starting their life anew in their country of asylum – Italy. As a result of this displacement, I cherish the notion of “acquiring knowledge” and skills, which leads me to learn and experiment in various art fields.

Graphic Design inspires me to create original hand-drawn and computer generated patterns that I apply onto clay surfaces. Cinema taught me the relevance of storytelling, lighting, and the art of editing, principles that I seek to apply onto ceramic forms. I use metal fabrication skills to create skeletal structures that are incorporated into clay sculptures. These explorations, combined with atmospheric firings, offer exciting possibilities that push me further in articulating the synergy of forms, surface designs, and materials through the creation of both functional wares and unconventional sculptures.

My current functional work investigates bold and stylized surface designs. My current sculptural work–influenced by my personal family history and by the frustration felt as I witness families becoming refugees even today–explores dichotomies of containment/displacement, erosion/accretion, migratory/resident, survival, and transformation. Both directions aim to resonate visually and emotionally with audiences beyond geography and cultures.

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