**Brian Chen**

Ceramic Artist and Potter

**Education**

Colorado College • 2014-2018

Bachelor of Organismal Biology and Ecology

Minors in Art Studio and Human Biology and Kinesiology

**Experience**

Colorado College Annual Arts and Crafts Sale • 2015-2018

Colorado College in Colorado Springs

Prepped ceramics and pottery every fall semester for the holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at Colorado College. Experience grew in production pottery and allowed blanks for the creation of new ideas. Once prepped, time allowed for larger projects that involved throwing and hand building. Both improved the look of the display needed for the fair itself. Ran my booth to interact with customers and other artists and sell my work and name as an artist.

The Skin I Live in Exhibition • 2017

Cottonwood Center of the Arts in Colorado Springs

Because of a science interest and background, the theme of the exhibition caught my attention. Planned a piece around Form following Function, which is a prevalent theme in anatomy. The piece in mind needed to represent a form that its function could predict while keeping in mind the theme of the exhibition. The final creation was a thrown vase, enclosed by a hand built rib cage and vertebral column, titled: Breathe. The project included the ideas of the form and functionality of the lungs and a vase.

Volunteer at Bemis School of Arts • 2017-2018

Colorado College in Colorado Springs

Learned the basics of how a studio is run. Mixed glazes and pugged clay when needed. Loaded and unloaded kilns. Sat in on weekly classes to help the instructors teach beginner and intermediate throwing classes.

Student at Simon Levin’s Intimate Anagama workshop • 2018

Mill Creek, Wisconsin

Learned the ins and outs for loading, unloading, and firing a full anagama kiln under the guidance of Simon. He promoted experimentation for learning and understanding which actions yield which results. I also got to understand how to think about conceptually building an idea around clay pieces.

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**Skills**

Throwing and Hand building

Mixing glazes

Loading/Unloading Kilns

Firing an anagama

Pugging/recycling clay

Teaching assistant

Selling at art shows/fairs

**Extracurricular Activities**

Colorado College Men’s Tennis

• 2014-2018

Rock Climbing

**Familiar Media**

Stoneware

Earthenware

Porcelain

Raku

Saggar

Cone 10, 5, and crystalline glazes