



Greenville County **Museum of Art**

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# News Release

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**Greenville, SC--**“One can only gather if indeed [one is] looking. I am obsessively, hungrily looking. . . ,” writes Kevin McNamee-Tweed, whose work is featured in a new exhibition titled *Saying the Sun* at the Greenville County Museum of Art. The exhibition opens April 24 and continues on view through June 16, 2024.

Born in Stanford, California in 1984, Kevin McNamee-Tweed grew up in North Carolina. He graduated from New York University with a BFA in 2008 and earned an MFA from the University of Iowa in 2017. In addition to working as a studio artist in various media, he served as Chief Curator of Big Medium Gallery, Austin, Texas.

McNamee-Tweed has developed a unique body of work described as “ceramic paintings,” which feature a plethora of vernacular images incised on colorfully glazed and fired clay tablets of modest, intimate size. Addressing his influences, McNamee-Tweed has said, “The research and accumulation of my own visual galaxy happens everywhere at all times. . . . Storefronts, trash piles, digital collection archives . . . Google rabbit holes, and many, many books.”

The exhibition *Saying the Sun* features wall-hanging ceramics that characteristically embrace McNamee-Tweed’s simultaneous high- and lowbrow intentions, allowing the viewer to simply see and feel. As the artist has said, “At the point when beauty and humor emerge, we feel relief. I think, that our logic and computations are, at last, not necessary.”

The GCMA appreciates the assistance of Steve Turner Gallery, Los Angeles, in organizing this exhibition.

The Greenville County Museum of Art is located in the center of downtown Greenville’s cultural campus, Heritage Green, at 420 College Street. GCMA hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm and on Sunday from 1 pm until 5 pm. Admission is free. To learn more, visit [gcma.org/see](http://gcma.org/see)

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