
New Collectors presents *Panoply*,
a group show with **Laura Donohue**,
Ryan Rennie, **Gustav Hamilton**, and
Sarah Allwine

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Opening Reception:
Friday, March 17, 6–8pm



New Collectors is pleased to announce *Panoply*, a group show featuring the work of four, New York-based ceramicists: **Laura Donohue**, **Ryan Rennie**, **Gustav Hamilton**, and **Sarah Allwine**.

The exhibition showcases four wall-hanging ceramics, one vessel, and two modular sculptures. **Ryan Rennie** creates shadows of objects inherent to the history of ceramics with plaster press molds and spray glaze. **Gustav Hamilton** treats clay as a canvas, framing intricately painted clay slabs with custom-built wooden frames.

Similar to Hamilton, **Sarah Allwine** also has a painterly approach to her work. She combines traditional ceramic vessel shapes with painted pop culture references to the early 2000s. **Laura Donohue**, whose work is pictured above, uses a system of pegs and holes to build modular sculptures, which are often left unglazed.

While “panoply” is often understood as “an impressive array,” the older, original definition of the word draws from the Greek *panoplia*, which refers to the full suit of armor worn by heavily armed infantry of ancient Greece. The full suit of armor, meant to protect someone, contrasts with the fragility of ceramics—one is meant to be worn in battle, while the other can crack before it comes out of the kiln.

Despite being seemingly antithetical, a set of armor and a ceramic vessel do have their similarities; each has been used and adapted for centuries while also being a tool to showcase intricate and distinct styles, characteristic to the peoples or specific craftsman that made it. They are something that can provide a purpose, or can be displayed purely for their artistic and historical significance.

In this exhibition, four masterful artists display their unique and bold styles—while they do not always relate to each other, viewing them together certainly is “an impressive array.”

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