

Andy Ruble Awarded Rydell Visual Arts Fellowship

Visual Artist and Associate Professor of Art, Andy Ruble, has been awarded a \$20,000 Rydell Visual Arts Fellowship. Ruble was one of four Santa Cruz County artists selected from a pool of 46 visual artists who received the grants to pursue their work.

The Rydell fellowships were established by long-time Santa Cruz cultural icons Roy and Frances Rydell and are administered by the **Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County**. They are awarded solely on artistic merit by a panel of arts professionals from outside the Santa Cruz area.

This years' panelists include:

Doryun Chong, Associate Curator in Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City (MOMA)

Chris Cowden, Executive Director for the Center for Women and Their Work

Michael John Garces, Artistic Director of Cornerstone Theater Company in Los Angeles



ANDY RUBLE creates sculptures that explore the hybridization of organic and architectural structure. As objects in nature and manmade objects reflect the same natural laws, his work shows how the analogous structures of both are important to the survival of the whole. His work simultaneously conveys the beauty of natural arches and the grace of cathedral naves.

Currently Director of Ceramics at Foothill College, Andy has held prior teaching posts at Cabrillo College, Monterey Peninsula College, Southeastern Louisiana University, and he has worked as West Coast MFA advisor and mentor for the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. He holds an MFA from Louisiana State University and a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute.

Winner of several California Clay Competition Awards including Best of Show in 2006, his recent solo and group exhibitions include Museum of Art and History, The Artery, Davis, Trax Gallery, Berkeley, and Yuma Arts Center. Andy maintains his own studio in downtown Santa Cruz, CA.

For more information on Andy Ruble and to view his work, visit www.andyruble.com.

For more information on the Rydell Visual Arts Fellowship and the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, visit www.cfsc.org.