



## Rochester Contemporary Art Center

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hours: Wed – Sun 1-5 pm / Fri 1-10pm  
admission: \$1 / free for members



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# Mentors & Makers

new sculpture by

**Wendell Castle, Nancy Jurs, Tom Lacagnina and Bethany Krull**

Rochester Contemporary Art Center: February 4 - March 13, 2011

Rochester Contemporary Art Center is pleased to announce an important exhibition featuring the region's most well-known artist couple: Wendell Castle and Nancy Jurs. Castle and Jurs have each chosen one former student/apprentice to exhibit alongside them: Tom Lacagnina (Castle) and Bethany Krull (Jurs).

This exhibition continues the successful Maker / Mentor series at RoCo. Last year's Maker/Mentor exhibition featured Judd Lawrence Williams and Julianna Furlong Williams (Julianna's work sold out!), along with former students Elaine Defibaugh and Illa Loeb. This ongoing theme furthers a dialog about the dual role of artists as creators and educators and highlights established artists who live in the region, yet may not often exhibit locally.

**Wendell Castle** is an internationally renowned artist and designer and he is considered the father of contemporary "Art Furniture". Castle's works are included in the permanent collections of numerous museums including The Museum of Modern Art, The Metropolitan Museum Of Art, New York, NY and The Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY. The winner of many prestigious awards, Castle is currently an educator and Arist-in-Residence at Rochester Institute of Technology's School for American Crafts.

**Nancy Jurs** is a ceramic artist and a graduate of RIT, Jurs has taught at SUNY Brockport, Columbia University and Rochester Institute of Technology where she has been an important mentor to several young clay artists. Her sculpture work and public installations have been featured both locally and nationally and are in collections including the Smithsonian, Washington, D.C. and The Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY.

**Tom Lacagnina** is a wood and mixed-media sculptor who has influenced many artists in the region. Tom received his BFA and MFA from RIT, where he studied with Castle, then went on to teach at The School of Art Design at Alfred University for 29 years. He has lectured at universities across the US and is a Professor Emeritus at Alfred University's School of Art and Design.

**Bethany Krull's** clay works explore the complex interactions between humans and animals. Mentors & Makers will feature several works from her newest series "Dominance and Affection". Her work has already been featured in over fifty exhibitions throughout the US and is in the collections of the Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo, NY and Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY. Krull is currently a ceramics instructor at Goggleworks Center for the Arts, Reading PA.

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**Patron Preview:** February 3, 6-8pm

Members of CoCo (Contemporary Collectors at RoCo)

**Opening Reception:** February 4, 6-10pm

**Artists' Talk:** February 6, 1pm (All four artists will be present)

\* Images available upon request ([bleu@rochestercontemporary.org](mailto:bleu@rochestercontemporary.org))

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