

GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY

ALICE FEDERICO

MARCH 7 - APRIL 1, 2017

George Billis Gallery is pleased to welcome Alice Federico at the New York location. This exhibition will run from March 7 through April 1, 2017. The opening reception will be held at the George Billis Gallery located at 525 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th avenues on Thursday, March 9 from 6-8 pm. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 – 6pm.

Alice Federico was born in Selma, Alabama in 1945. She received a BA degree in American History from Hollins University (1967); a Master of Fine Arts degree from East Carolina University (1977), as well as a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Kansas City Art Institute (1983).

Looking at great pots has always been her pleasure. In her earlier work, she often used the pots of the past as a resource, quoting them without apology. A teacher once told her, “Get close....and then move on”. Her potter’s wheel is the structure for work. Unlike most other potters who make an entire pot in one sitting, she throws and joins sections over several days. She discovered that Lucie Rie, the great English potter, often threw this way because she did not use an electric wheel.



Number 1616, ceramic, 17.5"

By 2013, Alice had “moved on” and her work became metaphor, “people” pots, that danced, and swaggered, with surfaces that popped with color. Inadvertently, she crossed the line into sculpture.

In March, she will show new work from 2016. The pieces are light colored, rough surfaced. Some are wrapped with cloth, bandaged and disfigured. Others stand inside their own peculiar presence. While these works are unmistakably “vessel”, they are also metaphors for our “mortal being”. They have a certain beauty but not perfection. It is an imperfect beauty, “being” just itself.

The George Billis Gallery marks its 20th year in the Chelsea Art district and its sister gallery is located in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information, please contact the gallery via e-mail at gallery@georgebillis.com or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com



Number 1615, ceramic, 20.5"

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