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ALICE FEDERICO
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George Billis Gallery is pleased to announce **Alice Federico** and her work at the New York location. This exhibition will run from **March 29 through April 23, 2016**. 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 31 from 6-8pm**.

Alice was born in Selma, Alabama in 1945. She received a B.A. degree in History from Hollins College (1967), an MFA in Ceramics from East Carolina University (1977), as well as a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute (1983).

Trained first as an historian, historical pots have always had an influence on her work. These influences include Chinese Sung ware, Greek vases, and Italian folk work. But it was researching the crisp forms and simple glazes of English potter Dame Lucie Rie (1902-1990) that gave the artist hours of pleasure.

Federico's work is always anchored in the vase form as thrown on the potter's wheel. Small necks, long shanks, and bulbous bellies derived from historical forms are her hallmark. Her surfaces, also, are singular. The dark grainy surfaces and the bright color palate that she uses in this exhibit are the result of experimenting with raw materials such as talc, feldspar, and dolomite.

This exhibit is a rebellion. Her forms move and gesture. Color is bright and abstract. Marks barely recall the classic patterns of classic vase decoration. It is as though she is deconstructing the influences she embraced. These pots are alive, instilled with both tradition and vigor.

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

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