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ARTIST'S STATEMENT

My background in ceramics has led me to an exploration of vessels, vessels that lose their function as a utilitarian object and develop into another level of consciousness. By eliminating the functional aspects of the vessel I am able to enhance the form, thus giving the interior and exterior surface a mystical quality. This metamorphosis takes place due to the plastic quality of clay and slips.

I am interested in the intrinsic nature of clay that is manipulated with a variety of surface textures and tensions. The organic forms I create have a gestural quality that suggests the human figure. I use this scale to confront the viewer on a one to one basis.

Painting has given me a way of expressing my past. My experiences and feelings are integrated into each piece by the use of color and line which has become my personal vocabulary.

My intention is to create a dialogue between the viewer and the work. My imagery is redefined by their own experiences. Hopefully this exchange of information gives the viewer an insight into my thinking. My work then becomes an inner reflection of my self.
LIST OF SLIDES

1 Intimate Square.
   38"x15"

2 Hopeless Triangle
   37"x14"

3 Whistler
   50"x14"

4 Peel
   53"x20"

5 Heart Breaker
   37"x16"

6 Pink Flamingo
   49"x18"

7 Twister
   49"x12"

8 The Squeeze
   43"x13"

9 Pink Lips
   26"x3"

10 The Peeper
    26"x3"

11 The Stabber
    26"x3"

12 Memorize
    26"x3"

13 Mr. M
    26"x3"

14 Flow the Blue
    26"x3"
15 Erotic Mysticism
   26"x3"

16 Quick-Freeze
   27"x5"

17 Touch No Two
   28"x5"

18 Universal
   21"x5"

19 Take Her
   27"x5"

20 Brain Storm
   22"x6"