

## **Ceramics College hosts second Meltdown/Iron Pour convention**

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The NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University will host Meltdown! The Second Annual Iron Pour + Metal Casting Convention, Thursday, Nov. 13 - Saturday, Nov. 15. Events throughout the three days are open to the public free of charge. The convention activities open on Thursday with a lecture by visiting artist Laurence Edwards from the United Kingdom speaking about his large-scale figure casting of the "Creek Men." The talk begins at 6 p.m. in Room C, Binns-Merrill Hall. On Friday, from 5-7 p.m. there will be an opening exhibition/reception and potluck at the Turner Gallery and the Sculpture Gallery, also in Binns-Merrill Hall. At 6 p.m. a panel will discuss International Iron Symposiums in the Moka Joka, Binns-Merrill. Panel moderator will be Coral Lambert, assistant professor of sculpture/dimensional studies at Alfred University, hosting Edwards; Bobby Zo; Theresa Smith from Salem art Works, Salem, NY; and Steve Coles. All are welcome on Saturday for a full day of live demonstrations of the different casting processes and techniques used to make sculpture beginning at 9 a.m. with the Induction Steel Pour, which runs through 11 a.m. From noon-6 p.m. view Coke Fired Cupolette Iron Pour "MothRa." Also, in the afternoon, there will be a Large Scale Aluminum Pour at 2 and a Bronze Pour at 4. There will also be Centrifugal Casting at a time to be announced. All pouring events are at The Foundry in the Alfred University National Casting Center, just before Tinkertown Hardware Store, on the lefthand side of Main Street/Route. 21. In addition to Alfred University students, students from the following will participate in the conference: Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY; Buffalo State University; Binghamton University; and Salem Art Works. The National Casting Center provides a dedicated glass casting facility and a metal foundry featuring an induction furnace for melting high-temperature metals such as stainless steel. It also makes it possible to add two more large "glory holes" to the glass blowing studio. For more information and publicity photos from last year, please contact Lambert at 917.685.7733 or by e-mail at [lambertc@alfred.edu](mailto:lambertc@alfred.edu).