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Berkshire Museum presents BerkshireNow: Daniel Bellow,
March 3 through May 22, 2017

[Pittsfield, Mass.] - The BerkshireNow gallery space at the Berkshire Museum will feature hand-thrown porcelain by Berkshire-based artisan Daniel Bellow, an accomplished potter whose work is remarkable for its exquisite glazes and intriguing textured surfaces. BerkshireNow: Daniel Bellow will be on view March 3 through May 22, 2017. An opening will be held Friday, March 3, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with Pittsfield’s First Fridays Artswalk, when the Museum’s BerkshireNow gallery is open to the public at no cost.

For this solo exhibition, Bellow has created sculptural forms in porcelain and imagined a detailed scenario about their origin. According to Bellow’s backstory, scale models of rocket ships, supposedly created during the Song Dynasty in China at the command of Emperor Gaozong, had recently been discovered by archaeologists.

The unique sculptural “rocket ships” in the exhibition echo the work of the Song dynasty potters, whose smooth, dense porcelain ware was praised for its simplicity of shape and understated decoration.

About Daniel Bellow
After a career as a newspaper reporter, Bellow established the Daniel Bellow Pottery in Great Barrington in 2002. Much of his work is porcelain, and each piece is handmade. For more information about Daniel Bellow and his work, visit www.danielbellow.com.
**BerkshireNow** features four exhibits each year ranging from solo artists to group shows. Outfitting the nine-hundred-square-foot gallery space for the new exhibition series was made possible in part by a grant from the Pittsfield Cultural Council.

**About the Berkshire Museum**

Located in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, at 39 South St., the Berkshire Museum, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $13 adult, $6 child; Museum members and children age 3 and under enjoy free admission. For more information, visit [www.berkshiremuseum.org](http://www.berkshiremuseum.org) or call 413.443.7171.

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The Berkshire Museum integrates science, history, and the arts in dynamic educational and engaging programs and exhibitions for visitors of all ages. **Curiosity Incubator** is now on view. **Tell Me More ... Time and Travel, Extreme Exploration, and Art of the Armament** is on view through April 30, 2017. **The Science of Color** is on view through April 30, 2017. Little Cinema is open year-round. Lab102, Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation, Worlds in Miniature, Aquarium, and other exhibits are ongoing.

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