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**BACK TO THE TABLE -  
A Tabletop Ceramics Exhibition**  
curated by [Nancy Bruno & Puneeta Mittal](#)

**Opening Reception: Saturday, February 22,  
7-10pm** at the Plaxall Gallery, 5-25 46th Ave,  
Long Island City 11101  
Exhibition on view:  
Thursday, Feb 20 - Sunday, Mar 15, 2020

The Plaxall Gallery & Long Island City Artists  
(LIC-A) invite you to join us for the Opening  
Reception of *Back to the Table* on Saturday  
February 22, 7-10pm at The Plaxall Gallery in  
LIC, NYC!

In our multimedia fast food society, meals are often eaten on the run, on the couch, in front of a computer or television. Considering the current state of the dinner table this exhibition welcomes us to reclaim this important ritual with our friends and family while reminding us all that dinner tables are not only a place to collect mail and are meant to be utilized as a place for human connection. Tables tops are a space where families and friends congregate around, the future of a country or a cause is feverishly discussed and decided, dreams are fulfilled and at times promises broken.

From heart to hand to hearth, ceramic artists were asked to reflect to reestablish the connections and discussions to the table to express the inter-connectivity of society. Make a statement – personal or universal – express joy, pleasure, beauty, hunger, pain, prejudice, war, peace, humor, anger, envy, lust, love, history, whimsy... Create a one of a kind abstract interpretation or place setting, monumental centerpieces or a simple flower vase, which will be part of a curated communal table. **Back to the Table** juxtaposes the communal and individuality of functional art. The tabletop exhibit, on an elongated table, bringing together works of art of various artists in one space expressing their individuality through clay. The communal table reflects upon the functional and nonfunctional fine art of craft. - Nancy Bruno, co-curator.

As part of the spirit of *Back to the Table*, A Fundraiser in support of the Hour Children Community Pantry will be held on Friday, March 13, 5-8 PM at The Plaxall Gallery, Choose a beautiful, handcrafted bowl from a local artist. Fill your new ceramic art with dinner and dessert from local vendors. All for \$20! Thank you to the generous donations from: Queens College Ceramics Club Art League of Long Island Brickhouse Ceramic Art Center Ceramic Supply Inc. & the many local potters! All proceeds from the Empty Bowls collaborative fundraiser will be donated to Hour Children, a local organization providing healthy meals to local families in need: Hour Children Food Pantry

Exhibiting Artists Include: Peter Aguero, Laura Badke, Emily Bicht, Sheila Blunt, Nancy Bruno, Kam Cichowski, Joanne Colon, Ellen Day, Jen Dwyer, Roseanne Ebner, Seth Failla, Matthew Neil Gehring, Peter Goldwater, Lynn Goodman, Lois Harvey, Noni Hollmann, Shenan Howard, Barbara Karyo, Marcie Kesner, Courtney Krings, Gina Mars Annie McGinnis-Issa, Puneeta Mittal, Polina & Mirek Nisenbaum, Becca Olinger, Nancy Robbins, John Seroff, Lauren Skelly Bailey, Dominic Sparano, David Turner, Liberty Valance, Rouska Valkova and Rita Varian.

Long Island City Artists, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) arts advocacy organization with a mission to increase the development and visibility of professional and emerging artists in Long Island City, New York. We are based out of The Plaxall Gallery, a 12,000 square foot fine art community center in LIC.  
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The Plaxall Gallery (5-25 46th Avenue, Long Island City)  
Exhibition Hours: Hours: Thursday, 6-10pm (Life Drawing); Saturday & Sunday, 12-5pm  
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