

# ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Ceramics

Instructor: Kevin Kao

Dates: November 6-9, 2025

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This workshop will introduce and explore a variety of methods to create a head in clay. Designed as an workshop for beginners, participants will explore common handbuilding techniques, such as coil-building, slab building, and additive sculpting to render the face along with details such eyes, mouth, ears, and other facial features. Students will use a variety of methods and tools to reference the body and use carving and detailing tools for sculpting form and textures. Students will be encouraged to consider the relationship of form and surface as a way to enhance the perception of the body, identity, and self, and contemplate how the figure is a vessel for human understanding and legacy.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Basic Pottery Tool Kit (round yellow sponge, needle tool, wire cutter, metal rib, wooden rib, wooden knife, ear-shaped loop Tool with thick handle; Double sided round/flat loop tool with thin handle)
- Kemper Wipe Out Tool (or something similar: rubber/silicone tip tool)
- Apron
- Plastic Sheeting – arrowmont has some in studio
- Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)

**Planning to purchase materials from the Supply Store for your workshop?** Keep in mind that the Supply Store carries a limited selection and cannot guarantee that all materials listed by your instructor will be in stock. Please call **865-436-5860 Ext. 25** or email Celeste Rudd at **crudd@arrowmont.org** to reserve your selection prior to arrival.

## MATERIALS FEES | **\$60.00-\$100.00**

Fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class, this keeps your out-of-pocket costs lower than a typical flat fee. Fees include all provided studio materials as assigned by the Instructor. Material fees are to be paid in the Supply Store no later than midday on the last day of workshop instruction.

**Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.**

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