

Robin & John Gumaelius at Gallery One

New Gallery One artists John and Robin Gumaelius create award-winning narrative clay and mixed-media sculpture. “Together, we make something better than either of us could make apart,” says Robin Gumaelius, who taught ceramics at Brigham Young University in Idaho, where she met her husband and collaborator, a sculptor. “We work together fluidly. We talk about it like we talk about everything. We build our birds and figures using clay slabs. When the pieces are leather hard, we paint them with under-glazes and then carve through the painted surface to the white clay.” Each work—hand-built using ceramic, hand-fabricated steel, and wood—often incorporates found objects.

Robin, who grew up in Collierville, Tennessee, says images and concepts for the sculptures she creates with her husband come from “a secret storage place inside,” where “random things side up to each other and come out stitched together, sometimes seeming like new discoveries and sometimes seeming like old truths newly remembered.” The narrative works are sometimes rooted in literature but more typically in personal, daily experiences. “Radio stories, history books, biking adventures, gardening notes, neighbors spied, strangers watched in stores and parks and cars all jangle together in our heads and come so freely to our fingers that when we see the pieces finished we are often delighted, as if we are not their creators.”

Robin and John Gumaelius’ work can be found at Gallery One, located in Belle Meade Galleria at 5133 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205. www.galleryone.biz

THIS PAGE: *Long Necked Fish Dreams*, Ceramic, steel, wood, 32” x 13” x 8” \$2,200

TOP LEFT: *Crossing with a Strange Family*, Ceramic, steel, wood, 21” x 13” x 5” \$2,000

TOP MIDDLE: *Man Receiving Counsel*, Ceramic, steel, found object, 32” x 16” x 16” \$2,800

TOP RIGHT: *They Found Her on the Way*, Ceramic, steel, wood, 15” x 13” x 6” \$1,900

BOTTOM: *Performing for the Caged Bird*, Ceramic, steel, wood, 19” x 25” x 9” \$2,500



