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**PRELIMINARY RELEASE-
NCECA COMES TO RICHMOND
IN MARCH 2020 FOR
IMMEDIATE CIRCULATION**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON EDUCATION FOR THE CERAMIC ARTS (NCECA) ANNOUNCEMENT ON 2020
CONFERENCE AND HEALTH CONCERNS**

54th Annual NCECA Conference at the Greater Richmond Convention Center

NCECA Board and staff members have been watching events concerning COVID-19 closely and we will be making an announcement regarding the Richmond conference within the next couple of days. In addition, we will not enforce the deadline of March 11 for refund requests. The urgency to rush these requests need not be limited by the March 11 deadline that was published at the time that conference registration was launched in October. Our staff resources to process a large number of refunds quickly are limited.

Should you decide to cancel your registration prior to NCECA's announcement, we ask for your understanding. The modest registration processing fee of \$40 that was detailed in the registration cancellation policy is in consideration of costs associated with the efforts of planning an event of this scale.

We request that those registered for the conference be patient and considerate as they contact NCECA for refund requests. We anticipate being able to communicate with you more fully later this week.

Please know that we are hearing your comments and concerns.

ABOUT NCECA

NCECA, the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, is a dynamic membership organization that fosters global education and appreciation for the ceramic arts. NCECA's programs, exhibitions and public events promote and improve the ceramic arts through education, community building, research and creative inspiration. NCECA offers programs, events, and publications to support its membership of artists, educators, students, individual and organizational patrons, gallerists, curators, and providers of ceramic arts products and services. Search for **NCECA** Google Play and the App Store in February 2020 to download a free mobile device app detailing programming and exhibitions surrounding the 2020 NCECA Conference in Richmond, Virginia. Visit www.nceca.net to learn more about NCECA.

