

## 2019 FOHBC 50th Anniversary National Antique Bottle Convention | Augusta Banquet Keynote Speaker | Justin Guy

We are excited to announce that Justin Guy will be our banquet keynote speaker at the 2019 FOHBC 50th Anniversary National Antique Bottle Convention in Augusta, Georgia.

Justin Guy was born and reared in Edgefield County, South Carolina in the Trenton area and has worked in clay for over twenty years. He grew up living only a short distance from where Dave and other potters made their wares for over a century. He became fascinated with pottery at a young age and apprenticed under Stephen Ferrell at Old Edgefield Pottery.

Justin graduated Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina with a B.A. in Fine Arts with a focus in Ceramics. After graduation, he traveled to Taiwan and was received as an artist in residence at Tainan National University for the Fine Arts and spent three months learning Asian and specifically Taiwanese ceramic art forms and processes. While there, he learned from the ceramics professor Chin-Yuan Chang, and focused his studies on the ceramic aspects of the tea cultures of Japan, Korea, and especially Taiwan. When he returned, Justin also traveled across the United States and Europe visiting museums, institutions and individual artists in order to learn from the many facets that the ceramic artist should know.

He worked at USC-Aiken as the Adjunct Professor of Ceramics and was also the Professor of Ceramics at Columbia College in Columbia, SC. He taught there for one year and left on good terms in order to focus his work and teaching in Aiken. He was the instructor of the ceramics courses at the University of South Carolina-Aiken campus for five years. He then served as the Instructor of Ceramics at Piedmont Technical College, Edgefield, South Carolina for a year. Justin has returned to his position at USC-Aiken as the Adjunct Professor of Ceramics and is the Master Potter of the Phoenix Factory's Old Edgefield Pottery.

Justin is also on the list of approved artists for the South Carolina



Arts Commission and has demonstrated as an artist in residence not only for Tainan National University, but also for the South Carolina State Museum, Columbia Museum of Arts, and demonstrated for local events including Aiken's 175th Celebration, and as an artist in residence in local schools.

Justin will be giving an update on current events related to the Old Edgefield Pottery tradition and how our perception of its history has evolved over the past few years.

