

# PENLAND GALLERY

## CEDRIC MITCHELL

Los Angeles, CA

**Glass** | Sculpture and functional blown glass

**Penland Affiliation** | Penland Instructor 2021, 2022

**Artist Information** | Studio artist; education: Tulsa Community College; teaching: Toledo Glass Museum (OH), Los Angeles Glass Center (CA)

**Artist Bio** | Cedric Major Mitchell is a Los Angeles (CA) based glass artist from Oklahoma who honed his glass making skills while attending Tulsa Community College where he was studying business.

Cedric was an emerging local hip-hop artist recording in his music studio when discovered glass as an art form. He immediately enrolled in a class and as a student he quickly transitioned from student to apprentice and later an instructor at the Tulsa Glassblowing School. He is inspired by an eccentric mix of Graffiti Art, Pop Culture, Mid-Century Modern and Memphis Design. Cedric creates work that ranges from functional to decorative art, combining simplicity in design with bold colors to craft hand-blown vessels.

Cedric is an integral part of the *Crafting the Future* team, serving as the Events & Resource Manager. Recently, Cedric and his work have been featured in marketing campaigns for Nike Sportswear and Fitbit.

*Artist Statement | Be audacious. There is always a best possible path. Finding that path and having the courage to follow it is the goal. Connectivity & Enrichment. Connecting with people and leaving them better than you found them. Community, a group of people that care about each other and feel they belong together. A community gives people a sense of a shared identity. We are together. The sum is bigger than the individual parts.*