

## Chris Powell

**CHRIS POWELL** received his MFA in ceramics from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, in 1983 and now teaches ceramics at Texas Christian University. A recipient of numerous public and private commissions for outdoor sculpture, Powell employs found objects as well as traditional materials to explore the abstract shaped and literal imagery.

His work evokes memories of early modernists. His proficiency as a sculptor imparts an air of timeless perfection to his deceptively simple exercise in form. About his piece to be displayed at the Kemp, he says, “In 1953 Mr. Freeman opened a salvage yard outside Springtown. Ten years ago I bought two funnels from him and this past winter I contemplated these objects and thought about their form, function, history, material and beauty. The piece *two funnels* is the result of these musings. The two funnels are moveable although, in the manner in which they are tethered, they are rendered useless –nothing to fill, nothing to pour through.

