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Ray Chen received his Master of Fine Arts in 1997 from The School for American Crafts, majoring in Ceramics and Ceramics Sculpture at Rochester Institute of Technology, NY, USA and BFA, Ceramics, from Ohio University, Athens, OH, USA. His education background includes both ceramics sculpture and music. He also graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in voice, minor in piano in Taiwan National Educational University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Ray's primary professional ceramics training were both as a professional functional potter/designer, as well as, contemporary sculptor at the Chian Zhan Ceramic Arts Center in Taipei, Taiwan.

Ray was an Associate Professor at the University of Southern Maine and Assistant Professor at Indiana State University, USA as the head of the Ceramics Departments. He has served as the Executive Director and curator at the Halcyon Art Gallery - Swope Art Museum in Terre Haute, IN. Currently, Ray is the Director of the New England Institute of Education, Department of Fine Arts. He serves as advisory board member of International Shino Symposium, Beijing, China. He has conducted, so as juried numerous regional, national and international ceramics symposiums and ceramic exhibitions.

Ray's ceramic works have been exhibiting both nationally and internationally with numerous reviews and publications. He has been invited to participate in many exhibitions and traveling lecturing in Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Guam, Hawaii, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, South Africa, Switzerland, Taiwan and North America.