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Professor Robert B. Koehl
The Rheda S. Brandt Memorial Lecture
Fit for Gods and Kings:
Animal-shaped Vases in the Ancient World

April 15, 2019
6:30 P.M. Program
7:30 P.M. Reception
15 Gramercy Park South

Robert Benjamin Koehl — Professor of Archaeology and Chair of the Department of Classical and Oriental Studies at Hunter College, CUNY and internationally renown expert on the Archaeology of the Greek World and Near East with their fluid interrelationships — returns for his fifth National Arts Club lecture. In this talk, he treats zoomorphic vessels from the Near East to the Aegean, from the Neolithic to the Classical Era.



Since the Neolithic era, artists and artisans utilizing diverse materials ranging from pottery to bronze, silver, and gold have created magnificently rendered vases in the shapes of animals which depict a remarkable range of species. Dr. Koehl's discussion focuses on how the roles and meanings of these splendid objects have shifted over time and space. He will explore the function of such vessels in ritual, religion, and feasting as well as their importance in enhancing diplomacy through international cultural and gift exchanges. Attend this program and learn why your favorite dog or cat may signify far more than just a beloved household pet.