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Chōto: The Power of Waves

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NEW YORK- Inspired by the rugged landscape of the nearby beaches of the Izu Peninsula, **Sakiyama Takayuki** creates powerful, elegant, functional works that meld the sensations of the seaside with a captivating sculptural component. The carved, undulating, linear patterning that seamlessly flows from outside to inside, mouth to foot, complements the softly flowing forms. Indeed, the works appear as if in perpetual motion, like the ebb and flow of the waves. To others, the effect has been compared to the beauty of raked Zen dry gardens. A special glaze created from the sand of his rough, local beaches in Izu serves to highlight the intricate spiraling lines of the carefully carved clay. Sakiyama states that these new works have been inspired by the strength and power in the movement of waves and the patterns that result from its force.

SAKIYAMA TAKAYUKI (b. 1948) was born in Shizuoka Prefecture, where he studied ceramics as a young adult. He graduated from Osaka Art College, having worked with avant-garde ceramists Hayashi Yasuo (b. 1928) and Yamada Hikaru (1923-2001). With mentors who favored form over function, Sakiyama was inspired to create functional vessels with a highly sculptural focus. This artist sees function as his core challenge: he strives to make sculpturally significant works that retain their ties to functionality.

For this November show, his fourth with Joan B Mirviss LTD, Sakiyama Takayuki will be presenting new masterworks in a continuation of his *Chōto* series, this time titled, *The Power of Waves*. The exhibition will begin at The Salon Art + Design Fair 2017 and then will move to our gallery. His widely-published, sought-after works are featured in important international museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, NY; Museum of Fine Arts, MA; Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA; Los Angeles County Museum of Art, CA; Musée National de Céramiques- Sèvres, France; National Museum of Scotland, UK; and Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo, Japan.

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