YOSHIKAWA MASAMICHI

Structured Elegance

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LEFT  Kayoh  28 1/8 x 7 5/8 x 7 7/8"
RIGHT  Kayoh  27 3/8 x 7 7/8 x 7 7/8"

Kayoh  8 1/4 x 11 3/8 x 11 3/8"

Kayoh  15 x 18 1/2 x 7 5/8"
Based in Tokoname, a region rich in ceramic history, the internationally celebrated artist Yoshikawa Masamichi (b. 1946) draws inspiration from ancient Chinese ceramic forms and glazes. Working in porcelain, he creates strikingly modern reinterpretations of these structures and covers them in dripping seihakuji (blue-white) glaze. His functional material is artfully painted with fanciful abstract designs in sometsuke (cobalt blue underglaze).

Selected Awards:

1972 Grand Prize, International Ceramics Festival, Vallauris, France (Gold Medal in 2002)
1981 Grand Prize, Asahi Contemporary Ceramics Competition (Grand Prize in 1983)
1998 Gold Medal, Kunst-Messe München
2000 Grand Prize, Izushi Porcelain Triennale Competition, Hyogo, Japan
2004 Grand Prize, Taipei International Ceramics Bienalle
2006 The Aichi Prefecture Arts and Culture Prize

Selected Public Collections:

American Craft Museum, New York, USA
Ariana Ceramic Art Museum, Geneva, Switzerland
Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
Grassi Museum, Leipzig, Germany
Incheon World Ceramic Center, Incheon, Korea
Ito Memorial Museum, Izu, Japan
Japan Foundation, Tokyo, Japan
Kestner Museum, Hanover, Germany
Landes Holstein Museum, Germany
Musée National de Ceramique Sèvres, France
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, USA
Neuve Sabalon Museum, Munich, Germany
Nyon Porcelain Museum, Switzerland
Prague Crafts Museum, Prague, Czech Republic
Porvoo City Art Museum, Finland
Vallauris Ceramic Museum, France
Yingge Ceramics Museum, Taipei, Taiwan

Cover  Kayoh 9 5/8 x 25 1/4 x 8 1/4”
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All works created 2009
EXHIBITION
December 9, 2009 - February 12, 2010
Monday - Friday 11:00 - 5:00 pm
and by appointment

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6:00 - 8:00 pm

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