

KANETA MASANAO NEW WORKS



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Kaneta Masanao (b. 1953), an eighth-generation Hagi potter, navigates the borderlands between the traditional potter's craft and the practice of a contemporary artist in the creation of his groundbreaking vessels and sculptural forms. Following university training in sculpture, Kaneta developed the formal dynamism that sets his work apart from that of other artists of the ancient ceramic center from which he hails.

Kaneta creates veritable landscapes with his unique, mountain-inspired forms, moving beyond tradition in his signature *kurinuki* technique of digging or scooping his sculptural vessels out of solid mounds of sculpted clay. Kaneta's choice to utilize the unctuous, creamy white-pink glazes that have been the hallmark of traditional Hagi ware for centuries creates a balanced tension in



his work. It is this ancient, classical glaze that defines and accentuates the craggy, mountainous features of the stoneware sculptures. The resulting works, which resemble the topography of the earth from which they are made, are highly evocative of the landscape in his native home in Hagi.



Kaneta is professor of ceramics at Tsukuba University. He has won several important prizes, and his work is in the collections of such prestigious institutions as: Metropolitan Museum of Art; Brooklyn Museum; Philadelphia Museum of Art; Asian Art Museum, San Francisco; and National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo.

FROM TOP
28. Footed teabowl 5 x 5 1/8 x 5 1/8"
06. Water storage jar 7 1/2 x 9 1/8 x 8 1/2"



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13. Ovoid vessel 13 1/8 x 11 5/8 x 11 5/8"
01. Rock-shaped sculpture 19 7/8 x 21 3/4 x 11 3/8"
04. Mountain vessel 14 x 14 3/4 x 16 1/8"

19. Mountain vessel 10 1/8 x 9 1/2 x 9"
12. Hook-shaped sculpture 15 x 11 7/8 x 11 3/8"
08. Rock-shaped sculpture 17 5/8 x 18 x 12 3/8"

EXHIBITION

SEPTEMBER 17 - OCTOBER 25, 2008

TUESDAY - FRIDAY 2 - 5 PM

SATURDAY 1 - 4 PM

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FRONT COVER 03. Mountain vessel 13 x 13 1/4 x 10 1/8"
BACK COVER 07. Rock-shaped sculpture 17 5/8 x 18 x 12 3/8"