

KAWASE SHINOBU

華青波 *Kaseiha / Flowering Waves of Celadon*



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Incense Burner 10 1/4 x 13 1/8 inches



LEFT Celadon Bowl 5 x 14 1/4 inches

RIGHT Celadon Bowl 3 3/4 x 10 1/8 inches



Celadon Flower Vessel 10 x 7 3/4 inches



Kawase Shinobu, 2008

Joan B. Mirviss Ltd. is pleased to present the second solo show of the celebrated Japanese ceramic artist Kawase Shinobu (b. 1950). Titled *Flowering Waves of Celadon / Kaseiha*, the exhibition will feature nearly fifty works made specifically for his second solo show outside of Japan. Selected by the artist, the title *Kaseiha* is drawn from the classical Chinese poetry of Bai Juyi of the Tang Dynasty. The phrase refers to 'gorgeous or flowering blue waves' of the special hot springs given by the Emperor to his celebrated consort, the beauty Yang Guifei. Drawing from this source of inspiration, Kawase has created a literal sea of graceful flower and wave-inspired vessels that seem to undulate in space and change form when

viewed from various vantage points. The liquidity and refined elegance of each individual shape belies the difficult nature of their creation and easily enables interested viewers to fully appreciate the artist's complete mastery of his medium. With his exquisite technique and immaculate glazing, he has developed a highly personal style that is simultaneously traditional and contemporary. With important work now in the collections of major Western institutions, Kawase's position as the pre-eminent celadon artist is secure.



Selected Public Collections outside Japan:

Art Institute of Chicago
 Brooklyn Museum
 Birmingham Museum of Art
 Cleveland Museum of Art
 Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art
 Cornell University
 Metropolitan Museum of Art
 New Orleans Museum of Art
 Philadelphia Museum of Art
 Rhode Island School of Design Museum
 Royal Ontario Museum
 Saint Louis Art Museum
 Victoria & Albert Museum
 Worcester Art Museum

LEFT

Celadon Vessel 9 1/2 x 10 1/4 inches

FRONT COVER

4 5/8 x 11 1/4 inches

BACK COVER left to right

Flower Vessel 7 1/8 x 5 inches

Flower Vessel 11 3/8 x 7 3/4 inches

Flower Vessel 8 7/8 x 6 1/2 inches

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