

## Akiyama Yō

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- 1953 Born in Yamaguchi, Japan
- 1973 Kyoto City University of Arts
- 1976 Graduated from Kyoto City University of Arts
- 1978 Completed postgraduate course in ceramics, Kyoto City University of Arts

### Current position:

Professor, Kyoto City University of Arts

Member of International Academy of Ceramics

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

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- 1976 Gallery Iteza, Kyoto ('77)
- 1980 Gallery 16, Kyoto
- 1982 Gallery Maronie, Kyoto ('83, '85)
- 1986 INAX Gallery 2, Tokyo
- 2016 Musée Tomo, Tokyo
- 2018 Kyoto City University of Arts Art Gallery @KCUA, Kyoto
- 2019 QM Gallery Katara, Doha, Qatar

### Selected Group Exhibitions

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- 1976 *Sodeisha Exhibition*, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto ('77, '80)
- 1986 *Yagi Kazuo Competition of Contemporary Ceramics*, Isetan, Tokyo ('87, '88)  
*Contemporary Japanese Ceramic on Tour in America & East Europe*,  
organized by The Japan Foundation
- 1987 *Clay Sculpture from 1950s in Japan*, Museum of Fine Art, Gifu
- 1988 *Shiga Annual '88 Clay Work, the Repro-Action of Form*, Museum of Modern  
Art, Shiga
- 1989 46<sup>th</sup> Faenza International Ceramic Exhibition, Faenza, Italy  
*Europalia-Japan '89 Ceramic Art in Showa Era*, Mons City Museum of Art,  
Belgium

- The Suntory Prize '89: Challenges on Forms*, Suntory Museum of Art, Tokyo ('96)
- 1990 *Japanese Clay Work Today*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts  
*Contemporary Ceramics Exhibition*, Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
- 1991 *Metamorphosis of Contemporary Ceramics: International Exhibition of Contemporary Ceramics*, Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park
- 1992 NICAFA Yokohama '92, Pacifico Yokohama Exhibition Hall  
*Contemporary Ceramic Art*, Mitsukoshi-Paris, France
- 1993 *Contemporary Ceramics 1959-1990*, Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art
- 1994 *The Domain of the Medium*, National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo  
*International Contemporary Ceramic Arts Exhibition*, Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Museum  
*Fascinating Contemporary Ceramic Art*, Sogetsu Art Museum, Tokyo
- 1995 *Japanese Studio Craft: Tradition and Avant-Garde*, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK
- 1996 *The Expression and the Potential in Contemporary Ceramic*, Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Museum
- 1999 *Artisti dal Mondo*, Faenza International Ceramic Museum, Italy  
*Japanese Contemporary Ceramic Art*, Museum Van Bommel Dam Venlo, The Netherlands
- 2001 *Leaders of Contemporary Japanese Ceramics*, Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum  
*The 19th Exhibition of Contemporary Japanese Sculpture 2001*, Ube Open-Air Sculpture Museum  
*Crafts in Kyoto 1945 – 2000*, National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
- 2002 6<sup>th</sup> International Ceramic Festival Mino, Ceramic Park Mino, Gifu  
*The Legacy of Modern Ceramic Art*, Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu
- 2003 *Japan - Ceramics and Photography - Tradition and Today*, Deichtorhallen, Germany  
17<sup>th</sup> Japan Ceramic Art Exhibition 2003, Daimaru, Tokyo/Osaka ('07, '13)
- 2004 *Cut by Shape: Japanese Modern Ceramics*, Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu

- Confronting Tradition: Contemporary Art from Kyoto*, Smith College Museum of Art, U.S.A
- International Olympic Ceramic Sculpture Museum Exhibition*, Amarooussion, Greece
- 2005 *Japanese Ceramics for the New Century*, Museum of Fine Arts Boston, U.S.A
- Transformations: The Language of Craft*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- Alternative Paradise*, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa
- 2006 *Japanese Ceramics - The essence of 100 years*, Ibaragi Ceramic Art Museum
- Ceramic Art Grand Prize Exhibition, Paramita Museum, Mie
- Contemporary Ceramics for the Tea Ceremony*, Musée Tomo, Tokyo ('08,'10)
- Contemporary Clay: Japanese Ceramics for the New Century*, Japan Society, NY
- 2007 *Works from the Soil: Life Meets the Mother Earth in the Collection*, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
- Enku Grand Award Exhibition, Museum of Fine art, Gifu
- Invitation to Modern Ceramic Art -Japan and Europe*, Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo
- 2008 *Monochrome: Yō Akiyama+Junko Kitamura*, Tokyo Art Club, Tokyo
- 2010 17th MOA Mokichi Okada Award in Craft, MOA Museum of Art, Shizuoka
- 2012 *Son et Lumière "Material, Transition, Time*, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa
- The Magic of Ceramics - Artistic Inspiration*, Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shiga/Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu ('13)/Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo ('13)
- 2013 *Yō Akiyama+Junko Kitamura*, Kakiden Gallery, Tokyo
- 2014 *Tradition on Fire: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from Paul & Kathy*

- Bissinger Collection*, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, USA  
*Into the Fold: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from the Horvitz Collection*, Harn Museum of Art, USA
- 2015 *FAENZA: From the Winners of International Ceramic Exhibition*, Sekiguchi Museum, Tokyo  
*Unfolding Worlds*, Museum of the Fine Arts Houston, USA  
 COLLRCT, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2016 *Spider Silk*, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art  
 Memorial Exhibition for Japan Ceramic Society Award, Gallery Kochūkyo, Tokyo  
*Rencontre*, Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo  
*Ceramics of Terada Collection*, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery  
 57<sup>th</sup> Exhibition of *Ceramics by the Japan Ceramic Society Award Winners*, WAKO Hall, Tokyo ('02, '04, '06, '08, '10, '12, '15)
- 2018 2018 Taiwan Ceramics Biennale New Taipei City, Yingge Ceramics Museum, New Taipei City, Taiwan
- 2020 *Widening the Lens of Contemporary Art: Listening with the Eyes / Seeing through Ears*, BB Plaza Museum of Art, Kobe, Hyogo

#### Prizes

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- 1986 Excellence Prize, Competition of Contemporary Ceramics – Yagi Kazuo '86  
 (Yomiuri Prize '87, Excellence Prize, '88)
- 1989 Prize of Ravenna Chamber of Commerce, 46<sup>th</sup> Faeaza International Competition of Art Ceramics
- 1994 12<sup>th</sup> Kyoto Prefectural Culture Prize
- 1997 Japan Ceramic Society Prize
- 2006 Excellence Prize, Contemporary Ceramics for the Tea Ceremony, Musée Tomo ('10)
- 2007 Contribution Award, The 25th Kyoto Prefecture Cultural Award  
 Enku Award, 4th Enku Grand Award Exhibition

- 2008 21st Kyoto Fine Arts Cultural Award
- 2010 Grand Prix, The 17th Mokichi Okada Award
- 2011 52nd Mainichi Art Award, Mainichi Shimbun Newspaper
- 2014 Culture and Scholarship Award, Kyoto Shimbun Newspaper
- 2016 The First prize, Japan Ceramic Society

#### Public Collections

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Kyoto Prefecture/ Museum of Modern Art, Shiga/ Japan Foundation/ Faenza International Ceramic Museum, Italy/ Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama/ Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park/ Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art/ Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Museum/ Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art/ Kitano Museum/ Museo de Arte Monderno/ Suntory Museum of Art/ National Museum of Art, Osaka/ National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo/ Praha Decorative Museum, Czech Republic/ Everson Museum of Art, USA/ Museum of Fine Art, Houston, USA/ Victoria & Albert Museum, UK/ Takamatsu City Museum/ Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Canada/ Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu/ Tokoname Board of Education/ Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery/ Kooriyama City Literature Hall/ Karamion Frechen, Germany/ International Ceramic Studio, Hungary/ Ube Open-Air Sculpture Museum/ Museum of fine Arts Boston, USA/ Minneapolis Institute of Art, USA/ Mint Museum of Art, USA/ Smith College Museum of Art, USA/ Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum/ 21th Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa/ International Olympic Ceramic Sculpture Museum, Amaroussion, Greece/ National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto/ Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka/ Benaki Museum, Athene, Greece/ Simane Prefectural Museum/ Honolulu Contemporary Art Museum, USA/ Sevres Museum, France/ Portland Museum, USA/ Hagi Urugami Museum/ Art Gallery of South Australia, Australia/ Harn Museum of Art, USA/ Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo/ Chazen Museum of Art, USA/ Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, USA