KEN MATSUZAKI Burning Tradition



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Expressing the Heart

Because my father was a collector of *mingei* (Japanese folk art), from an early age I was surrounded by things of Japan's Edo and Meiji periods (the 17th through 19th centuries). My dad often showed me old ceramics or woodblock prints and I listened to what he told me about them. Since Dad was born in 1897, during the Meiji period, his discussions about the late nineteenth and early twentieth century were particularly passionate.

When I was in junior high school, my dad sometimes took me to antiques fairs and it was exciting to watch the buying and selling take place. As a result of the influence of my father, I began to be interested in ceramics from around the age of fifteen or sixteen and started throwing them myself on a wheel in my high school art class. There was no ceramics teacher but there were two electric wheels and a small gas kiln, which provided great fun. Since there was no teacher and only three of us in my ceramics class we could all do whatever we wanted. I suppose the foundations of my ceramic art were laid at that time. I was supposed to study agricultural science in college but because of my experience in ceramics, my high school art teacher encouraged me to take the entrance exam for the art division. I liked making things and hated memorizing all those scientific terms so I jumped at the chance to change over to the arts. When I was a senior, the art teacher made a special application for me to have all my science classes changed over into art. I must have been there at a good time since I've heard that no other students were permitted to do that sort of thing in later years. My new class schedule enabled me to spend all day in the art room doing charcoal or pencil drawings and drafting. I also conducted classes in ceramics for younger students, not only taking attendance, but even grading their work. There were about ten students from each grade level, so I was in charge of the work for a total of between twenty and thirty kids during that year.

With the recommendation of my art teacher, I was able to enter Tamagawa University's College of Arts with a major in ceramics. By that time I had decided to make my living with my hands, so I would finish my class assignments as quickly as possible and head to the wheel to see how many yunomi tea cups I could throw in an hour. I was always able to throw more than twenty. During that first year of college I was able to master the basics of wheel throwing—skills that were to prove very useful later.

As a sophomore I decided to take control of my future, arranging to study under the master potter Tatsuzo Shimaoka, an acquaintance of my father. At that time, Shimaoka-sensei was known as a "magician of tablewares" and had a vast array of different types of food ceramics in his repertoire. I was captivated with the way he used minute rope patterns to decorate his crisply executed shapes. Immediately after graduating from college, I asked Shimaoka-sensei to take me on as an assistant and in April of that year, 1972, I began a three-year apprenticeship with him.

As Shimaoka-sensei's apprentice, I had the responsibility of doing small tasks around his work space: cleaning the



studio, acting as his driver, and even giving him massages. Shimaoka-sensei received therapy from a professional masseur three times a week and ordered me to take lessons in massage therapy from the same man three times a week as well. At first my thumbs hurt so much I couldn't press anything for a while, but after about a month of training I was able to perform an hour's full-body massage. Eventually I gave Shimaoka-sensei a massage three times a week, alternating with the professional masseur. Because of this newly-acquired skill, I always accompanied Shimaoka-sensei when he traveled away from his Mashiko workshop for exhibitions in major Japanese cities or even when he gave workshops overseas. More than ceramics technique, from

Above: MK371 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Vase Stoneware, 12¹/₂ x 9¹/₂ x 9¹/₂"

Opposite: MK384 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $17\frac{1}{2} \ge 7\frac{1}{2} \ge 4$ "



Shimaoka-sensei I learned philosophy, the necessary mental attitude when making art, and how to think about ceramics. The ability to do massage provided me with invaluable time to discuss these things with him since Shimaoka-sensei never allowed his apprentices to ask questions while he was working.

Toward the end of my three years, I accompanied Shimaoka-sensei to the United States and Canada for three months of workshops. I felt that I had not spent enough

Above: MK321 Natural Ash Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, 13 x 7 x 7" time studying with him and thought I would ask him about an extension. As I recall, I asked him to extend my apprenticeship one evening while giving him a massage. He probably thought about how convenient it was to have an apprentice who could do massage therapy, because he agreed to extend my apprenticeship for two more years!

During those two years, I worked on creating original food ceramics, researched decorative motifs, and conducted experiments with white clay slip. By the time I finished the apprenticeship and became independent I was able to make my own shapes with their own unique decoration, even though the pieces were not particularly sophisticated. During that period, I developed the following original motifs and techniques: egrets in cobalt blue glaze; line designs on a white ground; brushed white slip on an iron oxide brown ground; brushed white slip on a blue ground; grapes; rabbits; and flowing water (using a glaze syringe). For the next fifteen years I used the shapes and decorative techniques I developed during those last two years of my apprenticeship.

About thirteen years after I became independent, an art specialist from a foreign country saw my cobalt blue glaze egret motif and commented that, to him, it looked like a copy of Shimaoka's work. I had considered the motif my own but his comment raised a number of similar issues in my mind about the originality of my pieces. Shimaoka-sensei made jars that had plant motifs executed in cobalt blue. I made jars similar to his but with egrets instead of plant motifs. Does a different decorative design make a different ceramic artist? Even if the motif on my jars was original, the similarities in shape and glaze (to Shimaoka-sensei's works) proved that the degree of originality on my part was minimal.

For several years after that I spent all my time thinking about how to create a new way of working for myself and, in the fifteenth year since becoming independent, I decided to completely abandon everything in ceramics I had done thus far. Of course, this meant discarding *mingei*, the Mashiko style, and all my "originals" made up to that point in time.

The source of energy for my new work was the Oribe wares of Japan's Momoyama period (1568–1615). I decided to incorporate the ideas of the warrior Furuta Oribe (1545–1615) into my ceramics—not necessarily the copper green Oribe glaze, but rather the approach and style. In the past, black wares, Shino wares, and Narumi Oribe wares were all known

under the name "Oribe," and the three-cornered, distorted style of tea wares and flower vases was known as "Oribe style." In my work, I spread the usage even further, including *yakishime* (unglazed stoneware) and Yellow Seto wares in my definition of "Oribe."

Originally I had wanted to have a wood-firing kiln, but at this point I decided to go all-out and build myself a woodfiring kiln with two firing mouths. If the kiln itself was not an original, there would be no point, I decided. In firing an anagama (wood-firing tunnel kiln), for example, if there is no individuality in the manner of firing, anyone who fires it will end up with similar pieces. So I began to think, "What do I want to fire? How do I want to fire it? And to do so, what kind of clay is best?" That started me looking for clays. Clays with strong fire-resistance, clays with little fire-resistance, clays with great plasticity, clays with little plasticity-anyway, I look for clays with great personality. As I explore the characteristics of these natural raw clays, I must knead them not only with each other, but with my own personality as well. The quality of my pieces depends sixty percent on the choice of clay, with the other forty percent being determined by the firing and the form.

To be a Japanese potter, one generally spends three years kneading clay and ten years training on the wheel, so great emphasis is placed upon technique. I myself spent twenty years throwing on the wheel, but eventually I left it to hand-build, one-by-one, the forms I had in my heart. I began to think that it was important to first know what I wanted to make and only then worry about developing the techniques by which to achieve it. (Although, obviously, the experience I had accumulated to that point would prove useful.)

In my opinion, it takes a person ten years to complete one major work objective. However, it has taken me fifteen years, starting from the time that I changed my approach to my work, to successfully develop the *yohen* (kiln change) technique. Exactly thirty years after I became a

Right: MK343 Natural Ash Yohen Golden Shino Vase Stoneware, 10 x 10¹/₄ x 5¹/₄" professional, I built a new type of *anagama*, one that I hope will enable me to express a new kind of beauty in my materials through the use of flame.

Attacking the tough, raw clay head on... firing... firing... wanting to fire it to death! While at the same time hearing a little voice whisper, "How would it turn out if you simply fired it straight up?"

Even though at this point in history science has made it possible to fire anything, science alone does not enable us to express the beauty of the natural materials. Without the reflection of the maker's heart, a work will be unable to move anyone. I believe that to make things is to express the heart.

Ken Matsuzaki, May 2007
Translated by Andrew L. Maske





MK320 Natural Ash Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $10\frac{1}{2} \ge 10\frac{1}{2} \ge 10\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK417 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $13\frac{1}{4} \ge 8 \ge 6$



MK411 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Jar Stoneware, 10% x 10 x 10"



MK341 Natural Ash Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $10 \ge 10^{1/2} \ge 10^{1/2}$ "



MK344 Natural Ash Yohen Golden Shino Vase Stoneware, 12 x $6\frac{1}{4}$ x $6\frac{1}{4}$ "



MK410 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Jar Stoneware, 11 x 12 x 12¼"



MK418 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $12\,\%$ x 8% x 6% "



MK421 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $10\frac{1}{4} \ge 6\frac{3}{4} \ge 6\frac{3}{4}$ "



MK342 Natural Ash Yohen Golden Shino Vase Stoneware, $12\frac{1}{2} \ge 8\frac{1}{2} \ge 8\frac{1}{2}$



MK345 Natural Ash Yohen Golden Shino Vase Stoneware, $11^{1\prime_4}$ x $8^{1\prime_2}$ x $8^{1\prime_2}"$



MK346 Natural Ash Yohen Golden Shino Vase Stoneware, $10 \ge 8 \ge 8$ "



MK378 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Water Container Stoneware, $7^{3\!/}_4$ x 5 x 5"



MK377 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Square Vase Stoneware, 9³/₄ x 4¹/₄ x 4¹/₄"



 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{MK396 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Water} \\ \textbf{Container, Stoneware, $7^{1\!/_2} $ x $6 x $5^{3\!/_2}" \\ \end{array}$



MK433 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Square Vase Stoneware, $10\frac{1}{4} \ge 4 \ge 4$ "



MK403 Yohen Kiseto Square Vase Stoneware, 10 x 4¹/₄ x 4¹/₄"



MK432 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Square Vase Stoneware, 10% x 5 x 5"



MK424 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Rectangular Vase Stoneware, 10 x 10 x 4



MK425 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Rectangular Vase Stoneware, $10^{1\!/}_4 \ge 9^{3\!/}_4 \ge 4"$



MK426 Narumi Oribe Rectangular Vase Stoneware, 10¼ x 10 x 4¼"



MK422 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 9 x 8¼ x 4"



MK382 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Jar Stoneware, $11^{1\prime_4} \ge 10 \ge 10^{\prime\prime}$



MK385 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $15\frac{1}{2} \ge 7\frac{3}{4} \ge 7\frac{1}{4}$ "



MK383 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Jar Stoneware, $10\frac{1}{2} \ge 11\frac{1}{2} \ge 11\frac{1}{2}$



MK388 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, 10¼ x 8½ x 8½"



MK386 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $14 \ge 7 \ge 7''$



MK394 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Rectangular Vase, Stoneware, 9½ x 6½ x 4½"



MK434 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $9\frac{3}{4} \ge 2\frac{3}{4}$ "



MK414 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $14\frac{1}{4} \ge 7\frac{3}{4} \ge 6\frac{1}{2}$



MK427 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 10% x 10 x 4%''



MK397 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Censer Stoneware, 8¹/₂ x 6¹/₂ x 6¹/₂"



MK374 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Vase Stoneware, 13 x 6 x $5\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK369 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $8\frac{1}{2} \ge 6\frac{1}{2} \ge 6\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK393 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, 11 x 6 x 6"



MK347 Natural Ash Yohen Golden Shino Vase Stoneware, $11\frac{1}{4} \ge 6 \ge 6$ "



MK430 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 11 x 6 x 6"



MK435 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 9 x 5 x $4\frac{1}{4}$ "



MK429 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $11^{1\!/}_4 \ge 6^{1\!/}_4 \ge 6^{1\!/}_4"$



MK436 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 8¹/₂ x 4³/₄ x 4³/₄"



MK437 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $8\frac{3}{4} \ge 5 \ge 4\frac{1}{4}$ "



MK420 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Vase Stoneware, 12 x 7½ x 7½"



MK413 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 13 x $7\frac{1}{4}$ x 7"



MK419 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $11\frac{1}{2} \ge 9 \ge 9$ "



MK412 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Jar Stoneware, 12¼ x 10 x 10"



MK415 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Vase Stoneware, $13\frac{3}{4} \ge 6\frac{1}{4} \ge 6$ "



MK370 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Vase Stoneware, 16 x 6 x 6"



MK416 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Vase Stoneware, $13\frac{1}{4} \ge 6\frac{1}{4} \ge 6$ "



MK373 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Vase Stoneware, 12 x 12 x 4"



MK390 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $9\frac{1}{2} \ge 10\frac{1}{2} \le 4$ "



MK439 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Teoke Water Container Stoneware, 9¾ x 10 ¼ x 7¾"



MK443 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Pot Stoneware, $10^{3/4} \ge 9^{3/4} \ge 7^{1/2}$ "



MK375 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Teoke Water Container Stoneware, $10 \ge 10 \ge 7\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK399 Oribe Teoke Water Container Stoneware, 9³/₄ x 10¹/₄ x 7³/₄"



MK395 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Water Container Stoneware, $7\frac{1}{2}\ge 7\frac{3}{4}\le 7\frac{3}{4}"$



MK431 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Jar Stoneware, 7³/₄ x 8¹/₂ x 8¹/₂"



MK423 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $11\frac{1}{2} \ge 7\frac{1}{4} \ge 5$ "



MK389 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, 11¼ x 8½ x 3¾"



MK392 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Vase Stoneware, $10\frac{3}{4} \ge 9\frac{1}{2} \ge 3\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK401 Nurami Oribe Rectangular Vase Stoneware, 11½ x 9¾ x 2½"



MK402 Yohen Kiseto Rectangular Vase Stoneware, 11½ x 9¼ x 2 ¾"



MK428 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, $11\frac{1}{2} \ge 9\frac{1}{4} \ge 3$ "



MK363 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Sake Bottle Stoneware, 6 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK359 *Shino Sake Bottle* Stoneware, 6¹/₄ x 4¹/₂ x 4¹/₂"



MK360 *Tetsu-Shino Sake Bottle* Stoneware, 6 x 3 x 3"



MK326 Natural Ash Yohen Sake Bottle Stoneware, 6 x 3 x 3"



MK472 Oribe Sake Bottle Stoneware, 6 x 2³/₄ x 2³/₄"



MK468 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Sake Bottle Stoneware, 5³/₄ x 2³/₄ x 2³/₄"



MK466 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Sake Bottle Stoneware, $5\frac{1}{2} \ge 3\frac{1}{4} \ge 3\frac{1}{4}$ "



MK467 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Sake Bottle Stoneware, $5\frac{1}{4} \ge 3\frac{1}{2} \ge 3$ "



MK470 Tetsu Shino Sake Bottle Stoneware, 6¼ x 3¾ x 3¾"



MK469 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Sake Bottle Stoneware, 6¼ x 3 x 3"



MK471 *Hakeme Oribe Sake Bottle* Stoneware, 5 x 3½ x 3"



MK474 Oribe Sake Bottle Stoneware, 5½ x 3 x 3"



MK350 *Shien-Shino Sake Cup* Stoneware, 2¹/₄ x 2¹/₂ x 2¹/₂"



MK351 Shien-Shino Sake Cup Stoneware, 2½ x 2½ x 2½"



MK475 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Sake Cup Stoneware, 2 x $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$ "



MK477 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Sake Cup Stoneware, 2 x 2¹/₄ x 2"



MK478 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Sake Cup Stoneware, $1^{3}\!\!\!/_4 \ge 2^{1}\!\!\!/_2 \ge 2^{1}\!\!\!/_2''$



MK479 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Sake Cup Stoneware, $1\frac{3}{4} \ge 2\frac{3}{4} \ge 2\frac{3}{4}$



MK480 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4¼ x 3½ x 3½"



MK481 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4¼ x 3½ x 3½"



MK482 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4¼ x 3½ x 3½"



MK483 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4¼ x 3½ x 3½"



MK484 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4¹/₄ x 3¹/₂ x 3¹/₂"



MK485 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4¼ x 3½ x 3½"



MK486 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4 x 3½ x 3½"



MK487 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4 x 3¹/₂ x 3¹/₂"



MK488 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4 x 3¼ x 3¼"



MK365 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Shino Tea Bowl Stoneware, 4¾ x 3¼ x 3¼"



MK458 *Kohiki Tea Bowl* Stoneware, 4 x 4¹/₄ x 4¹/₄"



MK453 Oribe Guro Tea Bowl Stoneware, 3³/₄ x 4¹/₂ x 4¹/₂"





MK463 Orbie Bowl with Handle Stoneware, 4½ x 13 x 10"



MK449 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Rectangular Vase , Stoneware, $7\frac{1}{4} \ge 3\frac{3}{4} \ge 2\frac{1}{4}$ "



MK451 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Rectungular Vase, Stoneware, 7¼ x 3½ x 2 ¼"



MK450 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Rectangular Vase, Stoneware, 7¹/₄ x 4 x 2¹/₂"



MK444 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Censer Stoneware, 7¹/₂ x 5¹/₂ x 3³/₄"



MK452 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Rectungular Vase, Stoneware, $7\frac{1}{4} \ge 3\frac{3}{4} \ge 2"$



MK440 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Water Container Stoneware, $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 8"



MK438 Tetsu Shino Vase Stoneware, 5¹/₂ x 11 x 6³/₄"



MK442 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Water Container Stoneware, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK441 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Water Container Stoneware, 7 x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK445 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 8 x $6\frac{3}{4}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "



MK446 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Vase Stoneware, 8 x 6½ x 2¼"



MK447 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Stoneware, Vase 8 x 6¼ x 2"



MK448 Narumi Oribe Vase Stoneware, 8 x 6¹/₄ x 2"



MK464 Shino Bowl Stoneware, 3 x 9½ x 9½"



MK465 Oribe Bowl Stoneware, 3 x 10 x 10"



MK459 Shino Tea Bowl Stoneware, 3³/₄ x 4 x 4"



MK460 Tetsu Shino Tea Bowl Stoneware, 3³/₄ x 4¹/₄ x 4¹/₄"



MK461 Oribe Tea Bowl Stoneware, 3¹/₂ x 5 x 5"



MK462 Oribe Tea Bowl Stoneware, 3³/₄ x 5 x 5"



MK489 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Cup Stoneware, 4 x 3 x 3"



MK490 *Oribe Cup* Stoneware, 4 x 3¹/₄ x 3¹/₄"

Ken Matsuzaki

BIOGRAPHY

- **1950** Born in Tokyo, Japan, the third son of Matsuzaki Shuki, a Nihonga painter
- **1972** Graduated from Tamagawa University, School of Fine Arts, ceramic art major

Began a pottery apprenticeship with Tatsuzo Shimaoka in Mashiko (Tochigi Prefecture)

- **1977** Built a kiln and established a workshop in Mashiko, where he presently lives
- **1980** Received the Kokugakai Arts Association Nojima Award
- **1982** Became an associate member of the Kokugakai Arts Association
- **1984** Received the Associate Members' Prize of Excellence Award from the Kokugakai Arts Association
- **1986** Became a full member of the Kokugakai Arts Association
- **1993** *Modern Japanese Ceramics* exhibition, Elysium Art, New York, NY
- **1995** Group exhibition, Gallery Dai Ichi Arts, New York, NY

Six Master Potters of the Modern Age exhibition, Babcock Gallery, New York, NY

- 2001 Solo exhibition, Rufford Gallery, Nottinghamshire, England
- 2002 Tradition Today exhibition, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- **2003** *Turning Point: Oribe and the Arts of Sixteenth-Century Japan* exhibition, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
- 2004 Elemental Force exhibition, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2005 Solo exhibition, Ruthin Craft Center, Ruthin, Wales, United Kingdom

International Ceramics Festival, Aberystwyth, Wales, United Kingdom

Solo exhibition, Rufford Gallery, Nottinghamshire, England

- **2006** *Transformation and Use* exhibition, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- **2007** *Thirty Years of a Living Tradition* exhibition, Goldmark Gallery, Uppingham, Rutland, United Kingdom

EXHIBITIONS IN JAPAN

Fukuya Department Store, Hiroshima Hankyu Department Store, Osaka Keio Department Store, Tokyo Takashimaya Department Store, Yokohama Group exhibitions with Tatsuzo Shimaoka Matsuzaki family exhibitions with father and two brothers

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA Sackler Museum of Art, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art, Haifa, Israel Victoria and Albert Museum, London, United Kingdom



MK404 Natural Ash Glaze Yohen Jar Stoneware, 15¹/₂ x 16 x 16"

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FRONT COVER MK340 *Natural Ash Yohen Shino Vase* Stoneware, 13 ½ x 12 ½ x 12 ½"

BACK COVER (left to right) MK454 *Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Tea Bowl,* Stoneware, 4 x 5 x 5"

MK455 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Shino Tea Bowl, Stoneware, 3³/₄ x 4¹/₂ x 4¹/₂"

MK456 Yohen Natural Ash Glaze Tea Bowl, Stoneware, $3\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ "

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