

## Isezaki Jun

Born 1936      Okayama, Japan

### EDUCATION

1959            Graduated from Okayama University

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1962            With his brother, Mitsuru, fired an ancient Heran anagama kiln which had been reconstructed by their father, Yozan, on the ruins of a Muromachi period kiln site
- 1966            Joined Japan Art Crafts Association
- 1967            Traveled to Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, France, and Spain
- 1974            Created ceramics mural for Bizen City Hall
- 1975            Jeff Shapiro and Peter Callas come to learn about the anagama kiln
- 1977            Travels to the USA and visits Ikeda Matsuo
- 1981            Awarded the *Kaneshige Toyo Prize*
- 1982            Kakurezaki Ryuichi
- 1987            Receives the *Award of Excellence* at Tanaka Art Museum's Forms of Chanoyu Exhibition
- 1987-1992      Creates stone sculpture and ceramic murals
- 1996            Receives *Sanyo Newspaper's Cultural Merit Award*
- 2004            Designated *Living National Treasure* in Japan

### SELECT EXHIBITION HISTORY

- 1962            First solo exhibition: Matsuya Gallery, Tokyo-Ginza
- 1972            First solo exhibition: Isetan Department Store, Tokyo-Shinjuku

*Exhibitions at Isetan Department Store continued yearly until 1993*

- 1973** First solo exhibition at Hankyu Department Store  
*Exhibitions continued biannually at Hankyu until 1998*
- 1984** *Twenty-five Years as a Potter, Tenmánya, Okayama*
- 1997** Traditional Beauty of Bizen Pottery for 1000 Years Exhibition, Musée National de Céramique, Paris, France
- 2003** Solo exhibition: Seibu Department Store, Tokyo-Ikebukuro
- 2006** *Generational Crossroads, Lacoste Gallery, Concord, MA*
- 2006** Beauty of Japanese Ceramics for 100 Years' Exhibition, Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum, Japan
- 2007** Crafting Beauty in Modern Japan, British Museum, London, UK
- 2008** Solo exhibition, Museum für Angewandte Kunst, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2014** Contemporary Japanese Ceramics, Embassy of Japan, Washington, D.C., US
- 2014-2018** Asia Week, New York, US | SOFA Chicago, Illinois, US
- 2020** Contemporary Bizen: Isezaki Jun & Isezaki Koichiro, Lucy Lacoste Gallery, Concord, MA

#### SELECT PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

British Museum, London, UK

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts, US

Tokyo National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Okayama Prefectural Museum of Art, Okayama, Japan

Musée de Sévres, Sévres, France

Canterbury Museum, New Zealand