



TŌGEI CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE CERAMICS

Funding Opportunities

Pictured: Kawase Shinobu, *Incense Box*, porcelain with celadon glaze.
Collection of Nick Hamatake and Ken Mariash.

Exhibition Summary:

The **Tōgei: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics** exhibition at the American Museum of Ceramic Art (AMOCA) explores Japan's ceramic tradition and its evolution from functional wares to modern artistic expression. Works ranging from tea utensils and flower vessels to non-functional and contemporary sculpture highlight how post-1940s potters experimented with form, glaze, and concept, often blending wabi-sabi aesthetics with contemporary design. The exhibition also reveals how Japanese cultural practices such as the tea ceremony, ikebana, and cuisine have influenced Western spaces and design trends. Featuring pieces by artists such as **Suzuki Gorō**, **Hamada Shōji**, and **Yagi Kazuo**, it traces a modernist renaissance in ceramics, including contributions from women artists who have recently gained opportunities to train in art universities. Tōgei marks the first major contemporary Japanese ceramics exhibition in eastern Los Angeles County in fifty years.

Tōgei is curated by renowned expert **Hollis Goodall**, who served as curator of Japanese Art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art for over four decades. This exhibition will be on view at AMOCA from June 13, 2026, through January 3, 2027.

Exhibition Fundraising Goal: \$50,000

Exhibition Sponsorship:

Lead (Exclusive) - \$25,000

Contributing- \$10,000

Supporter - \$5,000

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Exhibition Sponsorship (cont):

Donor Recognition:

- Featured acknowledgment at the exhibition entrance
- Listing in the exhibition catalog
- Recognition on our website exhibition page

Exclusive Experiences:

- Private reception invitations for exhibition-related events
- Reserved seating for select programming and artist talks
- Year-round access to donor appreciation events
- Complimentary signed exhibition catalog

Your Impact:

The American Museum of Ceramic Art champions the art, history, creation, and technology of ceramics through world-class exhibitions, collections, community outreach, and hands-on studio programs. As a sponsor of this exhibition, your investment provides essential support for our mission to present timely and original exhibitions that inspire visitors to discover ceramic arts from fresh, meaningful perspectives.

This exhibition serves as a springboard for an extensive range of public programming, including artist and curator conversations, guided tours, workshops in our ceramics studio, and exclusive special events. Your partnership also enables us to produce an exhibition catalog that will serve as a lasting scholarly resource and permanent record of these remarkable works.

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