

Ross + Kramer Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of *New Ceramics*, an exhibition of works by Yuki Ando and En Iwamura, in our East Hampton location on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. The exhibition consists of six ceramic sculptures in total, with each artist contributing three works. This will be Ando's first exhibition with Ross + Kramer, and the third for Iwamura.

Iwamura and Ando have made the below statement about the work to be exhibited in *New Ceramics*.

Yuki Ando and En Iwamura were both born in 1988. Grew up in the same generation in different locations in Japan. The two artists have met in the small town of Shigaraki and have been sharing the same kilns and environment to create a body of works.

In this exhibition, Yuki Ando and En Iwamura are pleased to present new ceramic works. From the valley of an ancient and historical ceramic town, surrounded by deep woods and mountains, they are looking forward to exhibiting pieces to audiences living in different locations such as the megalopolis of NYC, and the beautiful beach town of East Hampton.

Yuki Ando was born in the prefecture of Aichi, Japan. He majored in ceramics at Aichi University of Education, earning a Master's degree. After that, he worked as an instructor at Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park and was involved in the education of many artists while working on his own practice in parallel. His work has been exhibited throughout Japan, most recently at Mitsukoshi Art Gallery in Tokyo.

En Iwamura was born in Kyoto, Japan, where he continues to live and work today. He earned his BFA and first MFA from the Kanazawa College of Art and Craft in Kanazawa, Japan in 2011 and 2013, respectively, and earned a second MFA from Clemson University in 2016. Iwamura has completed residencies at the Archie Bray Foundation in Montana (2016-2018), and the Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute in China (2018), among others. Most notably he has been exhibited in the American Museum of Ceramic Art, in Pomona, CA (2019) as well as being the subject of 2018, 2019, and 2020 solo presentations by Ross + Kramer Gallery in East Hampton and at UNTITLED, ART. Fair in Miami. Iwamura will also be the subject of a solo exhibition at Ross + Kramer in New York City in early 2022.

New Ceramics will run from August 4 through August 15 at Ross + Kramer Gallery, 66 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937. The gallery's hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 AM - 6 PM. Please call (917) 675 - 7293 or email info@rkgallery.com for more information about the exhibition.