

瑞斯帝美術

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The World of Yuji Okada  
岡田雄志的世界



## INTRODUCTION

Rasti Fine Art is pleased to present this capsule collection by Yuji Okada (1948-2022), a lacquer artist who lived and worked in Kyoto. I first met Okada-san through a friend when I was searching for someone who can repair a set of Junyao wares with *kintsugi* ('golden joinery'). It was not until I saw his works of boxes, tea bowls, and vases at his studio that I realized I was in the presence of a master craftsman. Not only was his work collected by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, but he also collaborated in 2013 with Chanel on their Plume de Chanel collection. I was humbled that he did not deem my request beneath him.

Despite our language barrier, Okada-san and I we connected through our mutual love of antiquities and an appreciation for the imperfect. On subsequent visits, I would show him small agate and jade pebbles that I have collected over the years. I believed his lacquer artistry would breathe new life into these objects. These works are the results of his creativity.

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A mottled russet and golden agate pebble of circular form, worked in silver *hiramakie* and *takamakie* with a seated rabbit, the detail of the eye in red lacquer

Width 6 cm, length 6 cm



2

A buff green agate pebble worked in gold *hiramakie*, *takamakie* and *hirame* with a snail appearing out of its shell

Width 6 cm, length 4.5 cm



3

A golden agate oval form pebble worked in gold *hiramakie*, *takamakie* and *nashiji* with a bat with outstretched wings

Width 5.5 cm, length 5 cm



4

An ancient russet and celadon jade axe worked in gold and coloured *hiramakie* and *takamakie* with a centipede

Width 9 cm, length 4 cm



A small buff green agate pebble worked in black and gold *hiramakie* and *takamakie* with two ladybirds

5

Width 4 cm, length 3.5 cm



6

A golden agate oval form pebble worked in black, silver and gold *hiramakie* and *takamakie* with a spider

Width 5.5 cm, length 4.4 cm





7

A deep russet agate pebble worked in gold and silver *hiramakie* and *takamakie* with a goat striding forward

Width 7.5 cm, length 5.5





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