

Hitomi Hosono

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1978, Gifu Prefecture, Japan

1998-2002 Kanazawa College of Art, Kanazawa, Japan, BA (Hons) Ceramics
2005-2006 Danmarks Designskole, Copenhagen, Denmark, Ceramics Design Course
2007-2009 Royal College of Art, London, MA Ceramics and Glass
2017-2018 Artist in Residence, Wedgwood

Working in London

I receive inspiration from greenery in East London. Often when rambling with my friend, I discover interesting plants; touching them to feel the texture and to examine the structure.

First, I design a leaf or flower sprigs by studying organic botanical forms. I analyse the plant forms by looking, touching and drawing. I examine how the veins of a leaf branch and how its edges are shaped. After the completion of original sprig models and the plaster moulds, I press-mould hundreds of leaf sprigs in porcelain and carefully and patiently carve the finer details. I then apply the porcelain leaves in layers onto a form thrown on a potter's wheel. I apply the leaves so densely that the underlying shape is entirely hidden, like the multitude of green leaves, which obscure the branches of a tree.

It is my intention to transfer the leaf's beauty and detail into my ceramic work, using it as my own language to weave new stories for objects.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *Hitomi Hosono*, The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, London in association with Adrian Sassoon
- 2015 *Brook Street: An Artist's Eye*, Sibyl Colefax & John Fowler, London in association with Adrian Sassoon
- 2013 *Perrier-Jouët Arts Salon*, St. Pancras Renaissance Hotel Chambers Club, London

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
Conversing in Clay: Ceramics from the LACMA Collection, LACMA, California, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Japanese Contemporary Design, National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Homo Faber: Porcelain Virtuosity, organised by the Michelangelo Foundation, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy
- 2021 *Adrian Sassoon at Parham, a House of History*, Parham House, West Sussex
- 2020 *Adrian Sassoon at Sotheby's*, Sotheby's, London
Adrian Sassoon at The London House of Modernity, London
A Japanese Design, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Inspired by Chatsworth, Sotheby's, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
The Citi Exhibition Manga, The British Museum, London
A Natural Selection, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2018 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2017 *The International Hokuriku Kogei Summit – Worlds Kogei*, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Art and Design, Toyama, Japan
Adrian Sassoon, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
C'est le Bouquet! Fondation d'entreprise Bernardaud, Limoges, France
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2016 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
VASE: Function Reviewed, National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny, Ireland
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2015 *Adrian Sassoon*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Discerning Eye, Mall Galleries, London

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2015
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2014
Adrian Sassoon, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
AD intérieurs 2014, Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris, France
Gold: All That Glisters, The Embassy of Japan, London
Jerwood Makers Open 2014, Jerwood Space, London & tour
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2013
Adrian Sassoon, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2012
Adrian Sassoon, Art Miami, Miami, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2011
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design New York, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, Art Antiques London, Kensington Gardens, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2010
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, Former Chelsea Barracks, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Handmade, An Exhibition of British Craft, Fortnum & Mason, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2009
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
British Ceramics Biennial; FRESH, Stoke-on-Trent
New Designers Graduate Show, Business Design Centre, London
SHOW 2009, Royal College of Art, London,
- 2008
Vienna Café 1900, Royal College of Art, London
Cup Beaker Tumbler, Royal College of Art, London
- 2007
Transformation - New Products for a New Way of Life, Rosenthal Design Award,
International Design Centre, Berlin, Germany
- 2006
Rosenthal Design Award, Emma Metzler Restaurant, MKA, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2005
Utatsuyama Resident's Exhibition, Wacoal Ginza Art Space, Tokyo, Japan
Art space of Kounou Bank, Kanazawa, Japan
Kanazu Forest of Creation Museum, Hukui, Japan

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2005 *Sake Vessels*, Tokyo Design Centre, Tokyo, Japan
Wan-One, Daiwa Department Store, Kanazawa, Japan
- 2004 *Craft Design 2004 Tajimi*, Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Tajimi, Japan
Tea Bowl, Craft A Gallery, Kanazawa, Japan
Japan Modern Craft Association, Daiwa Department Store, Kanazawa, Japan

Awards

- 2014 Winner, Jerwood Makers Open, Jerwood Visual Arts, London
- 2013 Winner, Perrier-Jouët Arts Salon Prize, London
- 2004 First Prize, Graphic Art on Ceramics, Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Tajimi, Japan
Silver Prize, Craft Design 2004 Tajim, Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Tajimii, Japan
Hokuriku Broadcast President`s Prize, Daiwa Department Store, Kanazawa, Japan
- 2003 Utatsuyama Craft Workshop Purchase Award, Kanazawa, Japan
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Public Collections

- Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums, Aberdeen
National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Oriental Museum, Durham University, Durham
The British Museum, London
The Wedgwood Collection, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Musée des arts décoratifs de la faïence et de la Mode, Marseille, France
Musée national des arts asiatiques – Guimet, Paris, France
Porzellanikon: Staatliches Museum für Porzellan, Selb, Germany
Cooper-Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, New York, USA
Indianapolis Museum of Art: Newfields, Indiana, USA
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, California, USA

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- 2020 Woolf, D., *Hitomi Hosono: Poetry in Porcelain*, Gardens Illustrated, March, pp 82-85
- 2019 Morris, T., *Ordered Beauty*, Christie's International Real Estate Magazine, pp 62-64
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Budding Future, The World of Interiors, June

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- 2016 Milner, C., *Thinking Outside the Pots*, Financial Times, How To Spend It, November, pp 101
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- 2015 Tobin, E., *Cross-Cultural Influences*, House and Garden, November, pp 35
- Fall Feeling*, Elle Décor, October, pp 11
- Corlette, D., *The Delicate Touch*, Homes and Antiques, September, pp 38-40
- 2014 Swengley, N., *Budding Genius*, Architectural Digest, November, pp 72
- Chandler, K., *Caught in the Act*, Ceramic Review, January/February, pp 60-65
- 2012 Clifton-Mogg, C., *Specialist Profile Hitomi Hosono*, House and Garden, December, pp 73-74