

## 差異を繰りかえす、まだ

光器のシリーズを作り始めてから20年以上になる。最初に穴を開け始めた時から延々と繰り返す穴を穿つ作業。初めのうちは穴を開けるだけで精一杯で、焼き上がりのことまで想像することさえ困難だったが、反復して制作することで技術的な問題を克服することができた。穴を開けている時に持ち上がってきた作品への修正点や改善点などを次の制作に盛り込んでみるのだが、土や技法上の制約が大きいこの表現方法では安易な変更を許さないことも多く、変更点を具現化するには微妙な調整を必要とする。そうして焼き上がったものも、当初意図・想定していたところからは少しずれることが多い。このように光器を制作することは、常に理想からずれてくる結果への修正を、延々と繰り返すという作業であった。

本当に些細な穴開けの調整から根本的に焼く工程を見直すことまで、修正には大小ある。更に工芸、焼き物を取り巻く環境の目まぐるしい変化による、自身の思考や指向の移り変わりという要素も加わって、今現在の作品のバリエーションが広がってきている。おそらくこれからもこの思考、指向、試行の差異を繰りかえすことによって、少しずつだが止まらない制作を続けることだろう。

## 茶室

畳に配置した2点の光器は自分の中でも装飾的なパターンの作品。 この装飾的な穴の器の下に鏡を置くことで、延々と繰り返す自身の制 作を鏡に映る部分的な鏡像で想起させる。

対して床(とこ)に置いた作品は近年取り組んでいる割った作品であるが、こちらは逆に極力装飾性を廃した穴のパターン。割れた部分の下に小さな磁器珠を散らすことで、窯の中で割れることの一回性を表す。

## 屋外空間

丸く抜けた天井から吊り下がる輪状の作品と床に置かれた無数の磁器珠。展示全体として、工芸の制作における繰り返すという行為がテーマになっている。

輪状の作品は轆轤で作った青い磁器であるが、当然一つ一つが違う 形をしている。一定のリズムで連続することによって反復性が強調されている。

床の白い磁器珠は土を延々と丸めるという作業で作った物。土の丸め方、そもそもの磁器土の個体差、焼成時の雰囲気の違いによって、2万余りの磁器珠はどれ一つとして同じものは無い。

反復することとその差異がテーマであるこの空間に、懇意にさせていただいている三輪休雪(+三代)さんから頂いた土と釉薬で作った赤黒い珠と、岐阜の伊藤慶二先生の穴窯で焼いた緑の珠を置くことで、工芸や焼き物における反復性だけでは無い、会遇や一回性を表現しようと考えた。

# Repeat a difference, still

It has been over twenty years since I began working on the "Luminescent" series. From the moment I first started making perforations in my ceramics, I have continued to engage in this process of drilling holes over and over again. While in the beginning, I was simply so occupied with this task that it was difficult for me to extend my awareness to what the finished product would look like after firing, by repeatedly producing such work I was eventually able to overcome the technical difficulties I confronted. Corrections or improvements to the work that transpired while drilling the holes are incorporated into my next work, however, despite such attempt, this method of expression, which is highly restricted by clay and technique, often does not allow for easy changes, requiring highly delicate and subtle adjustments to bring any changes to fruition. The finished product often ends up slightly different from what was initially intended and envisioned. Producing the "Luminescent" series in this way, is a process of endlessly correcting the outcomes, which always deviate from the ideals.

The modifications may be large or small, ranging from minor adjustments in the drilling of holes to a fundamental review of the firing process. Furthermore, the rapid changes in the environment surrounding crafts and pottery, combined with the changing nature of my own thoughts and inclinations, have led to a wider variety in my current oeuvre. It is likely that by repeating these differences in thinking, direction, and experimentation, I will continue in this endeavor to gradually yet constantly produce work.

#### TEA ROOM

The two vessels from the "Luminescent" series that are presented on the tatami mat, are among some of my most ornate works. By placing a mirror beneath these vessels with their decoratively patterned perforations, I attempt to evoke my own endlessly repeated process of production through the partial mirror-image that is reflected.

In contrast, the work on the alcove is a vessel incorporating cracks, marks, and other inherently occurring imperfections—something which I have increasingly been experimenting with in recent years—and has a pattern of holes that is as free of decorative elements as possible. Small porcelain beads are scattered under the cracked section to represent the one-time-only nature of the breakage that occurs in the kiln.

### OUTDOOR SPACE

Circular works are suspended from a round hollow in the ceiling, while countless porcelain beads are placed on the floor. The overall theme of the exhibition is the act of repetition in the production of crafts.

While the circular works are of blue porcelain pieces crafted on the potter's wheel, naturally each has a different shape. The element of repetition is emphasized through their suspension in a constant rhythmic sequence.

The white porcelain beads on the floor were made by endless work of rolling clay into beads. Due to differences in the way the clay is rolled, the individual differences in the original porcelain clay, and the atmosphere during firing, none of the 20,000 or so porcelain beads are the same.

In this space, which takes as its theme repetition and the differences observed within it, I placed red and black beads made of clay and glaze provided by master potter Miwa Kyusetsu X III, with whom I am well acquainted with, and green beads fired in an *anagama* kiln in Gifu Prefecture belonging to renowned ceramicist and sculptor Keiji Ito, to express not only repetition in the context of crafts and pottery, but also aspects of association and one-timeliness.

#### 新里明士

1977 千葉県生まれ

2001 多治見市陶磁器意匠研究所修了

2011 文化庁新進芸術家海外研修制度研修員(ボストン・アメリカ)

現在岐阜県土岐市にて制作

#### 個展

2025 「差異を繰りかえす、まだ」山口県立萩美術館・浦上記念館(茶室)

2024「NIISATO AKIO: Solo Exhibition」Oxford Ceramics Gallery、オックスフォード、 イギリス

「新里明士 作品展」しぶや黒田陶苑、東京

2023「曲/面」Yutaka Kikutake Gallery、東京 「新里 明士 作品展~光器を中心に~」高島屋巡回展、京都、大阪、名古屋

2022 「translucent transformation」Yutaka Kikutake Gallery、東京

2021 「均衡と欠片 |Yutaka Kikutake Gallery、東京

2019 「Akio Niisato」Oxford Ceramics Gallery、オックスフォード、イギリス

2018「Ottobre Giapponese Akio Niisato」Museo Carlo Zauli、ファエンツァ、イタリア

2017「Luminescence…」高島屋美術画廊、京都、大阪、名古屋、横浜

#### 主なグループ展

2025 「美濃の7つの手」草月プラザ、東京 「コレクション展・新収蔵品展」茨城県陶芸美術館、茨城

2024 「花のうつわ 花器とオブジェ 第65回 日本陶磁協会賞 歴代受賞作家展 2025」 柿傳ギャラリー、東京

「反復と偶然 展」国立工芸館、石川

2023 「陶芸の進行形」菊池寛実記念 智美術館、東京 MtK satellite vol.1「新里明士+鬼頭健吾」MtK satellite、愛知 「ECHO あしたの畑 丹後・城崎」間人スタジオ、京都

2022 「GO FOR KOGEI 2022」那谷寺、石川 「ゆだねながら語りあうこと/響き合う思考法」MtK Contemporary Art、京都 「未来へつなぐ陶芸 – 伝統工芸のチカラ展」パナソニック汐留美術館、 東京[国立工芸館(石川)、MOA美術館(静岡)へ巡回]

2021「No Man's Land-陶芸の未来、未だ見ぬ地平の先-」兵庫陶芸美術館「DOMANI・明日展 2021」国立新美術館、東京

2020「和巧絶佳展-令和時代の超工芸」パナソニック汐留美術館

2019 「楽事―『茶―幸せな裏切り、そして遊び、それは祈り』」建仁寺塔頭 両足院、京都 「in light-Ceramic and Drawing」 Yutaka Kikutake Gallery、東京

2018 「Ottobre Giappone」Museo Carlo Zauri / Tracce DI Uno Scambio、ファエンツァ、イタリア

2017 「MCZ PER Buongiorno Ceramica 2017」Museo Carlo Zauri、ファエンツァ、イタリア 特別催事「(現代6作家による)茶室で見る磁器の現在」披錦斎・一樹庵、根津美術館、東京

2016 「MADE IN JAPAN メイド・イン・ジャパン」Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza、イタリア

2015 「工芸の現在」菊池寛実記念 智美術館、東京

#### 受賞歴

2021 2020年度日本陶磁協会賞

2017 U-50 国際北陸工芸アワード 奨励賞

2014 MOA岡田茂吉賞 新人賞

2009 菊池ビエンナーレ 奨励賞

2008 パラミタ陶芸大賞展 大賞 国際陶磁器展美濃 審査員特別賞

2005 イタリア ファエンツァ国際陶芸展 新人賞

#### パブリックコレクション

Minneapolis Institute of Art、アメリカ

茨城県陶芸美術館

Palamita Museum、三重

MOA美術館、静岡

Faenza Ceramic Museum、イタリア

Anadole University Museum、エスキシェヒル,トルコ

Museo Carlo Zauri、イタリア

Musèe Cernuschi、フランス

Victoria and Albert Museum、イギリス

国立工芸館、石川

John and Mable Ringing Museum of Art, Florida、アメリカ



#### Akio Niisato

1977 Born in Chiba, Japan

2001 Diploma, The Tajimi City Ceramic and Design Center

2011 Received a Fellowship of Japanese Government Overseas study program for artist by the Agency of Japan Cultural Affairs. (Boston, USA) Currently living in Toki, Japan

#### Solo Exhibitions

2025 "Repeat a difference, still", Hagi Uragami Museum, Yamaguchi

2024 "NIISATO AKIO: Solo Exhibition", Oxford Ceramics Gallery, Oxford, UK "Exhibition of NIISATO Akio", Shibuya Kuroda Toen, Tokyo

2023 "Curves/Planes", Yutaka Kikutake Gallery, Tokyo

"Niisato Akio Exhibition", Takashimaya, Kyoto, Osaka, Nagoya

2022 "translucent transformation", Yutaka Kikutake Gallery, Tokyo 2021 "Harmonious Balance and Broken Fragments", Yutaka Kikutake Gallery, Tokyo

2019 "Akio Nijsato". Oxford Ceramics Gallery. Oxford. UK

2018 "Ottobre Giapponese Akio Niisato", Musei Carlo Zauli, Faenza, Italy

2017 "Luminescence...", Takashimaya Art Gallery, Kyoto, Osaka, Nagoya, Yokohama

#### Group Exhibitions

2025 "Mino no Nanatsu no Te", Sogetsu Plaza, Tokyo

"Collection exhibition: Shinshuzouhin ten", Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum, Ibaraki 2024 "Hana no Utsuwa Kaki to Obuje", Kakiden Gallery, Tokyo

"Repetition and Contingency in Crafts and Design", National Crafts Museum, Ishikawa

2023 "TOGEI IN THE PROGRESSIVE FORM", Musée Tomo, Tokyo MtK Satellite Vol. 1 "Akio Niisato + Kengo Kito", MtK satellite, Aichi "ECHO TOMORROW FIELD - Food and Art", Taiza Studio, Kyoto

2022 "GO FOR KOGEI 2022", Nata-Dera, Ishikawa "Yudanenagara katariau koto/ Hibikiau Shikouhou", MtK Contemporary Art, Kyoto "Ceramics of the Past and of the Future: The Timelessness of Traditional Japanese Craft Arts", Panasonic Shiodome Museum of Art, Tokyo

2021 "No Man's Land - The Future of Ceramic Art, the Unseen Beyond the horizon",The Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo"DOMANI The Art of Tomorrow", Exhibition 2021 The National Art Center, Tokyo

2020 "Special planed Contemporary Japanese Crafts: Reinterpretation, Exquisite Craftsmanship, and Aesthetic Exploration", Panasonic Shiodome Museum of Art, Tokyo

2019 "Zen Self Care with Tea and Sweets", Ryosoku-in Kenninji Temple, Kyoto "in light- Ceramic and Drawing", Yutaka Kikutake Gallery, Tokyo

2018 "Ottobre Giappone", MuseoCarlo Zauri / Tracce DI Uno Scambio, Faenza, Italy

2017 "Buongiorno Ceramica 2017", MuseoCarlo Zauri, Faenza, Italy Special event "The currently of porcelain seen in the tea room (by 6 contemporary artists)", Hikinsai / Ichiju-an, Nezu Museum, Tokyo

2016 "MADE IN JAPAN", Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche in Faenza, Italy

2015 "The Kikuchi Kanjitsu Prize Contemporary Japanese Crafts", Musee Tomo, Tokyo

#### Award

2021 Japan Ceramic Society Prize, 2020

2017 Honorable Mention U-50 International Hokuriku Kougei (Artisan Crafts) Awards, Toyama

2014 Award for the New Artist, MOA Mokichi Okada Award, Tokyo

2009 Incentive Award, Kikuchi Biennale, Tokyo

2008 Grand Prize, Paramita Museum Ceramic Competition
Judge's Special Award, International Ceramic Festival O8, Gifu

2005 Award for the New Artist, "Premio Faenza" 54th Edition, Italy

#### Public Collection

Minneapolis Institute of Art, US

Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum, Ibaraki

Palamita Museum, Mie

MOA Museum of Arts, Shizuoka Faenza Ceramic Museum, Italy

Anadole University Museum, Eskisehir, Turkey

Museo Carlo Zauri, Italy

Musèe Cernuschi, France

Victoria and Albert Museum, UK National Crafts Museum, Ishikawa

John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Florida, US