



Moon Jar, 2015
Porcelain 50 x 50 cm

“I fell in love at first sight. That jar, so simple at first glance, left me with so many different impressions. To appreciate a moon jar properly, you should look beyond its simple shape.

I try to produce a work that needs no addition or subtraction. I wish to create a work that has an imposing presence, but can harmonize with its surroundings regardless of where and when it is displayed, and that gives peace of mind and a sense of comfort to all who look at it.”

Dae-Sup Kwon

South Korea b. 1952

Ceramic artist Dae-Sup Kwon's Moon Jars are a triumph of tradition, extraordinary skill and a ceaseless dedication to his craft. Originally made in the 17th and 18th centuries, the Moon Jar form evokes the full moon and the circle of life.

Historically, it was honored for its colorless purity, upon which slight imperfections in the material -- varying tones and effects produced in the kiln -- appear almost regal. The natural and simple silhouette of these pieces reveals a Korean aesthetic, differentiating Kwon's work from the Moon Jars of other East Asian cultures. His examples are such an absolute milk white color that they appear almost translucent.

The long firing time and high kiln heat make Kwon's Moon Jars exceptionally difficult to produce, with 4 to 6 examples typically made per year.

Kwon received his BFA at the Hongik University in Korea and his work has been exhibited internationally including showings at the National Museums of Korea, Mexico, Russia and Senegal.

Dae-Sup Kwon lives and works in Gwangju, Korea

Education

1979 B.F.A., Department of Fine Arts, Hongik University, Seoul

Selected Exhibitions

- 2016 Art Geneve 2016 with Taste, Geneva, Switzerland
Art Monte Carlo with Taste, Monte Carlo, Monaco
- 2015 Kwon Dae Sup & Lee Bae/ Kimreeaa Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Musee des Arts Decoratifs, Paris, France
Exhibition of Korean Craft, Saudi Arabia
- 2014 Seoul Museum, Seoul, Korea
SPSI Museum, Shanghai, Korea
- 2013 52nd Milano Triennial Design Exposition, Milano, Italy
Kimreeaa Gallery, Seoul, Korea
Susung Artpia, Daegu, Korea
- 2010 Gong-gan Gallery, Busan, Korea
- 2008 Seomi & Tuus Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2006 Seomi & Tuus Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 2005 Dongwon Gallery, Daegu, Korea

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