



## "A WHEEL STOPPER" MOSAIC BY TOYOHARU KII

**\$1,680**

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W: 13.75" D: 0.75" H: 11.75"

In the mosaic "A Wheel Stopper," Toyoharu Kii records an object he encounters everyday while walking his dog. The round form, striped by small, rectangular tesserae, represents a bollard used to control road traffic. Groups of irregularly shaped tiles ring the bollard, their latent energy held at a distance by a buffer of orderly tiles.

A leader of the cross-cultural craft resurgence, Japan-based artist Toyoharu Kii creates his intricate mosaics with hand-cut Italian marble and smalti, Venetian glass made by the same Italian family for over 400 years. Continued...



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Using traditional Italian techniques, Kii's art is nonetheless modern. It is monochromatic, abstract, and highly textured and highlights the involved and technical art of mosaic making.



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