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"CLOUDED 20.15" MOSAIC BY TOYOHARU KII

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W: 4.25" D: 0.5" H: 8.5"

In the series "Clouded," Toyoharu Kii honors the fullness of life and its continual rebirth. In some works, white tesserae assume abstract profiles. In others, irregular shapes contain a disorderly array of jagged tiles, suggesting the unexpected moments that life reveals. Within a lifetime, every living being bears the burden of change and finds their purity of spirit clouded by time. This bird-like marble form is surrounded by a halo of colorful tiles, expressing the artist's wish for joy and clarity.

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. Monochromatic, abstract, and highly textured, his work highlights the involved and technical art of mosaic making.

