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Stunning ceramics at Jay Kvapil's 'Landscapes' at Magen H Gallery, New York



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Magen H Gallery presents Jay Kvapil's "Landscapes" at the gallery's New York venue.

Jay Kvapil's "Landscapes" will present around 60 pieces representing the current work of contemporary American ceramist Jay Kvapil.

Kvapil earned a bachelor of arts degree in literature, with honors, from the University of the Pacific in 1973. Shortly thereafter, he traveled to Japan to study tea ceremony ware at Takatori Seizan Pottery in Kyshu, achieving the rank of Journeyman Potter in 1975. His work has been included in numerous exhibitions, including "American Porcelain, New Dimension in an Ancient Art" at the Smithsonian Institution's Renwick Gallery in Washington, D.C. and the Taipei Fine Arts Museum in Taiwan.

The exhibition offers diverse shapes, glazes, textures, or color ranges along with an intimate journey through the landscapes, whether literal or imaginary, surrounding the artist. The artist's recent pieces allude to landscape, intentionally so. He grew up in Arizona, which is a land of vast desert landscapes, but it is also rich in intimate pictorial spaces found in small rocks and stones. Many of these pieces have an obvious horizon line, giving them a distant landscape, while others depict an intimate landscape through which the audience travels.

Founded in 1997, Magen H Gallery has pioneered revolutionary and significant design in sculpture, decorative arts, architecture, and ceramics, which gives a lot of emphasis given to French post-war designers. The collection progresses the artistic dialog between these historically-significant works and contemporaries who visually articulate a personal philosophy. The collection of works has been built on the founding premise that art and design are allied and interdependent. The gallery has exhibited works in craft mediums (clay, metal, wood, silicon, and aluminum), and it seeks objects that transcend form and function.

The exhibition is on view through October 19, 2017 at Magen H Gallery, 54 East 11th Street, New York, NY 10003.

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