

# JAMES HARRIS GALLERY

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## **Akio Takamori**

Born: 1950 in Japan

Lives and works in Seattle, WA

### **Awards**

- 2011 USA Ford Fellow, Los Angeles, CA  
International Ceramic Research Center Fellowship, Guldagergaard, Denmark
- 2009 International Ceramic Research Center Fellowship, Guldagergaard, Denmark
- 2008 Neddy Artist Fellowship for Painting and Ceramics, Seattle, WA
- 2007 Finalist, Portland Art Museum, Contemporary Northwest Art Award,  
Seattle, WA
- 2006 Elected to the American Craft Council College of Fellows, New York, NY
- 2006 Hermine Pruzan Faculty Fellow Appointment, University of Washington,  
Seattle, WA
- 2006 Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant, New York, NY
- 2005 Brotman Award for Instructional Excellence, University of Washington,  
Seattle, WA
- 2003 Flintridge Foundation Awards for Visual Artists, Pasadena, CA  
Seattle Collects Purchase Award, City of Seattle, Office of Arts & Cultural  
Affairs, Seattle, WA
- 2001 First Place, Virginia A. Groot Foundation Grant, Evanston, IL
- 1996 Fellowship at Keramisch Werkcentrum, s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
- 1993 Fellowship at Keramisch Werkcentrum, s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
- 1992 Visual Artists Fellowship Grant, National Endowment for the Arts,  
Washington, DC
- 1988 Visual Artists Fellowship Grant, National Endowment for the Arts,  
Washington, DC
- 1986 The Artist Trust / Washington State Arts Commission Fellowship, Seattle, WA  
Visual Artists Fellowship Grant, National Endowment for the Arts,  
Washington, DC

### **Education**

- 1976-78 MFA, New York State College of Ceramics, Alfred University, Alfred, NY

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- 1974-76 BFA, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO  
1972-74 Apprentice, Traditional Domestic Production Pottery, Koshiwara, Japan  
1969-71 Musashino Art College, Tokyo, Japan

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *Apology/Remorse*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle WA  
2015 *The Beginning of Everything*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Eros*, Kunstforum Solothurn, Solothurn, Switzerland  
2014 *New Works*, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
2013 *Portraits Ordinaires*, Ariana Museum, Geneva, Switzerland  
*Akio Takamori*, Collection Ateliers d'Art de France, Paris, France  
*Lust*, Red Star Studios, Kansas City, MO  
*Ground*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2012 *People/Alphabet*, Barry Friedman Gallery, New York, NY  
*Equivalent*, Kunstforum Solothurn, Solothurn, Switzerland  
2011 *Boys*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2010 *A Recent Survey*, Harvey/Meadows Gallery, Aspen, CO  
2009 *Europeans*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Alice/Venus*, Barry Friedman Gallery, New York, NY  
Ann Linnemann Studio Gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2008 TRAX Gallery, Berkeley, CA  
2007 International Ceramic Studio, Kecskemet, Hungary  
Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI  
Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
2006 Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
Gallery Camion Real, Boca Raton, FL  
The Art Gym, Portland, OR  
Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
2005 Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ  
Marylhurst University, Marylhurst, OR  
Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
2004 Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
Grover/Thurston Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2003 Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY

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- Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
2002 Grover/Thurston Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2001 Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
2000 Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
1999 Grover/Thurston Gallery, Seattle, WA  
1998 Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, CA  
Robert Else Gallery, California State University, Sacramento, CA  
1997 Cohen/Berkowitz Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
Trax Gallery, Berkeley, CA  
Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
1996 Tempe Arts Center, Tempe, AZ  
1995 Hiestand Galleries/Miami University, Oxford, OH  
1995 Habitat/Shaw Gallery, Pontiac, MI  
Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
1994 Garth Clark Gallery, Kansas City, MI  
Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
1993 Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
1992 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, PA  
1991 Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
1990 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
1989 Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
Everson Museum, Syracuse, New York, NY  
1988 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
1987 Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
  
1986 Garth Clark Gallery, New York, NY  
Esther Saks, Chicago, IL  
1985 Garth Clark Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

## **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2016 *Contemporary Northwest Art Awards 2016*, Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
*Tunnel of Silence*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Northwest Pop Up*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA

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- 2015 *Pop Up, Pop In*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2013 *California-Pacific Triennial*, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA  
*Portraits of 20 Northwest Artists*, Museum of Northwest Art, La Connor, WA
- 2012 *Marks: Sculptors Drawing* curated by Vicky Halper, Washington State  
Convention Center, Seattle, WA  
*3D4M UW Faculty Exhibition*, Traver Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2011 2011 Artists From the Center, Archie Bray Center, Helean, MT  
\*+ *Terracota*, Clayarch Gimhae Museum, Gimhae, South Korea
- 2010 *Mirror, Mirror*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Do I know You*, Inman Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2008 *Transitions: 5 artists join Barry Friedman, Ltd*, Barry Friedman Ltd, New York,  
NY  
*Heads (dis)Embodied*: Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland, WA  
Art Chicago, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Transitions: 5 artists join Barry Friedman, Ltd*, Barry Friedman Ltd, New York,  
NY  
*Maybe Yes, Maybe No*: Harvey / Meadows Gallery, Aspen, CO  
+*Public Places, Private Spaces*: Mesa Art Center, Mesa, AZ  
+*No Joke: Selections from the Pruzan Collection*: Museum of Northwest Art, La  
Conner, WA  
*International Ceramics*: Galerie Artworks, Antwerp, Belgium  
\*+*A Human Impulse: Figuration from the Diane and Sandy Besser Collection*,  
Arizona State University Art Musuem, Tempe, AZ
- 2007 +*Kanzan and Jittoku*: Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR  
+*Diane and Sandy Besser Collection: A Gift to the Fine Arts Museum of San  
Francisco*, San Francisco, CA  
*Black & White Red All Over*: Michele Mosko Fine Art, Denver, CO  
*Northwest Figurative Clay Ceramics International*: Turman Larison  
Contemporary, Helena, MT  
\*+*Shy Boy, She Devil and Isis: the Art of Conceptual Craft, Selections from the  
Wornick Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boston, MA

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Idea of Man II: Kvnstforvm Solothvrn, Solothurn, Switzerland

Man and Beast, Garth Clark Gallery, Long Island City, NY

2006\*+Poetic Expressions of Mortality: Figurative Ceramics from the Porter Price  
Collection, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL

\* Process & Promise: Art, Education & Community at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, 92<sup>nd</sup>  
Street Y, New York, NY

\* 30 Ceramic Sculptors, John Natsoulas Gallery, Davis, CA  
SOFA : New York 2006, New York, New York

\*+ A Ceramic Legacy: The Stephane Janssen and R. Michael Johns Collection,  
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

\*+ Human Form in Clay, Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan  
traveling to: The Museum of Ceramic Art, Hyogo, Japan

2005\*+The Artful Teapot: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Expressions for the Kamn Collection Bellevue  
Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA

\*+Dual Vision: The Chazen Collection, Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY  
traveling to Elvehjem Museum, Madison, WI

The Figure in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Contemporary Ceramics, Gallery Camino Real, Boca  
Raton, FL

2004 North American Ceramic Sculpture NOW, Hand Workshop Art Center,  
Richmond, VA

Seattle Collects: 2003 Award Winners, City Space, Seattle, WA

Faculty Exhibition, Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle,  
WA

\* Double Vision, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

2003\*+Panopticon: An Art Spectacular, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA

\*+Shared Passion: Sara and David Lieberman Collection of Contemporary Ceramics  
and Crafts, Nelson Fine Art Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

\*+Clay Body: Claudia Fitch, Akio Takamori, Patti Warashina, Bellevue Art  
Museum, Bellevue, WA

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- \* Now and Now: World Contemporary Ceramics 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual World Ceramic Biennale, Icheon World Ceramic Center, Gyeonggi Province, Korea
- Akio Takamori: Promotion to Full Professor Exhibition, Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2002\*+A Public Trust: Recent Acquisitions at the Museum of Art, University of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ
- \*+Clay Body Rhetoric: Ceramic Figures of Speech, Beach Museum of Art, Kansas University, Manhattan, KS
- \* The Erotic Life of Clay: A Group Exhibition of Contemporary and Historical Ceramics, San Francisco State University Fine Art Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- \*+The Perception of Appearance: A Decade of Contemporary American Figure Drawings, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- \* Visual Perspectives: 14 Years of the Virginia A. Groot Awards, Groot Foundation Space and SOFA at Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
- \* The Figure in Ceramics, Galley of Contemporary Art, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
- 2001\* Identities: Contemporary Portraiture, New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, Summit, NJ
- \* Figuration in Clay: A Collection, Mc Master Gallery, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- \* Taking Measure: American Ceramic Art at the New Millennium World Ceramic Exposition, Yoju, Korea
- \*+Poetics of Clay: An International Perspective, Museum of Art and Design/Taideleollisuuseumo, Helsinki, Finland traveling to: Houston Center for Contemporary Arts, Houston, TX and the Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- 2000 Artists Making Prints, Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

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- \*+ Color and Fire: Defining Moments in Studio Ceramics, 1950-2000, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA traveling to: Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
- \*+ Ceramic National 2000: The 30<sup>th</sup> Ceramic National Exhibition, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY traveling to: Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, Gainesville, FL
- + The Melba and Al Langman Collection, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
- \*+ Allan Chasanoff CERAMIC Collection, Mint Museum of Craft + Design, Charlotte, NC
- 1999 \*+ Anne and Sam Davis Collection, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe AZ
- 1998 Night of 101 Cups, Ceramic Arts Foundation, New York, NY
  - \*+ A Fire for Ceramics: Contemporary Art from the Daniel Jacobs and Derek Mason Collection, Hand Workshop Art Center, Richmond, VA
  - \* 20<sup>th</sup> Century Decorative Works of Art and Contemporary Works of Art, Sotheby's, New York, NY
  - A Selection of Northwest Ceramic Artists, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
- 1997 Studio Conference '97 / Faculty Exhibition, Bennington College, Bennington, VT
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceramics Exhibition, Crossman Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI
  - + L'Chaim: A Kiddush Cup Invitational, Jewish Museum, San Francisco, CA
  - \* The Art of Desire / Erotic Treasures from the Collection of the Kinsey Institute, Indiana University School of Fine Art, Bloomington, IN
  - + The Contemporary Teapot: KERAMIKMUSEET GRIMMERHUS, The Grimmerhus Museum of Ceramic Art, Middlefart, Denmark
- 1996 Clay: The University of Washington Ceramic Faculty, William Traver Gallery, Seattle, WA

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Teapots, The Shigaraki Ceramic Cultural Park, Shigaraki, Japan

## **Museum Collections**

American Craft Museum, New York, NY  
Ariana Museum, Geneva, Switzerland  
Anne and Sam Davis Collection, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ  
Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT  
Arizona State University Art Museum, Nelson Fine Arts Center, Tempe, AZ  
The Arkansas Arts Center Decorative Arts Museum, Little Rock, AK  
Boise Art Museum, Boise, ID  
Carnegie Institute Art Museum, Pittsburgh, PA  
George Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Canada  
Hallmark Art Collection, Kansas City, MO  
Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS  
Kansas City Art Institute, MO  
The Kinsey Institute, OH  
The Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN  
Kruithuis Museum, 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands  
Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA  
Mint Museum of Craft + Design, Charlotte, NC  
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY  
Museum of Contemporary Art, the Netherlands  
The Museum of Contemporary Ceramic Art, Shigaraki, Japan  
The Museum of Ceramic Arts, Alfred, NY  
Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA  
National Museum of History, Taipei, Republic of China  
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO  
Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI  
Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C.  
Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Providence, RI



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Smithsonian Institute, Archives of American Art, New York, NY  
Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence, KS  
Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, WA  
Swiss Museum of Ceramics and Glass, Geneva, Switzerland  
Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA  
Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Republic of China  
University of Washington, Allen Center, Seattle, WA  
University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA  
University of Washington, School of Law, Seattle, WA  
Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England