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## "CLOUDED 20.20" MOSAIC BY TOYOHARU KII

**\$680**

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W: 5.25" D: 0.5" H: 8.0"

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. Expressing his wish for clarity, the artist surrounds each marble form with a halo of golden tiles, representing the soothing balm of heaven in the cycle of rebirth. Continued...



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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. 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.

