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Jason Walker. *Capsized*, 2011. Porcelain, china paint, overglaze enamel. Courtesy of the artist and Ferrin Gallery.

Earth & Alchemy celebrates contemporary ceramic sculpture and showcases a cross-generational selection of two dozen influential artists. Exploring a range of ideas encompassing conceptualism, social activism, materiality, and humor, this exhibition presents a survey of approaches to ceramics that often push the boundaries of one of the world's oldest media. Whether through expansive sculptures, extraterrestrial installations, or fantastical vessels, artists included in the exhibition have developed novel techniques – such as using oven-baked backyard clay covered with house paints, layering slip over glaze to create richly textured and encrusted surfaces, or silk-screening digital imagery onto porcelain. *Earth & Alchemy* examines the depth and range of ceramic practice today – a macrocosm of clay.



Megumi Naitoh. *6/12/2009*, 2009. Screen printed ceramic tiles, earthenware. Courtesy of the artist.

INVITATION

EARTH & ALCHEMY

FEATURING

Yo Akiyama

Susannah

Biondo-Gemmell

Syd Carpenter

Sam Chung

Mark Cooper

Laurent Craste

Bean Finneran

Klara Kristalova

Kate MacDowell

Warren Mather

Naoko Matsumoto '06

J.J. McCracken

Megumi Naitoh '00

Valéria Nascimento

Kamio Ogata

Elizabeth Orleans

Annabeth Rosen

Takayuki Sakiyama

Linda Swanson

Paul Swenbeck '91

Akio Takamori

Xavier Toubes

Eugene Von

Bruenchenhein

Jason Walker

Kurt Weiser

SEPTEMBER 24–NOVEMBER 24, 2012

STEPHEN D. PAINE GALLERY

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PRIVATE RECEPTION AND WALKTHROUGH:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 6:30–8:00PM

PLEASE JOIN EARTH & ALCHEMY ARTISTS MARK COOPER, NAOKO MATSUMOTO, MEGUMI NAITOH, AND JASON WALKER ON A GALLERY WALKTHROUGH OF THEIR WORKS ON VIEW.

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012 TO:

Advancement@MassArt.edu OR 617 879 7022

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE ARTISTS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE GALLERIES: LESLIE FERRIN/FERRIN GALLERY; LUCY LACOSTE/LACOSTE GALLERY; CAMILO ALVAREZ/SAMSON; AND BOBBIE TUNNARD/VESSELS GALLERY.



Naoko Matsumoto. *Coral Teapot IV, V, VI, VII*, 2012. Porcelain, celadon glaze, cone 10 reduction firing. Courtesy of the artist and Vessels Gallery.

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