

## TAKASHI NAKAZATO

(b.1937)

Nakazato is the fifth son of the late Muan Nakazato, who was a National Treasure. He is the thirteenth generation of an unbroken lineage of Karatsu potters. The Nakazato family is the most eminent pottery family in the Karatsu region of Saga Prefecture, a ceramics producing district on Kyusyu Island. After learning the basics of pottery in Kyoto and Saga, Nakazato began working on Tanegashima-yaki (Tanegashima pottery) in 1971 on Tanegashima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture, making use of the island's soil. He has been featured in many exhibitions, shows, workshops and lectures in Japan and Nakazato's pottery has been attracting many ceramic enthusiasts as he travels back and forth between Japan and overseas, creating everything from large-scale works such as pots and bowls to tableware. He is world-renowned for his activity in Denmark, USA, Jamaica and many other countries