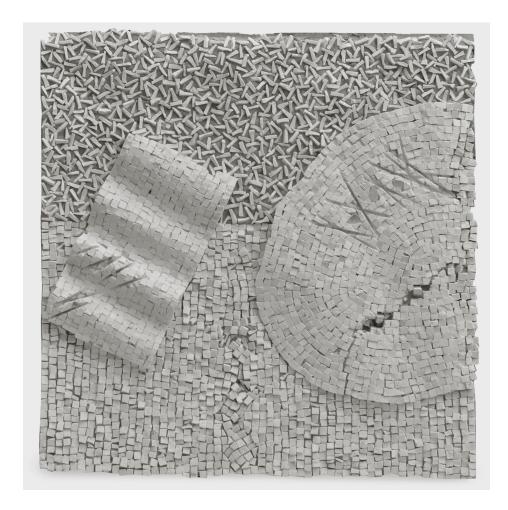
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"A GEOMETRIC DREAM" MOSAIC BY TOYOHARU KII

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In his whimsical mosaic "A Geometric Dream," Toyoharu Kii creates a dialogue between a circle and a rectangle. The shapes engage in a park-like setting, suggested by the orderly arrangement of "bricks" and a lawn of randomly arrayed stones. The circle, with round stones for eyes and a gap for a mouth, speaks through the hatch marks that animate its surface. In response, the square undulates in rhythmic curves and through corresponding slash marks.

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. Continued...

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Using traditional Italian techniques, Kii's art is nonetheless modern. It is monochromatic, abstract, and highly textured and highlights the involved and technical art of mosaic making.