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"CLOUDED VII" MOSAIC BY TOYOHARU KII

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With the series "Clouded," artist Toyoharu Kii honors the fullness of life and its continual rebirth. After birth every being bears the burden of change, like a cloud, on their pure spirit. Expressing his wish for clarity, Kii surrounds the marble figure in Clouded VII with a halo of 14k gold tiles to represent the soothing balm of heaven in the cycle of rebirth.

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 and casts fresh light on the technical art of mosaic making.