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 PYO GALLERY LA

**POETRY OF PAPER
THE EARTH BREATHES - MIND LANDSCAPE**

March 19, 2011 - April 23, 2011

PYO GALLERY, LA, is pleased to present Yoshio Ikezaki's exhibition of washi sculptures; *The Poetry Of Paper; The Earth Breathes - Mind Landscape*. In this solo exhibition, Ikezaki draws inspiration from landscapes and traditional sumi ink paintings to create meditative sculptures. Handmade Japanese mulberry paper, sumi ink, Japanese watercolors, and Nikawa glue are infused with chi energy to activate the crevices with a luminance often seen in sumi paintings. Every mark is fully charged with meaning and stripped of unnecessary details. The end results are lyrical surfaces that celebrate the essence of nature, spirit, and mind.

The exhibition will run March 19 – April 23, 2011. A reception will be held at the gallery on Saturday, March 19 from 6 – 9 pm. In addition, the gallery will host a lecture and demonstration by the artist on April 2 at 11 am.



Earth Breathes - Mind Landscape # 10, 26 x 12 x 5 inches



Earth Breathes - Mind Landscape # 17, 30 x 15 x 4 inches



Earth Breathes - Mind Landscape # 23, 43 x 20 x 9 inches

Yoshio Ikezaki is internationally known both as an artist and as a teacher. His approach toward making art embraces Eastern and Western philosophies and the transformative power of materials. He earned a BA and MFA from Florida State University and then returned to Japan to train with papermaking masters Shigemi and Shigeyuki Matsuo. Currently, Ikezaki teaches papermaking, brush painting, Japanese aesthetics, and philosophy at several universities which include: Art Center College of Design, Otis College of Art & Design, Southern California Institute of Architecture, Tama Art University, and Musashino Art University in Tokyo. Additionally, he has lectured at Cooper Union, Pratt Art Institute and the Parsons School of Design in New York. Ikezaki's work has been included in exhibitions throughout the U.S. and abroad, where it has received numerous awards which include the Holland Paper Biennial in 2004. Yoshio Ikezaki spends his time divided between Los Angeles and Kitakyushu, in southern Japan. This marks the first time he has exhibited with PYO GALLERY LA.

PYO Gallery, LA, is located at 1100 S. HOPE STREET in Los Angeles and is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am. – 6 pm and by special appointment. In 2008, the gallery opened in the South Park sector of Downtown Los Angeles to establish a cultural link between Asia and the US. For 30 years, PYO GALLERY in Seoul has earned a reputation as a pioneer in contemporary art and has built a loyal collector base for its roster of artists. The gallery exhibits the work of local and international contemporary artists. Contact the gallery via email at info@pyogalleryla.com or visit the web site www.pyogalleryla.com

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