

## OF MATTER AND SOUL

Japanese artist, Tadanori Yamaguchi, presents his first solo exhibition "Water" at Puxagallery within the Madrid Gallery Weekend (Apertura 2020). The exhibition which includes fifteen new works created during the months of global confinement runs from September 10th until November 21st.

Tadanori Yamaguchi's gaze is unique and non-transferable, always committed to identity of his roots and to the environment, trying to capture delicate tributes to his homeland where the brief is as overwhelming as immutable. In a difficult historical moment alienated by health and economic crisis, our society is full of anxieties but this honest Japanese artist gives us hope by bringing up the idea of water as the genesis of life, the seed from which everything is born; water as the reflection of things that connect us to earth. Traces, light, erosion, ice, spiral of currents and other immemorial mysteries serve as a pretext here to develop volumes that harmonize superficial complexity and inner serenity. Every solid block, either in stone, marble, wood or aluminum, is worked conscientiously during long workshop sessions, as it also happens with his subtle paintings and papers. The titles of the works (Kaminari, Shonyuseki, Hyoheki, Shonshoku, Uzumaki ...) define a formal language whose physical methodology is the direct result of a process assumed as a reflective and spiritual journey. There is no trace of industrial design or decorative effects, only the purity linked to the *hatsuru*, a dialogue with matter, a true leitmotif of this tenacious dream builder.

During the last fifteen years, Tadanori Yamaguchi (Osaka, 1970) has received important awards and scholarships (Research Grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, AlNorte Grant, Antón Scholarship, Madrid Open Prize, Barjola Scholarship ...) and has collaborated with recognized museums and galleries. His works are included in numerous public and private collections. The artist has participated in several editions of ARCO Madrid and other European Art Fairs. Since last year, Yamaguchi represented by Puxagallery.

## TADANORI YAMAGUCHI: "Water"

From September 10th until November 21st, 2020.

Tuesday thru Friday, 11-14 & 17-19.30 h. Saturday, 11-14 h.

Special hours during Madrid Gallery Weekend:

Opening: Thursday, September 10th, 12-22 h.

Friday, Sept 11th & Saturday, Sept 12th, from 11 to 20 h.

