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What makes an object part of everyday life? JAPAN CRAFT | Art for Living – *Hyakkō* explores contemporary Japanese craft through the people who make it, the materials they work with, and the lives that surround them. Across nearly 2,000 works, discover the diverse ways craft becomes part of how we live.

Spanning clay, glass, wood, leather, metal, and bamboo, the collection brings together works by 123 living makers, craftspeople, and self-taught artisans from across Japan. Rather than focusing on craft as historical tradition, the exhibition considers how objects emerge from the relationship between maker, material, environment, and daily life.

Hyakkō (百工), a term used by curator Nagata Takahiro, describes the countless kinds of people, practices, and objects that make up the world of craft. The term speaks to the diversity of individual makers and methods represented here, where no two works—or paths to making them—are quite the same.

The exhibition also builds on the legacy of *mingei* (folk craft), which emphasized the beauty of ordinary, utilitarian objects. Retaining this appreciation for everyday beauty while placing the individual maker back into the picture, *Hyakkō* reveals contemporary Japanese craft as a living culture—rooted in tradition, shaped by the present, and continually renewed.

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