White and Wisdom: Korean Porcelain

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The Han collection invites you to observe the pure simplicity of the white porcelain of the Joseon Dynasty. Created to reflect a dedication Confucian ideals. The beauty of these pieces comes from their naturalness. Their minimalism conveying a sense of modest wisdom which was so highly respected by the literati of Joseon who used these ceramics both in their everyday lives, and, in their dedication to ritual.



The Korean people have a deep connection to the colour white. Once known as "the white-clad people", due to the white Hanboks that commoners wore, the colour white also held a significant signifier of purity, innocence, peace and patriotism. Even today white is still worn for weddings, new years celebrations and funerals to celebrate the journey to the afterlife.

This exhibition hopes to showcase both the wisdom of Korean ceramic mastery and the symbolic importance of white in Joseon culture.



Lion Cup Support Korea, Joseon, 19th Century, Wing 14cm Body length 11.5cm Height 6.5cm



Chest Water Dropper Korea, Joseon, 19th Century, 11 x 7.7 cm



Diamond Mountain Brush Rest and Water Dropper Korea, Joseon, 19th Century, Length 20cm Height 8.2cm





Moon Jar Korea, Joseon, 18th Century, Height: 35cm Diameter: 33cm

Large Jar Korea, Joseon, Early 19th Century, Height 38 cm



A White Porcelain Faceted Bottle Korea, Joseon, 18th Century, Height: 25cm



A White Porcelain Wine Flask Korea, Joseon, 19th Century – Japanese Private Collection Height: 30cm





A Lacquer Safe Cabinet Inlaid with Shagreen and Tortoiseshell (Inside) Korea, Joseon, 19th Century, Height: 63cm Width: 77cm Depth: 42cm





A Flattened Vase with Soft and Delicate Incised Floral Pattern Korea, Joseon Dynasty (1392-1897), 16th century Height: 20cm

A Vase in Simple White Slip Glaze with Incised Decoration of Flowers and Lines Korea, Joseon dynasty (1392-1897), 16th century Height: 31cm





A White Porcelain lidded bowl Korea, Joseon Dynasty, 19th century (1392-1897). Height 14cm

A white porcelain wine bottle with blue slip chrysanthemum design Karea, Josson Dynasty, 19h (1392-1897) height 28cm



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