

# VESSEL GALLERY

## LONDON



**Tsai & Yoshikawa (United Kingdom -)**

### **Blooming Spark Viola**

'Blooming Spark Viola' is a limited edition sculptural light by the Taiwanese and Japanese artists, Hsiao-Chi Tsai and Kimiya Yoshikawa.

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The artists can also create pieces to commission, please contact the gallery for further information.

### **Artist description:**

London-based artists Hsiao-Chi Tsai (1981, Taiwan) and Kimiya Yoshikawa (1980, Japan) are choreographers of culture, colour, material and expression. They work collaboratively on distinctive art installations and sculptural interventions, exploring classical notions of colour, material, shape and form that are derived from nature. From glass and metal, to neoprene, Jesmonite, Perspex, fibreglass, UV pigments and blacklight, each material is subjected to new techniques. Their unique sensibility to re-examine the characteristics of materials composes a playful rhythm between form and void.

As diverse as the materials and techniques, Tsai & Yoshikawa's inspiration for their artworks range from feathers and flowers, to sea anemone and jellyfish. With scale equally varying, from microscopic details to the giant swirls of galaxies. Their work opens the mind to new possibilities. The celebration of natural organic forms is the characteristic of their work. They present viewers with familiar shapes but simultaneously lead them on a journey of discovering new elements.

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Their works have been exhibited in indoor and outdoor spaces in China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, South Korea, Taiwan, and the UK.

Artist portrait courtesy of the artists.