

Basic Detail Report



Tranquility ()

Date

2019

Medium

Titanium, sapphire, diamond, and pigment

Description

Artist Statement: "Through this titanium sculpture, I wish to express a chan Buddhist realm, the power of

tranquility. The bird stands on a branch quietly, as if integrating itself into earth and sky. This tranquility is a respect of nature, a search of inner soul, inspiring people to seek moment of peace beyond the material world." Titanium, an immensely challenging material due to its high melting point and hardness, is at the heart of Aka Chen's artistic production. Since first researching and fashioning jewelry from titanium in 1994, Aka Chen has been pioneering and marrying traditional metalworking techniques with innovative practices. This includes sculpting at extraordinarily high temperatures and a novel approach to metal treatment—carving the metal underwater with precision tools typically reserved for medical procedures. Once the metal has been shaped, the titanium undergoes an anodization process to unveil a brilliant iridescent sheen. The culmination of this meticulous process is the setting of gemstones on the metal that complement and enhance each other, transforming the pieces into sophisticated, unique artworks.

Dimensions

7 7/8 × 11 13/16 × 9 7/16 in. (20 × 30 × 24 cm)