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COVER:

*Untitled, 1960*

ceramic

3 x 4 x 2 ¾ inches



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Ken Price  
*East Meets West*, 1977  
acrylic on ceramic  
8 ½ x 8 ½ inches

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A survey of small works by the brilliant and innovative artist Ken Price will open at Frank Lloyd Gallery on September 26<sup>th</sup>. With over twenty selected examples of Price's intimate ceramics as well as a handful of prints, the show demonstrates his exquisite attention to scale, color, and sensuality. Since his earliest work in clay, Price pushed the boundaries of the medium with his refined finishes and rich associations, from the primordial and organic to Mexican folk pottery. Price addressed many issues in work that ranged from abstract sculpture to intimate, hand-held cups. By all accounts, Price became known as an artist's artist, forming and meticulously finishing innovative works that helped redefine what it meant to be an artist working with the medium of fired clay.

In mid-September, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art will open a major retrospective on Ken Price (1935-2012). Curator Stephanie Barron describes Price as "unwavering in his approach, he was resolute in his practice while the art world around him was intent on other forms and practices." The New York Times, in an obituary written by Roberta Smith, stated that Price was "...one of the outstanding artists of postwar America."

The Frank Lloyd Gallery show includes several cups, which demonstrate the artist's focus on small scale. A cup is a familiar hand-held object, which connects the tactile with stimulants or sustenance. The intimacy of hand-made folk pottery was also a source for Price, and the current exhibit shows examples of platters and bowls from the period of "Happy's Curios", a mid-1970s series based on Mexican tourist wares.

The value of color in Price's work cannot be underestimated. "For me color carries emotion so I love working with it. It's been a big part of whatever I've been making for over 50 years," stated Price in a recent interview.<sup>i</sup> "When my work is successful, there's an organic fusion between the surface and the color."<sup>ii</sup>

The Frank Lloyd Gallery show will open two weeks after the LACMA retrospective, and is intended to provide a complementary view of Ken Price's work. The gallery is located in Bergamot Station, 2525 Michigan Ave., B5B, Santa Monica, California. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the gallery: (310) 264-3866.

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<sup>i</sup>Ken Price, *Interview*, Scripps College Project sponsored by Getty Research Institute, 2010.

<sup>ii</sup>Ken Price in conversation with Vija Celmins, *Ken Price*, Steidl/mm, New York, pg. 7



Ken Price  
*Untitled Cup*, N.D.  
earthenware  
3 x 5 x 3 ¼ inches



Ken Price  
*Untitled Cup*, N.D.  
earthenware  
3 1/8 x 4 1/4 x 3 1/2 inches



Ken Price  
*Untitled Cup*, N.D.  
ceramic  
3 ½ x 4 x 3 inches





Ken Price  
*Untitled*, 1960  
ceramic  
3 x 4 x 2 ¼ inches



Ken Price  
*Tub Cup*, 1977  
acrylic on ceramic  
5 3/8 x 4 1/2 inches



Ken Price  
*Untitled*, 1989  
glazed ceramic cup  
3 ½ x 4 ½ x 3 ¼ inches



Ken Price  
*Untitled Cup*, N.D.  
earthenware  
3 1/8 x 3 7/8 x 3 inches



Ken Price  
*Untitled Cup*, N.D.  
earthenware  
3  $\frac{3}{8}$  x 4 x 2  $\frac{7}{8}$  inches



Left to Right:

Untitled Cup, N.D.

ceramic

2 x 2 ½ x 1 ⅞ inches;

Untitled Cup, N.D.

ceramic

2 x 2 ½ x 1 ⅞ inches;

Untitled Cup, N.D.

ceramic

2 x 2 ½ x 1 ⅞ inches;

Untitled Cup, N.D.

ceramic

2 x 2 ½ x 1 ⅞ inches;

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Ken Price  
*Untitled Bowl*, 1982  
ceramic  
2 7/8 x 7 x 7 inches





Ken Price  
*Tiki Bowl*, 1977  
acrylic on ceramic  
3 ¼ x 5 ¾ inches



Ken Price  
*Palm Plate*, 1977  
acrylic on ceramic  
11  $\frac{3}{4}$  x 7  $\frac{1}{4}$  x 1 inches



Ken Price  
*Easter Island Plate*, 1977  
acrylic on ceramic  
11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 1 inches



Ken Price  
*Lizard Cup*, 1971  
silkscreen  
30 x 40 inches



Ken Price  
*French Figurine Cup*, 1971  
silkscreen  
40 x 30 inches



Ken Price  
*Kauai Crab Cup*, 1972  
edition 37/60  
lithograph  
24 x 20 inches



Ken Price  
*Untitled*, 1977  
edition CTP  
lithograph  
30 x 22 inches



Ken Price  
*Untitled*, 1977  
edition 8/20  
8-color lithograph  
30 x 22 inches





Ken Price  
*Untitled*, 1977  
edition 16/20  
12-color lithograph  
30 x 22 inches

# Ken Price

1935 Born in Los Angeles, California  
2012 Died February 24 in Taos, New Mexico

## Education

1959 M.F.A. New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University  
1957 Los Angeles County Art Institute  
1956 B.F.A. University of Southern California, Los Angeles

## One Person Exhibitions

2012 *Ken Price Sculpture: A Retrospective*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California (forthcoming), will travel to: the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (2013); and the Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, Texas (2013)  
*Ken Price*, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California  
*Ken Price*, Kayne Griffin Corcoran, Santa Monica, California

2011 Ken Price, "Death Shrine I" from "Happy's Curios," The Harwood Museum of Art, University of New Mexico, Taos, New Mexico

2010 *Ken Price*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York  
*Ken Price: Sculpture and Drawings, Works from the 1960's and 1970's*, Nyehaus and Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York

2008 *Ken Price: Works from the Late '80s*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York  
*Ken Price*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price: Sculpture*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York  
*Prints and Ceramics 1970 - 2005*, Gemini G.E.L., New York

2007 *Ken Price: New Work*, Xavier Hufkens, Brussels, Belgium

2006 *Ken Price: Sculpture and Drawing, 1962 – 2006*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York  
*Otis: Nine Decades of Los Angeles Art*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
*Early Cups and Related Works on Paper*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York

2005 *Ken Price: Selected Works*, Frank Lloyd Gallery, Santa Monica, California  
*Ken Price: Works on Paper*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price: Sculpture from 2004*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price: Small Scale Sculpture*, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico

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- 2004 *Ken Price: Works on Paper*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York  
*Ken Price: Sculpture*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price: Sculpture and Drawings 1994 – 2004*, Chinati Foundation, Marfa, Texas
- 2003 *Ken Price*, Matthew Marks Gallery, New York
- 2002 *Ken Price: New Work*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price*, Rebecca Ibel Gallery, Columbus, Ohio  
*Ken Price: Small Is Beautiful*, University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, California  
*Ken Price: Talking Pictures*, University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, California
- 2001 *Ken Price: New Work*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York  
*Recent Sculpture*, Klein Art Works, Chicago, Illinois  
*Ken Price: New Work*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price: Recent Drawings*, Off Main Gallery, Santa Monica, California
- 2000 *Lumps, Bumps, Eggs and Specimens: Works from the 1960's*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York
- 1999 *Ken Price*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price: Sculptures and Drawings*, James Kelly Contemporary, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 1998 *Ken Price: Sculpture*, Hill Gallery, Birmingham, Michigan  
*Ken Price: Selected Sketches and Drawings of Early Cups and Geometric Sculptures*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York  
*Ken Price: New Work*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York
- 1997 *Ken Price: New Work*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price*, Johnson County Community College Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas  
*Ken Price: Recent Work*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York
- 1996 *Ken Price*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California  
*Ken Price: Geometric Works 1972-1983*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York
- 1995 *Ken Price: A Selected Survey 1960-1995*, Beaver College Art Gallery, Glenside, Pennsylvania
- 1994 *Ken Price: Career Survey*, Franklin Parrasch Gallery, New York  
*Ceramic Sculpture & Drawings*, Harwood Foundation Museum of the University of New Mexico, Taos, New Mexico  
*Recent Sculpture*, L.A. Louver Gallery, Venice, California
- 1992 *Ken Price*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Ken Price*, The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas  
 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
*Ken Price*, Charles Cowles Gallery, New York
- 1991 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1990 Sena West Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 1989 *Ken Price*, The Greenberg Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri,  
 traveled to: the Rena Bransten Gallery, San  
 Francisco, California; and to the Georges Lavrov  
 Gallery, Paris, France
- 1987 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1986 Willard Gallery, New York  
 Fuller Goldeen Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 1985 Willard Gallery, New York  
 Betsy Rosenfield Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1984 *New Ceramics*, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1983 *Ken Price*, Leo Castelli Gallery, New York
- 1982 *Images and Objects: Works by Kenneth Price*, Santa  
 Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California  
 Willard Gallery, New York  
 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1981 *Ken Price: Selections from Happy's Curios*, Contemporary  
 Arts Museum, Houston, Texas
- 1980 *Kenneth Price: Architectural Cups 1972-1974*, Visual Arts  
 Museum, New York  
 Ceramic Sculptures, Texas Gallery, Houston, Texas  
 Betsy Rosenfield Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles
- 1979 *Cups, Plates, and Drawings*, Texas Gallery, Houston,  
 Texas  
 Hansen, Fuller, Goldeen Gallery, San Francisco, California  
 Willard Gallery, New York
- 1978 *Ken Price: Happy's Curios*, Los Angeles County Museum  
 of Art, Los Angeles, California  
 Gallery of Contemporary Art, Taos, New Mexico
- 1976 *Ken Price*, The Greenberg Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri  
 James Corcoran Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1974 Felicity Samuel Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
 Willard Gallery, New York
- 1973 Galerie Neuendorf, Hamburg, Germany  
 Nicholas Wilder Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 1972 Fendrick Gallery, Washington D.C.  
*Ken Price: Interior Series*, Gemini G.E.L., Los Angeles,  
 California
- 1971 David Whitney Gallery, New York, traveled to: Mizuno  
 Gallery, Los Angeles, California

Galerie Neuendorf, Cologne, Germany  
 Galerie Neuendorf, Hamburg, Germany  
 1970 Kasmin Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
*Ken Price: Figurine Cups*, Gemini G.E.L., Los Angeles, California  
 1969 *Kenneth Price Cups*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 Mizuno Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 1968 Kasmin Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
 1964 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 1961 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, California  
 1960 Ferus Gallery, Los Angeles, California

**Public  
Collections**

Albright Knox Gallery, Buffalo, New York  
 Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 American Craft Museum, New York  
 Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
 Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas  
 Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
 Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, California  
 Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas  
 Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado  
 Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York  
 Harwood Museum, Taos, New Mexico  
 Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.  
 J. B. Speed Art Museum, Louisville, Kentucky  
 Lannan Foundation, Los Angeles, California  
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, California  
 Menil Collection, Houston, Texas  
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
 Minneapolis Institute of the Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
 Mint Museum, Charlotte, North Carolina  
 Museum of Arts and Design, New York  
 Museum of Ceramic Art, Alfred University, New York  
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, California  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas  
 Museum of Modern Art, New York  
 Museum Overholland, Nieuwersluis, Netherlands  
 Museum voor Hedendaagse Kunst, Hertogenbosch, Netherlands  
 National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.  
 National Gallery of Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Australia  
 Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri  
 Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, California  
 Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
 Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC  
 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island  
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, California

Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, California  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington  
St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England  
Walker Arts Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts