

**ARTIST:** Aklekoyen



## **SOBRE SU TRABAJO**

Taller AKLEKOYEN is an art studio created by the reunion of Beatriz Cabezas (Montevideo, 1953) and Julio César Zalazar (Bs. Aires, 1949). Their home and workshop, where they've been working together for the last 20 years, is situated in Las Toscas, 50 kilometers east from the city of Montevideo, Uruguay. Their work involves investigation applied to the design of ceramic pieces of different kinds. First, wood fired pieces were combined with pine roots and natural fibres. Later on, iron was included in Raku pieces, and new techniques had to be developed to solder iron to ceramics. Then, also glass was added to these designs, opening new aesthetic alternatives. Taller AKLEKOYEN has taken part of many exhibitions in Uruguay, Argentina, USA, Spain, and has also been distinguished with several art awards. As a consequence of one of these awards, AKLEKOYEN has represented Uruguay at the "Feria Iberoamericana de Artesanía" in Tenerife, Spain, in September 2000. One of their sculptural teapots has been selected by the Shanghai Museum to take part of their collection, and many of AKLEKOYEN pieces belong to private collections around the world. One of their pieces, a ceramic sculpture with glass and iron named "El barco" has been recently awarded with an Honorable Mention at the 2013 National Craft Awards of Uruguay.

