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Bottega Veneta exquisite boxes with artist Nancy Lorenz

For Bottega Veneta's third collection of exquisite boxes, the luxury collaborates with renowned artist Nancy Lorenz. The extraordinary set of 25 leather and suede boxes, entitled "Skies and Beyond," follows the "Lunar Landscapes" collection (2003) and the "Botanical" collection (2002). From April 2, 2013, "Skies and Beyond" will be available for collectors to purchase by calling a Bottega Veneta personal shopper. The numbered one-of-a-kind boxes will then be unveiled the following week during Salone del Mobile in Milan, at a special exhibition held in the Bottega Veneta boutique.

Nancy Lorenz is an accomplished artist who combines a deep understanding of Post-War abstraction with a reverence for the craft and materials of traditional Asian art.

She lived in Tokyo for five years, where she absorbed the idea that luxurious materials, such as mother-of-pearl inlay, lacquer, and gold leaf, can be used in a painterly way. Her work blurs the distinction between fine and decorative art. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the Tyler School of Art, Lorenz was awarded the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship in 1998, and participated in the Cill Rialaig artist in residence program in Ireland every other year since 2008. Her work is featured in numerous public and private collections and she has presented solo exhibitions around the world. The artist lives and works in New York City.

Bottega Veneta's collaboration with Nancy Lorenz is a natural extension of a longstanding house tradition: the combining of masterful craftsmanship with an artist's exceptional work. These boxes, like everything produced by Bottega Veneta, are unique, beautiful, and marvelously eccentric. They are singular pieces of art as well as functional objects that can be used to hold letters, photos, jewelry—the small treasures you want close at hand. Above all, each one-of-a-kind box is a precise and dazzling lesson in the transformational power of artistry. The boxes measure 28x20x10.5 centimeters with lid, and are constructed of wood sheathed in crafted leather or suede. Each lid is a remarkable tour de force, some of which are intricately inlaid with mother of pearl, meticulously worked layer by layer, allowing for cracks and incidental marks of various rare materials to intentionally emerge, and finished to a solid, brilliant surface. The materials used to create "Skies and Beyond" include silver, white gold, blackened silver, palladium, caplain and moon gold leaf, among others. The results are luminous, mysteriously beautiful, and irresistibly tactile.

"I've always followed Nancy Lorenz's work and felt the time was right for us to introduce this long awaited third collection," says Creative Director Tomas Maier, "I appreciate her refined technique, textural work and overall artistic sensibility, and am delighted to work with her again on this unique project."

The boxes are available for purchase through our personal shopper. email: skiesandbeyond@it.bottegaveneta.com