

Kusama-Inspired Cocktail

Our cocktail collaboration began with seeing photos and videos of Yayoi Kusama's *LIGHT OF LIFE*. We wanted to capture the enigmatic hue the light creates while homing in on the idea of looking into infinity. We riffed on the classic Aviation cocktail by adding sake for a bright lychee flavor and as a nod to the artist's Japanese heritage. The Luxardo cherry garnish recalls the polkadot motif in Kusama's *Repetitive Vision* installation at The Mattress Factory in Pittsburgh in the '90s, my first exposure to her work.—Neal Benefield, General Manager, and Connor Gunipero, Bar Manager, Hawthorne and Wood, Chapel Hill

Perception of Translucency

2 ounces Beefeater gin

3/4 ounce Ryujin Kakushi Ginjo "Dragon God" sake

3/4 ounce fresh lemon juice

1/2 ounce Luxardo Maraschino liqueur

1/4 ounce crème de violette

Shake over ice and strain into a chilled martini glass. Garnish with one Luxardo cherry.