

As the Latest Addition to Artist Editions® Line From Kohler, the 18.02 Combines Unusual Form with Exceptional Function

Named for the molecular weight of water, the sink was designed by ground-breaking artist Janet Echelman

KOHLER, Wis. – February 8, 2022 – Kohler Co. has partnered with celebrated artist Janet Echelman to create a new member of the Artist Editions family of sinks: 18.02. Echelman, whose buoyant aerial sculptures have elevated urban environments around the world, was inspired by the fundamental structure of water in designing the 18.02 and chose the name to represent the two hydrogen electrons and eight oxygen electrons that make up a water molecule.

The sink itself has an ebullient, sculptural beauty that is endemic of Echelman’s oeuvre. Starting with its asymmetrical oval basin, the 18.02 has a graceful, slender quality that was achieved through the use of Kohler’s innovative Supramic technology, which allows for superior strength and razor-thin edge profiles. Within the white basin, Echelman created a fluid pattern of thin intersecting metallic lines that shift with the light from champagne golds to soft silvers.

“What I love most is that each time you use it, it combines the literal truth inherent inside each water molecule with the sound and flow of actual water cascading into the basin,” says Echelman.



Echelman is an alumna of Kohler’s renowned Arts/Industry residency, which provides artists with the unique opportunity to explore their craft through the use of industrial materials and techniques within the Kohler factory setting. In the ensuing years, Echelman has created airy sculptures out of unusual materials, such as monofilament nylon or woven fabrics, that respond to the forces of nature. Her work was ranked #1 by Oprah Winfrey on her list of “50 Things That Make You Say Wow!” and she has been the recipient of *Smithsonian* magazine’s “American Ingenuity Award,” and was awarded

fellowships with the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Harvard University and United States Artists.

18.02 is part of the Veil line of Vessels and coordinates beautifully with other products in the collection, as well as a wide variety of faucet and accessories. The 18.02 does not have faucet holes and must be paired with a wall- or counter-mount faucet.

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