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The Japanese tea ceremony is a ritualistic practice commonly called *Chanoyu*, meaning “hot water for tea.” What began in the Muromachi Period (1336-1573) has evolved over time to become a special experience between the tea master and their guests. It takes many years to learn this time-honored ritual, as tea masters study the complex choreography and order specific to the ceremony. The ceramic vessels used in a tea ceremony—*hanaire*, *chawan*, *mizusashi*, *chaire* (tea caddies), and *kashiki*—are valued for their functionality and beauty.

Takatori ware, originally mandated by the warlords of Fukuoka Prefecture and well known to practitioners of the tea ceremony today, has been produced by the Kamei Family for fifteen generations. An aesthetic philosophy of *kirei-sabi*, which translates as “elegant simplicity,” has defined their work. Embracing the past but with a modern approach, Miraku Kamei XV maintains an age-old tradition in a contemporary setting, effortlessly producing ceramics with subtlety and finesse. He honors his family tradition of shape, weight, and glazed surfaces, pays tribute to the Japanese aesthetic of restraint, harmony, and balance, and enhances the beauty of the tea ceremony with his elegant forms and designs.

—PAIGE VAAL
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Flower vase (hanaire), gourd form
Takatori glaze
11.5 x 3.5 x 3.5"
XVI58

COVER IMAGES:
MIRAKU KAMEI XV

Upper left:
Tea bowl (chawan)
Old Takatori style
3 x 4.75 x 4.75"
XVI65

Upper center:
Tea bowl (chawan), seam decoration
Kakewake glaze
3 x 4.5 x 4.5"
XVI59

Upper right:
Tea bowl (chawan)
Old Takatori style
2.75 x 5 x 5"
XVI64

Lower left:
Tea bowl (chawan), shippo design openwork foot
Takatori glaze
3.25 x 5 x 5"
XVI63

Lower center:
Tea bowl (chawan)
“Golden flower” (kinka) glaze
3 x 4.75 x 4.75"
XVI61

Lower right:
Tea bowl (chawan), shippo design openwork
Takatori glaze
3 x 5 x 5"
XVI60

ALL WORKS ARE STONEWARE.



Sweets tray (kashiki)
Green glaze and stamped decoration
2.25 x 9.75 x 9.75"
XVI39



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid, sendanmaki incising
7.5 x 6.5 x 5.5"
XVI50



Tea bowl (chawan)
Old Takatori style
2.75 x 5.5 x 5.5"
XVI62



Sweets tray (kashiki)

Black glaze
3 x 9.5 x 9.5"
XVI40

MIRAKU KAMEI XV



Miraku Kamei XV was born Masahisa Kamei in 1960, the eldest son of Miraku Kamei XIV, master potter of Takatori ware. He completed his university degree in Ceramics at Kyoto Saga University of Arts and took the title of the fifteenth generation in 2001. Mr. Kamei has been carrying on the tradition of Takatori ware for more than thirty years. In addition to exhibiting and promoting Takatori ware around Japan, he is an active teacher, training students in ceramics at a number of institutions around his home city of Fukuoka. He is also president of the Fukuoka/Hakata branch of the Japan Ceramics Association and a member of numerous arts organizations. In 2016, Kamei received the award of Contemporary Master Craftsman, designated to a craftsman with excellent skills from Fukuoka, Japan.



Vase
Dyed glaze
13 x 6 x 6"
XVI35



Vase
Dyed glaze
11.5 x 6 x 6"
XVI34



Flower vase (hanaire), turnip form with ginkgo leaf handles
 Takatori glaze
 9.5 x 4.5 x 4.5"
 XV157



Water container (mizusashi) with stoneware lid, cylindrical handles, and shippo design openwork
 6 x 7 x 6"
 XV52



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid, gourd form
 7.25 x 6.25 x 6.25"
 XV153



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid, shippo design handles
 7.5 x 6.25 x 6"
 XV151



Flower vase (hanaire), with fish handles
 Takatori ame glaze
 10.5 x 3.75 x 3.75"
 XVI54



Flower vase (hanaire), shippo design open work with shippo handles
 White glaze
 10 x 3.5 x 3.5"
 XVI55



Turpon shell water container (sazae mizusashi), with stoneware lid
 5.25 x 10 x 7.75"
 XVI56



Incense burner (koro), helmet form

Ame glaze
6.5 x 5.25 x 5.25"
XVI49



Incense burner (koro), helmet form with golden flower pattern

6 x 5 x 5"
XVI48



Tea bowl (chawan)

Ame glaze
3 x 4.5 x 4.5"
XV56



Tea bowl (chawan)

Yellow glaze
3 x 4.5 x 4.5"
XV74



Tea bowl (chawan)
 Black tenmoku glaze
 3 x 5.25 x 5.25"
 XVI43

Tea bowl (chawan)
 Black tenmoku and yellow glaze
 2.75 x 5.25 x 5.25"
 XVI45



Water container (mizusashi), fan-shape form with lacquer lid

Kakewake glaze

6 x 8.5 x 5.5"

XVI67



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid, cloud form

Kakewake glaze

6 x 8.5 x 8.5"

XVI73

With wooden box



Tea bowl (chawan), butterfly decoration
3 x 5 x 5"
XVI41

Tea bowl (chawan)
Black tenmoku and white glaze
3 x 5.25 x 5.25"
XVI46



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid, altered form and cylindrical handles
 Kakewake glaze
 6.5 x 7 x 5.5"
 XV171



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid, altered form and cylindrical handles
 Kakewake glaze
 6.5 x 7.5 x 7.5"
 XV170



Vase
Kakewake and white glazes
11 x 6 x 6"
XVI74



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid, cylinder form and cylindrical handles
Kakewake glaze
6.5 x 7.5 x 7.5"
XVI69



Water container (mizusashi) with ceramic lid and cylindrical handles
 Kakewake glaze
 5.5 x 7 x 7"
 XVI72
 With wooden box



Water container (mizusashi) with ceramic lid and ginkgo leaf handles
 Kakewake glaze
 7.5 x 7 x 7"
 XVI68

HISAAKI KAMEI

Son of Miraku Kamei XV



Flower vase (hanaire), turnip form
 11 x 5 x 5"
 HK12



Flower vase (hanaire), turnip form
 Takatori glaze
 10 x 4.75 x 4.75"
 HK11



Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid

Takatori glaze
6.5 x 6.75 x 6.75"
HK14



Tea bowl (chawan)

Takatori glaze
3.25 x 5.5 x 5.5"
HK17



Tea bowl (chawan)

Takatori glaze
3.5 x 5 x 5"
HK20



Narrow mouth pot (tsubo)

Takatori glaze

11 x 5.5 x 5.5"

HK13



Tea bowl (chawan) with seam
 3 x 4.75 x 4.75"
 HK16



Tea bowl (chawan)
 Takatori glaze
 2.5 x 4.5 x 4.5"
 HK18



Tea bowl (chawan), tube shape
 3.5 x 4 x 4"
 HK19



Tea bowl (chawan)
 Takatori yellow glaze
 3.75 x 5 x 5"
 HK21

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DATES:

8 September 2018 through 7 October 2018

OPENING RECEPTION:

22 September 2018 — 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

The public is invited to attend. The artist will be present.



HISAAKI KAMEI
Water container (mizusashi) with lacquer lid
Takatori glaze
5 x 8 x 8"
HK15



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