

THE CONRAN SHOP

AWARD WINNING CERAMACIST, KAORI TATEBAYASHI

EXHIBITS AT CONRAN SHOP



03 March 2011: The Conran Shop will be exhibiting the work of Kaori Tatebayashi from 28 March – 28 April 2011 at its Chelsea store as part of the 12 month, 'Handcrafted in Britain' exhibition featuring a different maker each month. Prices range from £24.00 for small bowls to £1,450 for stoneware sculptures in the shape of black men's shirts with each drape and fold beautifully depicted.

Background to Kaori Tatebayashi: Born in Arita, a small village in Japan renowned for its fine porcelain, Kaori Tatebayashi grew up in a family who traded in pottery. She studied ceramics at Kyoto City University of Art for a Bachelors and Masters in ceramics during 1991-97. During the initial year of her Masters degree she became London's Scholarship ceramic student at the Royal College of Art, and in 1999 participated in Japan's 6th Ceramic Biennale. In 2006, Kaori won the Crafts Council Development Award and set up her workshop at 401¼ Studios in Wandsworth, London. She has widely exhibited throughout the UK and Japan and her exhibitions include, two years at Chelsea's Craft Fair - winning the Design for Scandinavian Award in 2004, three years at Origin, London (2006-08) and has exhibited for two years at Ceramic Art, London (2005 & 07).

"My design is greatly influenced by natural shapes and forms. For example, the edges of KUMO series resemble mountain ridges, and the pattern of KAGE plate, named after the Japanese word shadow was inspired by the silhouette of a plant.

"The simple ceramic forms are created by a special moulding technique which gives each piece a unique character. I would like my work to be fresh and innovative but comfortable to use at the same time. I hope my tableware gives you a quiet, sensual treat." Kaori Tatebayashi.

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