

Matsubayashi Hosai XVI

Biography

Born in 1980.

Lives & works in Uji, Kyoto Prefecture

He was born as the eldest son of Matsubayashi Hosai, the fifteenth generation potter of Asahi ware with 400 years of history. Under the tutelage of his father, he learned the art of pottery, and began his career as a ceramic artist at the age of 25.

He mainly produces tea ceremony utensils, and has held solo shows (exhibitions) throughout Japan. He has also presented his work overseas. He is also actively involved in activities to introduce Japanese tea culture to people overseas.

Based on the technique of traditional Asahi ware, he aims at the harmony of the ancient aesthetic sense of tea ceremony and modern sensibility. In addition to his own activities as an artist, he is also working on new projects as an asahibiyaki workshop, and participates in a project called “go-on” which aims to promote traditional crafts to the world. He collaborates with designers and produces new tea utensils.

Selected Exhibition

- 2020 Matsubayashi Hosai XVI & Trevor Shimizu, Nonaka-Hill, Los Angeles
Solo Exhibition, Takashimaya Art Gallery in Nihonbashi, Tokyo
Collaborative exhibition of Kimono and Tea Bowl with Nishijin-ori Master Masataka Hosoo
- 2019 Tea ceremony exhibition at hotel koe with Shun Kawakami
Participation in the Hong Kong government-sponsored Succession Exhibition, Hong Kong
- 2018 Solo exhibition in Takashimaya Osaka, Yonago, Okayama and Yokohama
Shokunin:Five Kyoto Artisans Look to the Future in Portland Japanese Garden
- 2017 Solo exhibition in Mitsukoshi Nihonbashi and Takashimaya Kyoto
- 2016 Succeeded the name of Hosai XVI
Princess Takamado presented her own calligraphy for Asahi seal to Hosai XVI
- 2015 Tea ceremony and small exhibition in Guimet Museum, Paris
Art in residence at St.Ives,England
- 2014 Solo exhibition in Takashimaya Kyoto
- 2010 Solo exhibition in Takashimaya Kyoto
- 2005 Start making own works in Asahiyaki
- 2003 Work in logistic company

Public collection

National Museum Cardiff

Education

- 2003 Doshisha University
Bachelor of Law, Department of Politics