



Kaori Tatebayashi, German Iris, 2020, Ceramic Stoneware.

Kaori Tatebayashi (b. 1972) is a Japanese ceramicist, living and working in London for the last 20 years. While studying ceramics in Kyoto and London, Kaori explored what new possibilities clay could have and what this familiar material meant to her own identity. Its paradoxical nature was fascinating, simultaneously having a sense of fragility and permanence.

Working in hand formed white stoneware, she produces portraits of flowers and plants with amazing precision, not only describing how they look, but also how they feel. The result is an experience which comes very close to nature. Modelling directly from flowers and plants in season, Kaori creates three-dimensional sculptures in which she aims 'to capture time and preserve it within the clay.' The fired ceramics encapsulate the fragility of nature's cycle, preserving the fleeting moments of a plants life.

*'Whatever you make with soft and malleable clay, the firing will result in irreversible changes. Clay will end its organic life, and what remains after the firing is like a lifeless 'shell'. It becomes strong and durable, but at the same time it can be destroyed in an instant when dropped.'*

Born in Arita, the home of Imari porcelain in Japan, Kaori grew up in a family trading pottery and was surrounded by beautiful ceramics since her childhood. She studied ceramics at Kyoto City University of Art and at The Royal College of Art. She has exhibited internationally, received awards from the Crafts Council, and carried out a commission for the British Museum's Grenville Room in 2009.

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**Solo Exhibitions**

- 2024 *Still Life*, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK  
*BYOKA*, Gallery Kasper, Hayama, Japan
- 2021 *The Walled Garden*, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK  
*A to Z*, IDÉE Jiyugaoka, Tokyo, Japan
- 2020 *Feast*, MARCH, San Francisco, USA
- 2017 *Preserving Time*, Flow Gallery, London, UK
- 2002 Solo Exhibition, SEA Gallery, Farringdon, London, UK
- 2000 Solo Exhibition, Gallery Art Space, Tokyo, Japan
- 1995 Solo Exhibition, Gallery Gallery, Kyoto, Japan

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**Group Exhibitions**

- 2024 *New Works*, Maya Frodeman Gallery, Wyoming, USA  
*Flora, Fauna & Feasting: Rockingham Pottery Meets Contemporary Craft*,  
Wentworth Woodouse, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, UK
- 2023 *Paper*, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 *Future Heritage*, Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, London, UK  
*The Conference of the Birds*, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK  
*Spring Flower Specimens*, Masterpiece, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK
- 2021 *Constance Spry and the Fashion for Flowers*, Garden Museum, London UK  
*Cracked*, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK  
*Spring Flower Specimens*, Masterpiece, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK
- 2019 *Botanica*, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK  
*A Natural Selection*, Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh, UK  
*Collect*, Joanna Bird Contemporary Collections, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2018 *Future Heritage*, Decorex International, London, UK  
*Collect*, Joanna Bird Contemporary Collections, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *A Landscape of Objects*, Forde Abbey and Garden, Flow Gallery, Somerset, UK  
*Material: Earth*, Messums Whiltshire Curated by Joanna Bird, Whiltshire, UK
- 2014 *Highlights Internationale Kunstmesse*, Bernheimer gallery, Munich, Germany  
*Shortlist Columbia Threadneedle*, Prize Mall Gallery, London, UK
- 2012 *Utensil*, National Craft Gallery, Kilkenny Arts Festival, Ireland  
*Santorini Biennale of Arts*, Santorini, Greece
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- 2011 *Handcrafted in Britain*, The Conran shop, London, UK
- 2009 *Fusion Installation*, Rochester Art Gallery, Kent, UK  
*Zimmer Stewart Gallery*, West Sussex, UK
- 2008 *Curiouser and Curiouser*, New Ashgate Gallery, Surrey, UK  
*Objects*, Zimmer Stewart Gallery, West Sussex, UK  
*Art Space*, Barn Galleries, Henley-on Thames, UK  
*Fantasia*, Craft2eu, Hamburg, Germany  
*FORM Olympia*, London, UK
- 2006 *KATACHI*, The Hub, Lincolnshire, UK  
*KATACHI*, Flow Gallery, London, UK
- 2005 *Texture*, Stephanie Hoppen Gallery, London, UK
- 2004 *Pond Gallery*, London, UK  
*Orleans Gallery*, Surrey, UK
- 2002 *Gallery Jin*, Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 *6th Ceramic Biennale '99*, Nagoya Mitsukoshi, Japan
- 1998 *Gallery Shijyo*, Kyoto, Japan
- 1995 *Solo Exhibition*, Gallery Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
- 1993 *Gallery Preview*, Kyoto, Japan

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- Awards & Commissions** 2009 *Commissions for the Grenville Room*, British Museum, London, UK
- 2006 *Grand Design Magazine Best In Show At Origin Development Award*, Crafts Council
- 2004 *Design For Scandinavia Award*, Chelsea Craft Fair

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- Teaching & Residencies** 2025 *Dean Manor Residency*, Dean, UK  
*Artist in residence, The Church, Sag Harbour, New York, USA*
- 2024 *Artist in residence*, Dean Manor, Oxfordshire, UK
- 2018 *West Dean College Short course tuition*
- 2017 *Artist in residence*, Forde Abbey House and Gardens, Somerset UK
- 2014 *Short course tutor*, West Dean College, UK
- 2007 *Workshop*, University Kassel, Germany
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- 2006 Workshop, Hub centre, Lincolnshire, UK
  - 2003 Part-time tutor, Westminster Adult Education Service, UK
  - 2002 Part time tutor /Artist in residence, Clapham Pottery Workshop, UK
  - 2001 Artist in residence, Westminster Adult Education Service, UK
  - 1999 Part time tutor, Gallery Okura Workshop, Tokyo, Japan
  - 1997 Full time tutor, Mejiro Tougei Club, Japan

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## Art Fairs

- 2025 PAD London, Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK  
Aspen Art Fair, Tristan Hoare Gallery, Aspen, USA
- 2024 PAD London Tristan Hoare Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 Collect, Joanna Bird Contemporary Collections, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
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- 2013 Ceramic Art London, London, UK
- 2009 Collect Contemporary Ceramics, Saatchi Gallery, London, UK  
Ceramic Art, London Royal College of Art, London, UK
- 2008 Affordable Art Fair, London, UK
- 2007 Affordable Art Fair, London, UK  
Ceramic Art London, Royal College of Art, London, UK  
London Art Fair, Five Square Fine Art, London, UK
- 2006 Affordable Art Fair, Battersea park, London, UK
- 2005 Ceramic Art London, Royal College of Art, London, UK
- 2003 Ceramic Art London, London, UK