

# JAPAN FORM

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**TOBIMATSU TOKI, the Japanese porcelain lamp,  
lights up for the first time in Europe  
in collaboration with Gärsnäs**

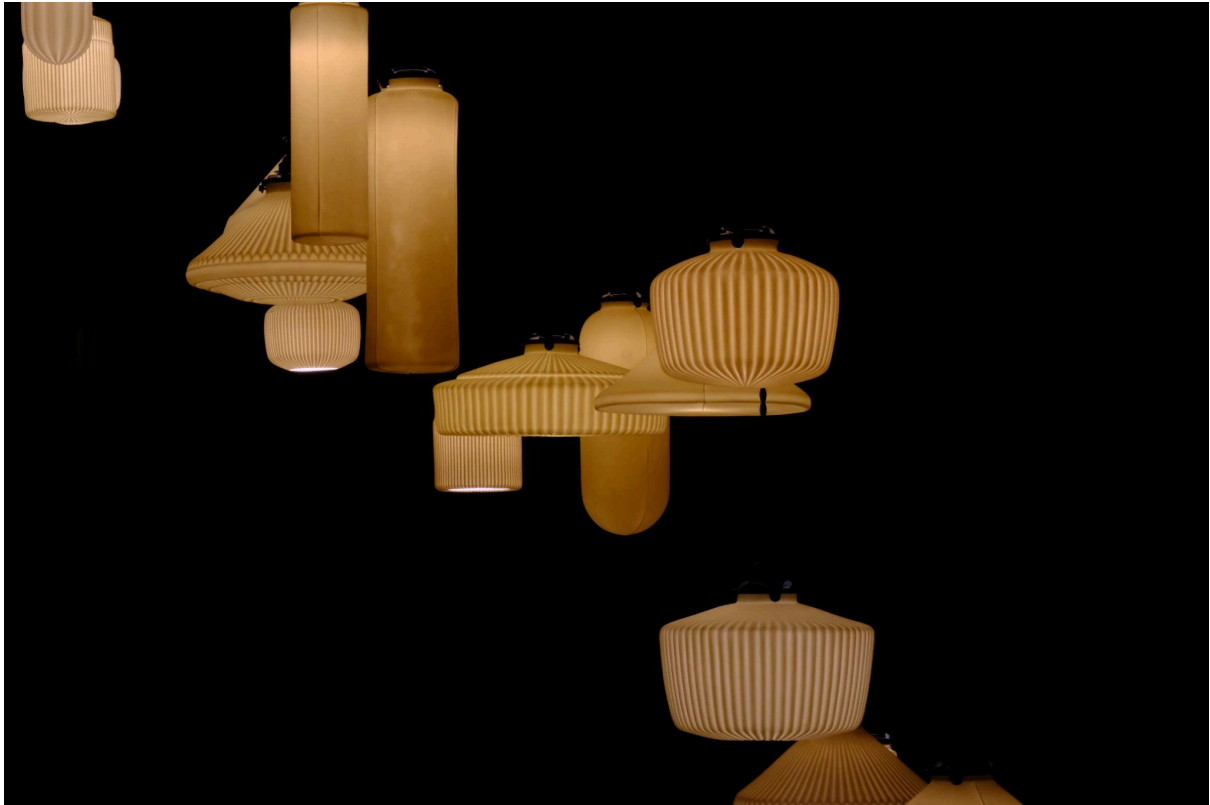


During Stockholm Design Week JAPAN FORM presents, for the first time in Europe, the works of Japanese porcelain artist Hirotaka Tobimatsu at the House of Gärsnäs, in collaboration with Gärsnäs furniture.

Tobimatsu has established a distinctive style and body of work in porcelain lighting, gaining significant attention as one of today's noteworthy artists in Japan. Working in a small studio in Tokyo, he uses techniques of casting and moulding, and through enhancing the translucent properties of porcelain, he has developed lampshades that emit a unique and delicate light. Inspired by the "milk glass lamps" that were widely used in Japan in the early 20th century, Tobimatsu seeks to honour cultural values while exploring suitable lighting solutions for modern living.

Hironori Tsukue, founder of JAPAN FORM, says "Originally from Asia, porcelain spread to Western countries as a luxury product. Here so-called milk glass came to be used as a substitute for the expensive white porcelain, and in the early 20th century, milk glass lampshades became popular in Japan too. It is this tradition that Tobimatsu brilliantly reinvents in his porcelain lampshades. Impressed by how his work and designs transcends eras and continents, I feel an urge to share them more widely, and I am truly honoured to be able to showcase these examples of fine Japanese craftsmanship in the historic

architectural space of House of Gärsnäs, alongside the Gärsnäs designs that I greatly admire.”



During the exhibition, more than 30 models will be featured for the first time in Europe. Experience their unique forms, textures and delicate play of light firsthand at the House of Gärsnäs.

5th - 11th february, 2024 **during Stockholm Design Week**

Måndag – fredag 9.00 – 18.00

Lördag 9.00 –17.00

Söndag 11.00–16.00

House of Gärsnäs showroom

Svensksundsvägen 17 Skeppsholmen, 111 49 Stockholm

#### ● **About Hirotaka TOBIMATSU**

Hirotaka Tobimatsu was born in Saga prefecture in southern Japan in 1980. Having graduated from the ceramics programme at Tama Art University, he worked as an assistant to distinguished porcelain artists such as Machiko Ogawa and Takehiko Higuchi. After setting up on his own, Tobimatsu began researching different casting techniques and is now focusing his activities on producing cast porcelain under the brand name “TOBIMATSU TOKI”(Tobimatsu Lamp). His designs include four different series of lamp shades, including the “odd line” series in which the finished pieces still feature the burrs formed by the plaster moulds, as a reminiscence of the casting process which is so central to his work. Tobimatsu's lamps have been shown in galleries all over Japan, winning praise for their beauty and delicacy.

- **About Japan Form**

JAPAN FORM was founded in 2023 by Hironori Tsukue, an interior designer and photographer who has lived in Sweden for 30 years. This experience has given him fresh perspectives on Japan and its culture, and has led him to want to introduce a modern Japanese aesthetic and craftsmanship to people in Sweden and around the world.

JAPAN FORM is the exclusive Nordic distributor of the products of Tobimatsu. Each work is meticulously handcrafted and made to order. Please visit the website for more details.

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