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**THE BEAUTY  
OF BIZEN**

JAPANESE MASTER ARTISAN HITOSHI MORIMOTO  
MODERNIZES THE ANCIENT CRAFT OF BIZEN,  
USING WOOD FIRING TO TRANSFORM PRECIOUS  
CLAY INTO EXTRAORDINARY CERAMICS.

**HITOSHI  
MORIMOTO**  
*BIZEN, OKAYAMA, JAPAN*

The artist creates his unglazed works in the Bizen traditions, which was developed over 900 years ago in the Bizen province using raw local clay. The color and "glaze" of his profoundly simple pieces are the result of long, super-hot firings that create extremely hard and durable ceramics.

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**ART OF BIZEN**

In a 40-year-old, semi-underground, three room nokorigama kiln built by his ceramicist father, Morimoto fires his work continuously, non-stop, day and night, from various angles. Working in this time-honored process, Morimoto creates artistry from the earth and carries this ancient craft into the future.

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**DISPATCH FROM JAPAN**  
*IN THE STUDIO WITH HITOSHI MORIMOTO*



RW Guild co-founders Robin Standerfer and Stephen Alesch recently traveled to Japan, enjoying its beauty and meeting with RW Guild community artisans including Hitoshi Morimoto, bringing the work of these incredible creators to RW Guild.

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