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*THE WORLD BETWEEN TWO HANDS:
THE TEABOWLS OF AJIKI HIRO*

MAY 6 – JUNE 28, 2013

NEW YORK - Joan B. Mirviss LTD is honored to present an exhibition of over forty works by master teabowl artist Ajiki Hiro (b. 1948). This exhibition is Ajiki's first solo exhibition in the United States and at Joan B Mirviss LTD.

For the last twenty-five years, Ajiki Hiro has focused exclusively on teabowls with great success. As an artist, he views the tea ceremony as an intimate form of communication and a spiritual experience. The teabowl is functional as well as a work of art: it embodies Ajiki's energy and personality, and the viewer must select the work that mirrors his own values. "The small space embraced by your palms become a mirror to reflect" on yourself

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and the world, the teabowl an implement for meditation.

Ajiki's early education in oil painting has a strong influence on his work, and is evident in his sensitivity to color and design. He is unique in his vast range of shapes and styles, although it is his use of salt-glazes that set him apart. Ajiki's artistic achievements are exemplified in his *basara* series, which has received great acclaim; his work is opulent and lavish, yet refined as shown in the richly colored checkerboard patterns on his faceted teabowls.

In 1987, Ajiki won the prestigious Grand Prize at the Modern Tea Forms Exhibition of the Tanabe Museum of Art for a *basara* teabowl, which was later acquired by Metropolitan Museum of Art. His works can be found in the numerous public and private collections in Japan and internationally.

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Monday – Friday 11 – 6 pm

and by appointment

About JOAN B MIRVISS LTD

Joan B. Mirviss is the leading Western dealer in the field of modern and contemporary Japanese ceramics, and from her gallery on Madison Avenue, **JOAN B. MIRVISS LTD** exclusively represents the top Japanese clay artists. As a widely published and highly respected specialist in her field for over thirty-five years, Mirviss has advised and built collections for many museums, major private collectors, and corporations.

Joan B. Mirviss LTD is located at 39 East 78th Street in New York and is open Monday through Friday 11am-6pm and by appointment.

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