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**BEACH HOUSE**

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# GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

By: Gina Samarotto

**I**mpossibly thin, fabulously rich, and steeped in style. Such a description cannot help but flatter and draw attention. Though in this case the subject of such accolades is not a mysteriously striking woman. Rather, that lauding is directed towards a decidedly inanimate but equally beguiling subject – an enviable collection of elegant china created by the renown, German based, Sieger Design.

Adding to an already expansive portfolio that includes everything from couture menswear to their inimitable line of bathroom fixtures for Dornbracht, Christian & Michael Sieger have unveiled My China!, a collection of tableware offerings created for Furstenberg.

From boldly geometric to gleaming and gilded, each collection in the line captures a different mood and style, while at the same time seamlessly working in infinite combinations that allow for the creation of utterly personal, completely distinctive tablescapes. From the architecturally inspired look of Ca'd'Oro, named for the Venetian palace that inspired the patterns to the far Eastern, exotic appeal of the Emperor's Garden collection, My China! tableware is a jubilant symphony of clean lines and enticing shapes. Often touched with precious metals to create a tastefully classic yet refreshingly modern selection, the lines include stunners like straight edged bowls that mimic the look of fanciful hatboxes, columnar espresso cups that demand attention, and sinuous tasting spoons that let even the most humble of home cooks feel like an Iron Chef.

“The My China! collection is designed to be multi-functional,” explains

Christian Sieger. “On their own or in combination with each other, the pieces work to suit your table, your needs or simply your mood.”

Like everything the Siegers design, the concept for My China! was brought to life at Harkotten Castle. Tucked away in the Munsterland region of Germany, Harkotten is truly the stuff from which fairytales are made. Replete with moat and a sprawling sculpture park, it's not difficult to see how Harkotten Castle would readily lend its charm to serve as design inspiration. Originally built in the 18th century as a hunting lodge for the Baron von Ketteler, Harkotten was restored in 1988 by Dieter Sieger and served - for a while - as the family home as well as the headquarters for Sieger Design. Before long though, the business overtook the 2,000 square-meters afforded by castle and the family took residences elsewhere in order to dedicate the space entirely to the firm's design endeavors. It is here that Sieger created pieces that are, as Christian Sieger will attest, “Not simply dinnerware elements.” “There is an extreme level of individuality to these pieces. They are design pieces I love, things I love to use, to give as gifts, to enjoy.”

It can be argued that even those among us who are less than gifted in the kitchen can be superstars in the dining room when the table is dressed to the nines. Holiday parties, birthdays and anniversaries, celebrations and dinner parties; with so many of life's most memorable moments taking place around the table isn't it divine to have as many stellar choices for tableware as there are reasons to celebrate? Dinner is served. ✈

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