



RIGARDS x DETAJ: Horn x Sterling Silver Collaboration

RIGARDS celebrates hand-craftsmanship at its most intense level with a collaboration with avant-garde jeweler Takayoshi Yamanami.

The man behind artisan label DETAJ, Yamanami has worn RIGARDS since our fledgling days, and we have maintained a reciprocal respect for his design ingenuity and silversmithing prowess. When the opportunity arose to partner, it felt like a perfect fit.

Our unified vision was brought to life in a purposefully diminutive round silhouette—a nod to the time-honored early 20th-century gentlemen’s style and Yamanami’s penchant for circular specs.

The composition is formed by two elements: a genuine horn front and sterling silver arms.

Continuing a theme of some of RIGARDS’s new works, the double-layer, cut-out nose bridge references the graceful moon bridges (*engetsukyou*) crossing the ponds and canals of classical gardens in the East.

The round rims are enriched by delicate, skillful edgework which catches and plays with the light thanks to RIGARDS’s trademark beveling.

Artfully projecting nose-guards, recalling that on charming antique Oxford glasses, provide a light grip without pinching.

The front piece is sculpted and polished by hand from solid horn specially chosen for their exceptional characteristics, before being joined to sterling silver temples marked with DETAJ’s iconic visual code: an intriguing “bandage” finish inspired by none other than the unassuming material used to bind and protect the hand wounds that are an inevitable part of a craftsman’s life.

Perhaps Yamanami saw the bandages as artefacts that reveal the stories of a maker, medals of honor that illustrate his efforts and determination. Viewed with his sensitive eye, the mundane band-aid becomes an inspirational touchstone to a marvelous, gritty motif—that here coexists in effortless harmony with the organic, endearing warmth of horn and culminates in a visual and sensual delight.

A frame instilled with the unmistakable spirit of RIGARDS and DETAJ, for distinguished gentlemen and gentle ladies.





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About RIGARDS

From the ballsy to the enigmatic, the seductive to the nostalgic, natural horn to sterling silver, RIGARDS frames have forged an instantly recognizable style that combines offbeat aesthetics with a quiet elegance, much of which pertains to the brand's audacious craftsmanship and fresh use of traditional materials. No less compelling are the original signature finishes, imparting nuance and character to the frames and creating a distinctive bespoke element. If you love expressive, nonconformist eyewear, your heart will be gladdened by RIGARDS. <https://rigards.com/>

About DETAJ

Takayoshi Yamanami launched his artisan jewelry line DETAJ in 1995. His great passion for various materials and constant research and experimentation of the materials' behavior fuel his creative processes of precious metal jewelry that is profound in their individualism, quality, and meaning. DETAJ jewelry are unisex and each piece is handcrafted with the utmost care and minute detailing in Yamanami's atelier in downtown Osaka. <http://www.detaj.com/>

May we invite you to join RIGARDS at: OPTI MUNICH (Jan 12-14, 2018) & MIDO MILAN (Feb 24-26, 2018).

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