



Aburi Family

Ningenmi News

Welcome to the March issue of Ningenmi News, our Aburi team news series!



READERS' CHOICE WINNERS

The results are in, and WOW!! Our hard work definitely paid off. We dominated in our categories!

Best Japanese	Best Sushi
1. Miku	1. Miku
3. Minami	2. Minami



Gyoza Bar's brunch service has officially opened for weekends! Available 12PM-3PM on Saturdays and Sundays, swing by with your fellow Aburi family for some delicious Pulled Pork Bao Benny, Okonomiyaki + Chicken Karaage, Bacon 'N Egg Ramen, and more!

Ask Aburi: Murals by Hideki Kimura

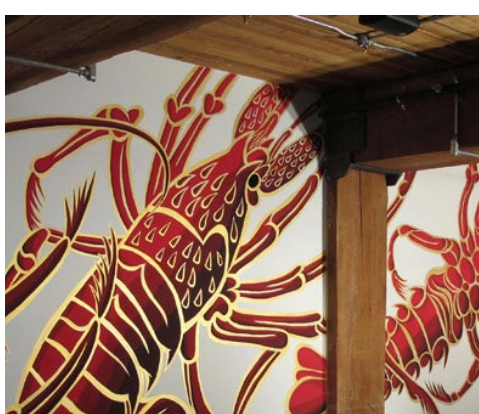
At Miku and Minami, we see these beautiful murals everyday- swimming carp, dancing lobsters, swaying maple leaves- but what is the rich and colourful story behind its creator?

Hideki Kimura, the visionary behind our breathtaking artwork, is a famed muralist from Kyoto, Japan. Kimura actually started his full time mural career at the age of 60!

The beautiful motifs that he creates with his signature gold lineart range vastly, from vibrant animals and florals to calming landscapes and foliage.

You can read more about his biography and works on his website [here](http://www.ki-yan.com/).

Fun fact: We are the only restaurants in Canada that feature Kimura's artwork!



'Dancing Ise Lobsters' in Minami's Blue Ocean



Kimura and his team working on the 'Eternal Odyssey' carp in Miku Toronto's dining room (all photo credits to Hideki Kimura's website, <http://www.ki-yan.com/>)

Aburi Team Highlight: Shuhei from Miku Vancouver

VIP - kc2014 (Vancouver) ★★★★★ 4.0 Dined 4 days ago

We ordered tofu salad, fried brussel sprouts, beef carpaccio, salmon oshi sushi, sablefish, mussels, sashimi, and finished with matcha green tea opera cake. Everything was delicious! My taste buds were dancing all night. Surprise hit: the brussel sprout chips - they weren't crunchy like chips, but they were lip smackingly good - zesty, flavorful with a kick of chili. Yum. Great service from both the hostess (sorry, I didn't get her name) and our server Shu. Extremely busy but well run restaurant with excellent staff. Highly recommend for special occasions.

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5 Questions with our Aburi Family: Akiko from Head Office



How long have you been with Aburi for?
I started working June 2012, so almost 6 years.

What was your first position?
I worked as Boss' assistant during the day and bartender night at old Miku during my first year.

What is your favourite dish at the restaurants?
Hamachi Kama Lunch Set at Gyoza Bar!

What is your favourite Aburi word and why?
Definitely Ningenmi. I have worked many different companies in different industries but never worked with so many unique and caring people who comes face to face with honesty. I think it is really translating for how everyone should be.

What's the favourite places you've travelled to?
Angkor Wat, Rome, and Barcelona!

Have a photo of the team that you'd like to share? Send it to Tiffany at tiffany@aburirestaurants.com.

