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Above left: Teresita Martín. Untitled. 2009. Stoneware, porcelain, slip and oxides. 25 cm. Photo by Fernando Maldonado.
Above right: Teresita Martín. Untitled. 2009. Reduction firing, stoneware and slips. 25 cm. Photo by Verdecero Producciones.

Below left: Juan Carlos Chaurua. Untitled. 2009. Wheel thrown stoneware and glazes. 25 cm. Photo by Verdecero Producciones.

Below right: Precise Lehmann. Untitled. 2009. Stoneware, slip and glaze. 25 cm. Photo by Fernando Maldonado.

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Taller Huara Huara Anniversary Exhibition

In 1994 I LAD THE FIRST BRICK OF THE FIRST HUARA HUARA KILN at my studio in Santiago, Chile. It was intended just for personal use. Without being aware of it at the time, I invited the students to come along, together with a growing number of people, brought us to the 15th anniversary.

It all started with a telephone call inquiring if I taught ceramics. I was returning with my family, after living abroad for 10 years. I had just had a brief studio break of 6 months, which unfortunately involved a large tract of land, considering it is located in the midst of the city. I was feeling somewhat out of touch in Santiago. That is why

upon receiving this telephone call, I felt that teaching would help me to settle down and meet people. Thus I agreed and soon enough, in a couple of weeks, I already had more students than I could handle.

I owned only one wheel, students took turns. Today we have 14, four of them treadle wheels. But, the place was full of enthusiastic people, all of them beginners that wanted to learn everything about ceramics. With the help of an assistant I made tons of stoneware clay bodies, mixed and slip with a drill and drying the cakes of slip on plaster bats. It was a lot of work. Fortunately today we do it with a mixer

