

**KUDOKE 2 - BRITISH HERITAGE  
BY KUDOKE & THE LIMITED EDITION**



The Limited Edition are proud to announce a synergetic collaboration with a young independent award-winning watchmaker, who is fast gaining a reputation as one of the most exciting talents in contemporary independent watchmaking, in the form of an exclusive thirty-piece limited edition piece; the superb Kudoke 2 - British Heritage.

A celebration of an enduring legacy left to the world of watchmaking by one of the pioneering forefathers of horology, the Kudoke 2 - British Heritage is a tribute to seventeenth century master Thomas Mudge, whose work in the advancement of chronometry was endorsed and supported by German astronomer Hans Moritz von Brühl, establishing a connection which is revisited in this magnificent limited edition wristwatch.

Featuring period finishing techniques, and lavishly embellished with the style of elaborate hand engraving which defined Mudge's work, the Kudoke 2 - British Heritage is a piece of irresistible charm, elegance and breathtaking beauty, which connects the past with the present, as well as honouring the historical horologic link between Saxony and Great Britain.

Recipient of the prestigious GPHG Petit Aiguille award in 2019, one of the watch industry's most coveted honours, the Kudoke 2, upon which the British Heritage edition is based, is a piece whose deserved recognition, against formidable competition from established mainstream marques, has not only elevated the standing of German artisan watchmaker Stefan Kudoke and his company, but emphatically stamped the rising presence of independent watchmaking on the world stage.

A natural choice for this special collaboration, the Kudoke 2 British Heritage is a watch which embodies the shared aesthetic purity and sophistication of traditional Saxon watchmaking, with that of classical seventeenth century English watchmaking. It is also a piece which in every way characterises the values and identity of The Limited Edition. An award-winning modern day classic, it is a wonderful example of uncompromising hand finishing by true masters of the arts of engraving and finishing, and captures perfectly the elegance and finesse of one of the great pioneers of horology.

Presented in a 39mm case of stainless steel, the Kudoke 2 - British Heritage truly lives up to its name. Beneath the subtly curved sapphire crystal, the pale golden-beige tone of the dial has a fine grenage finish, which is evocative of the frosted effect preferred by many English watchmakers of the mid-1700s (indeed, the surface has a distinct sparkle as the light plays across it while the watch moves with the wrist).



*Stefan Kudoke, like most Saxon watchmakers, was inspired by the work of the early British Masters.*

The focal point of the dial is the beautiful domed day/night disc just beneath the twelve o'clock position. Hand-engraved, and galvanised in gold and black and white rhodium, it rotates in a twenty-four hour cycle, depicting the sun, the moon and the stars as they pass above in a wonderful day and night display, while a discrete golden star, which is the motif of The Limited Edition, indicates the time of day.

The ring which surrounds the day/night disc, as well as the primary chapter ring are rhodiumised with a matte satin finish, which creates a perfect contrast. The numerals and dot indices are applied in a deep blue lacquer and complement the rich tone of the heat blued hour and minute hands, the former of which features the Kudoke Handwerk signature 'infinity' symbol.



*The 24 hours marker is the TLE star logo*

The Kudoke 2 British Heritage is powered by a superb proprietary manual winding movement, which has been entirely decorated and finished in-house by hand. Inspired by the architecture of historical English pocket watches, which featured a centre balance cock instead of the more commonly found lateral style of Saxon watches, with this edition the British influence is stressed even more.

A collaboration with renowned Austrian independent watchmaker Habring<sup>2</sup>, the Kaliber 1-24H is in every sense an in-house mechanism and boasts a 46-hour power reserve while running at a brisk 28'800 vib/h (4hz).



*Flat engraving, and old engraving technique used by the British Masters, such as T.Mudge*

A sapphire exhibition caseback reveals the spectacular vista of elaborate hand engraving, finishing to the exacting standards of Haute Horlogerie, and the classical movement architecture which was a signature feature of fine early English pocket watches.

The fine lines of the ornate floral engraving which adorn the wheel bridge capture and play with the light, accentuating the meticulous craftsmanship. Inspired by the work of Thomas Mudge, the special engraving is the result of many hours of intense precision and hand-eye coordination, as the pattern is carved into the metal plate. A tapering finger-like balance cock divides the bridge between the crown and barrel wheels and its terminal point above the regulating organ, and its polished anglage and frosted surface accentuate the symmetry of the movement.

A piece of exceptional beauty and immaculate finishing throughout, the Kudoke 2 - British Heritage is fitted to a hand stitched sustainable stone grey Alcantara strap with pin buckle. The watch is supplied with an additional blue Alcantara strap, and quick release spring bars make alternating between straps a simple task.

Only thirty numbered examples of this very special edition will be manufactured, making it a truly exclusive hand manufactured wristwatch from a young contemporary watchmaker, dedicated to perpetuating the skills and techniques of the past.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### Case:

- W: 39mm, H: 10.7mm
- Polished stainless steel with brushed flanks and case-back
- Fluted onion crown
- Convex sapphire crystal with anti-reflective coating
- Sapphire crystal exhibition caseback
- 5 ATM/50m water resistance

### Dial:

- Golden beige with bright frosted grenage finish
- Applied rhodiumised chapter ring and 24-hour display surround
- Hand engraved 24-hour day/night disc with black and white rhodium plating and yellow gold
- Flame tempered blued steel hands

### Movement:

- In-house Kaliber 1-24H manual winding
- W: 30mm, H: 5.05mm
- 18 jewels
- 28,800 vib/h (4Hz)
- 46 hours power reserve
- Hand engraved wheel bridge
- Frosted balance cock

### Strap:

- Sustainable grey Alcantara (additional blue Alcantara)
- Stainless steel pin buckle

### Edition:

- Thirty pieces (10 in 2022, 10 in 2023, 10 in 2024)
- Consecutive numeration

Price: £10'700 ex tax.

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## About The Limited Edition – LTDE Ltd.



Pietro Tomajer – TLE Co-Owner

*Established in 2015, under the direction of luxury watch industry veteran and GPHG Academy Member Pietro Tomajer, The Limited Edition is dedicated solely to introducing the unique talents and exceptional craftsmanship of the independent watchmakers, to a growing community of Connoisseur collectors around the world.*

*AHCI official partners, The Limited Edition champions the skills and individuality of these independent artisanal watchmakers, having seen this specialised sector shift steadily from the outer peripherals of the wider watch industry, moving ever more into the spotlight, and towards a massively increased awareness in recent years.*

*Since its inception in 2015, The Limited Edition has curated a personally selected collection of beautiful and fascinating contemporary masterpieces from the most respected watchmakers of our time, and, driven by an almost tangible passion, continues to push the parameters of artistic creativity to ever new heights.*

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