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Contemporary Art Fair ART OSAKA 2017 will also be held this year!

54 participating galleries will fill 64 hotel rooms with contemporary artworks!

July 8th (Sat) – July 9th (Sun), 2017



A. ART OSAKA 2016 YIRI ARTS photo : Yuiko Taiya

Greeting

ART OSAKA 2017 will be held on the weekend of July 8th and 9th (preview on July 7th) on the 26th floor, Hotel Granvia Osaka. The venue is directly accessible from JR Osaka station. ART OSAKA is one of the biggest art fairs in Japan, focusing on contemporary art. As a reputable, established art fair, it is celebrating its 15th anniversary. In hotel rooms with a homely feeling, visitors can view quality artworks presented by galleries with their unique aesthetics, and have the chance to purchase them on the spot.

54 galleries, specializing in contemporary art, from both Japan and abroad will participate in this year's fair, turning 64 hotel rooms into exhibition booths. Special features of this year's fair will be the participations of galleries from the non-Kansai regions as well as galleries participating in ART OSAKA for the first time. The fair will display works ranging from affordable pieces by young artists to masterpieces by internationally renowned artists. ART OSAKA 2017 will certainly be a place for visitors to experience high quality contemporary art with eclectic works of paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures and installations using entire booths. Above all, **Exhibition PLUS**, a well-received, themed exhibition organized by the participating galleries will add unique characteristics to the fair. Kyoto City University of Arts will renew their exhibition format and create a special exhibition, **Kyo-Gei transmit program: ART OSAKA version**, organized by the university gallery, KCUA. Also, ART OSAKA 15th anniversary special talks will be held during the fair period (event details to be announced later).

We hope that many people will be informed about this annual art festival, **ART OSAKA 2017**. We will appreciate if you would kindly consider covering this event on your media.

Highlights of the Fair

One of the highlights of ART OSAKA is a large selection of affordable artworks by up-coming, young artists and popular, mid-career artists. Included are: Genta Kosumi (b.1974). Kosumi paints portraits with intense brush strokes and vivid colors. He designed a CD jacket for a music duo; EGO-WRAPPIN'. Yoshimasa Tsuchiya (b.1977). Tsuchiya participated in Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum's 90th Anniversary Exhibition with Katsura Funakoshi and other artists last year. He creates wooden sculpture, using animals as his motifs. Mugi Nakajima (b.1978). Nakajima employs a technique called dropping and keeps searching for possibilities in abstract painting through his colorful expression. Satoshi Kawata (b.1987). Kawata won the open call first-award at Rokko Meets Art 2016. He creates mural painting installations, turning walls in public spaces into dynamic sceneries. Kurumi Wakaki (b. 1985). Wakaki won the first award in Taro Okamoto Contemporary Award in 2009. Incorporating her own experience of being a marathon runner, she creates works that comically illustrates the relationship between her body and the surroundings.

Another highlight of the fair is that visitors will have a chance to look closely at artworks of leading international artists, whose works are rarely shown in art fairs. Included are: recent works by Morio Shioda (b.1931). Shioda self-studied sculpture in the 1950's, and he is known for sculpture in which metal blocks are suspended in the air by the tension and pressure created by steel wires. **SUMI**, the major works by Katsuhiko Narita (b.1944-92). Narita was one of the main members of the Mono-ha movement between the 1960's and 1970's. Yasumasa Morimura (b.1951). Morimura had a major solo exhibition in National Museum of Art, Osaka, last year, and he is known for his unique technique for creating self-portraits. His earlier and less-known series **Barco Negro on the table** will be exhibited. The fair will have a plenty of artworks by other talented artists to create a fulfilling line-up for visitors.

*Please note that artworks presented in the fair may change without notice.



1. Genta KOSUMI 《Untitled》
Pencil, Crayon, Pen, Acrylic on paper
2017
Courtesy of LAD GALLERY



2. Yoshimasa Tsuchiya 《Cat》
wood caving, borosilicate glass, polychrome 2017
Courtesy of MEGUMI OGITA GALLERY



5. WAKAKI Kurumi 《MIMINASHI HOUZI》
artist, pen 2013
Courtesy of Finch Arts



3. nakajima mugi 《WM_M+blue_on_blue》
acrylic on canvas 2014 – 2017
Courtesy of Gallery OUT of PLACE



4. Satoshi Kawata 《Circles, Crosses and Triangles of Summer》
Wood, wire mesh, mortar, pigment and others 2015
Installation at Kyoto Art Center
Photo: Takuya Matsumi
Courtesy of ARTCOURT Gallery



6. Morio Shinoda 《No. 17》
stone, brass, stainless 2016
Courtesy of KOKI ARTS



7. Katsuhiko Narita 《SUMI》
Charcoal 1968
Courtesy of Tokyo Gallery +BTAP



8. Yasumasa Morimurai 《Barco negro na mesa
Geometry's Flower 1》
Gelatin silver print 1984
Courtesy of MEM

ART OSAKA 2017 Exhibitors

*Gallery participating in ART OSAKA for the first time.

[Osaka] ARTCOURT Gallery / DMO ARTS / Gallery Nomart / Gallery Hosokawa / Gallery KAZE / Gallery Yamaguchi kunst-bau / Nii Fine Arts / Note Gallery / Ns ART PROJECT* / Osaka University of Arts / studio J / TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY / the three konohana / YOD Gallery / Yoshiaki Inoue Gallery

[Hyogo] Sojiro -Contemporary Art Gallery-*

[Kyoto] ASHIYA GARO kyoto / MORI YU GALLERY / Gallery Artzone Kaguraoka / Finch Arts*

[Nara] Gallery OUT of PLACE

[Aichi] JILL D ´ ART GALLERY / SHUMOKU GALLERY / GALLERY APA / AIN SOPH DISPATCH / Gallery Tatsuya / GALLERY IDF / LAD GALLERY*

[Tokyo] eitoeiko / Gallery Art Composition / GALLERY KAWAMATSU / GALLERY KOGURE / GALLERY RIN / Gallery Suchi / GALLERY TARGET / HARMAS GALLERY* / hpgrp GALLERY / YUKIKO KOIDE PRESENTS / KOKI ARTS / MEM / MEGUMI OGITA GALLERY / JIRO MIURA GALLERY /

Röntgenwerke AG / Sansiao Gallery* / SH ART PROJECT* / SHINOBAZU GALLERY / Tachibana Gallery / Tokyo Gallery+BTAP*

[Korea] AP Gallery / GALLERY SHILLA

[Taiwan] AKI GALLERY / Gallery Grand Siècle / YIRI ARTS

[Macau] BLANC ART*

Information

Duration : 7th (Fri) - 9th (Sun) July, 2017

Preview : 7th (Fri) July 2:00pm-8:00pm *Invitee and Press only.

Open to the public :8th (Sat) July 11:00am-8:00pm

9th (Sun) July 11:00am-7:00pm

*Admission closes 1 hour prior to the fair closing.

Venue : Hotel Granvia Osaka 26th Floor

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Participating Galleries : 54 Galleries

Exhibition room : 64 rooms

Admission : ¥1,500- / 1 Day Pass

※ Please purchase tickets at the reception desk at Hotel Granvia Osaka.

Organizer : ART OSAKA Organizing Committee

Cooperation : Hotel Granvia Osaka

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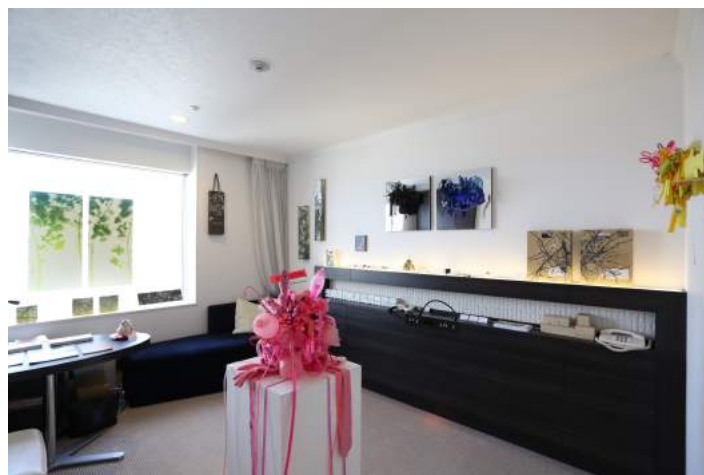
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B. ART OSAKA 2016 the three konohana photo : Yuiko Taiya



C. ART OSAKA 2016 AIN SOPH DISPATCH photo : Yuiko Taiya

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