

Kotatsu Iwata Solo Exhibition

What a cool !

23.Mar 2012 (fri) - 14. Apr (sat)



Dead Flowers 12, 2011



Dead Flowers 13, 2011

Tezukayama Gallery is delighted to present "What a cool!", a solo exhibition by Kotatsu Iwata who was born in Osaka and now lives and works in NY.

In this exhibition will be showed about 20 acrylic paintings and 3 wood-cut printed works. Kotatsu will be back to Japan for this exhibition.

We look forward to seeing you at Tezukayama Gallery!

It has been 8 years since Kotatsu moved to New York where he creates works based on everyday life. Using milk cartons, beer cans, companies' log and cartoon characters, Kotatsu Iwata's works might resemble American pop art such as Warhol and Lichtenstein works from 1960s - 80s which were novel and cutting edge at the time. Kotatsu's work expresses not just a novelty, but also a slight nostalgic feeling. With his own style and technique, he uses varied colors to give weight to the screen then scratched. He picks not just vivid colors but mix of colors he finds on the palette every time that has not just impression, it may also novel but deep as well.

In this exhibition, we would like to focus on a "flower", which might be a common theme. Kotatsu has been using this motif for a long time, his flowers blooms superb colors, a simple painting allows the imagination to travel. They are without any precise definition, the artist felt inspired in N.Y with the title "What a cool !", since then he has pursued the idea of creating "cool works".

Recent works for this exhibition



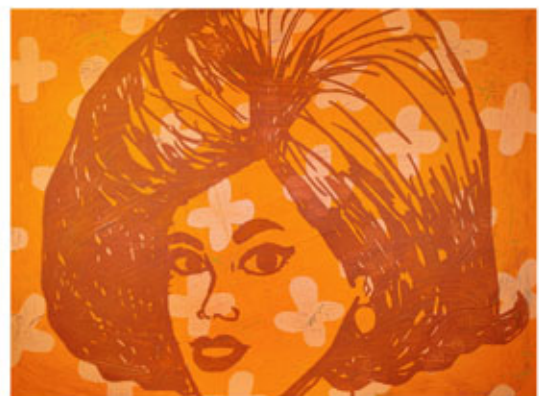
dead flowers 16
2011, acrylic on canvas



dead flowers 17
2011, acrylic on canvas



some girls 01
2012, acrylic on canvas



some girls 02
2012, acrylic on canvas

Kotatsu's previous works



Kotatsu Iwata

Lives and works in New York

- 1974 Born in Osaka, Japan
- 1997 Work at design office
- 2004 Moved to New York
- 2008 B.A in The Art Students League of New York

Awards

- 2005 NYCoo Prize / NYCoo Gallery, New York, USA
- 2006 The Jean Gates Award / New York, USA
- 2007 Spirit Award / NYCoo Gallery, New York, USA

Solo Exhibition

- 2007 Bring It on Home to Me / ISE CULTURAL FOUNDATION, New York, USA
- 2008 Can't Find The Way / 680 Fifth Ave. New York, USA
- 2009 GET WHAT YOU NEED / TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY

Group Exhibition

- 2001 PAPP3" / Metropolitan Art Space, Tokyo
- 2005 NYCoo Gallery Contest 2005 / NYCoo Gallery, New York, USA
- 2007 Bring It on Home to Me / ISE CULTURAL FOUNDATION, New York, USA
- 2008 Can't Find The Way / 680 Fifth Ave. New York, USA
- 2009 GET WHAT YOU NEED / TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- 2008 Japanese New Ages Contemporary / TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- Tokyo Contemporary Art Fair / Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 Korea International Art Fair / Seoul, Korea
- 2010 OSAKA ART NOW / HILLSIDE TERRACE, Building A Gallery, Tokyo
- GALLERY'S RECOMMENDED YOUNG ARTISTS / TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- Korea International Art Fair / Seoul, Korea
- 2011 2 Dimension GALLERY ARTISTS
- The NY Coo Clection vol.0 / NY Coo, New York
- 2012 Miniature exhibition / JR Osaka Mitsukoshi Isetan 6F

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exhibited works: approx.20 acrylic paintings, 3 wood-cut prints

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11:00-19:00 close: Sun and Mon

※Reception Party kotatsu Iwata will be present

23.Mar 2012 (fri)18:00~ at TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY

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