

The Glory (of Phenomenon): Act I KOHEI YAMASHITA + YUSUKE SUGA

TUE 30 JUN - SAT 01 AUG 2015 Sat 01 Aug: Talk Show & Closing Party 16:00~

Tezukayama Gallery is proud to present an exhibition by our own represented artist Kohei Yamashita, along with Kanto-based multimedia artist Yusuke Suga.

Kohei Yamashita is based mainly in Kyoto and gains his own sense of memory, material and outdoor culture from the mountain. These senses allow him to consistently expresses a sense of distance, such as near and far fields and presence. His way of expressing these invisible notions is mainly through collage-like techniques. Yusuke Suga is based mainly in Tokyo and is interested in two opposing worlds or notions. He thinks of the true contents of these opposite worlds and from that takes the overall contents. He comes and goes between digital and analog sculptural fields.

Both artists first had contact at a group exhibition in Kyoto in the summer of 2013. In search for the meaning of "chuukei", or middle-ground, and because it is a common interest, both artists went hiking in the Northern Alps "Ushiro Tateyama" Mountain Range in the Autumn of 2014. This range consists of several mountains and is located between Toyama and Nagano Prefectures. The actions and processes involved in the hike allowed Yamashita to once again understand the space between distant view and foreground as voluminous space. By this intense experience, Suga once again recognized "chuukei" as the sense which exists between touch and sight.

In order to find and recognize "chuukei" they went through trial and error. Due to this growth and discovery their work was able to evolve. Also, rather than a conscious collaboration, the common experience of climbing allowed them to be able to share their unconscious state, which influenced the work.

"Glory" is an atmospheric optic phenomenon. Standing in a space above the mist and clouds, on a ridge, the viewer's shadow is cast out onto the clouds. A rainbow halo encircles this extended, magnified shadow, creating the "glory phenomenon". This time, we chose "Glory" as the title of the exhibition. The "Glory" phenomenon exists in the middle-ground, between the viewer who sees, from a ridge, and the landscape spread out in front of the viewer, therefore expressing "chuukei".

Biography

KOHEI YAMASHITA

LIVES AND WORKS IN KYOTO, JAPAN 1983 Born in Ibaraki, Japan 2008 Kyoto City University of Arts, B.F.A 2010 Kyoto City University of Arts Graduate School, M.F.A

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2013 'At a Mountain Hut' | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY 'Views of Life' | hpgrp Gallery, New York 'The Cosmos as Metaphor' | Hotel Anteroom, Kyoto Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale | Niigata Art Toronto | Canada

YUSUKE SUGA

LIVES AND WORKS IN SAITAMA, JAPAN

1984 Born in Tokyo, Japan

- 2008 Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music : B.A. Fine Art Sculpture
- 2010 Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music : M.A. Fine Art Sculpture

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2013 We are particles of water, separate but for the wave in which we are one | KCUA, Kyoto Method to Betray a Body : Movie Program | Studio Center, Tokyo

2014 Duality of Existence-Post Fukushima- | Friedmanbenda, NY 'Our Hidden Places' | A Room, Kyoto 'TSCA Rough Consensus'| HOTEL ANTEROOM 'Neighboring lost child' by Tomoko Atsuchi & Kohei Yamashita | Taimatz, Tokyo 2014 'ART FAIR SAPPORO 2014'| CROSS HOTEL

AWARDS

2008 Kyoto City University of Arts Graduation Exhibition: Mayor's Prize2010 Kyoto City University of Arts Graduation Exhibition: Alumni Award

SAPPORO, Hokkaido

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AWARDS

- 2008 '56th Tokyo Nat. Uni. of Fine Arts Grad. Exhibition' Sugawara Prize | Ueno Tokyo Art Museum
- 2010 The 13th Exhibition of the Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art | Taro Okamoto Museum of Art

Past Works



Kohei Yamashita 'At a mountain Hut', 2013, Installation View at TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY.



Kohei Yamashita 'Gravity and Light', 2012, mixed media, ø45 x 4 cm



Yusuke Suga 'Untitled', 2014, mixed media, H94 x W298 x D16 cm



Yusuke Suga 'Destructor(double clocks)', 2013, mixed media, H35 \times W56 \times D7 cm

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OPEN : TUE - SAT | 12:00 - 19:00 CLOSED : SUN & MON

CLOSING DAY: SAT 01 AUG TALK SHOW: 16:00~ CLOSING PARTY: 18:00~

We will hold a talk show and closing party on Saturday 01 August. Join us from 16:00 for the talk show and from 18:00 for the closing party.

For more information on the talk show keep an eye on our facebook page.

Access

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