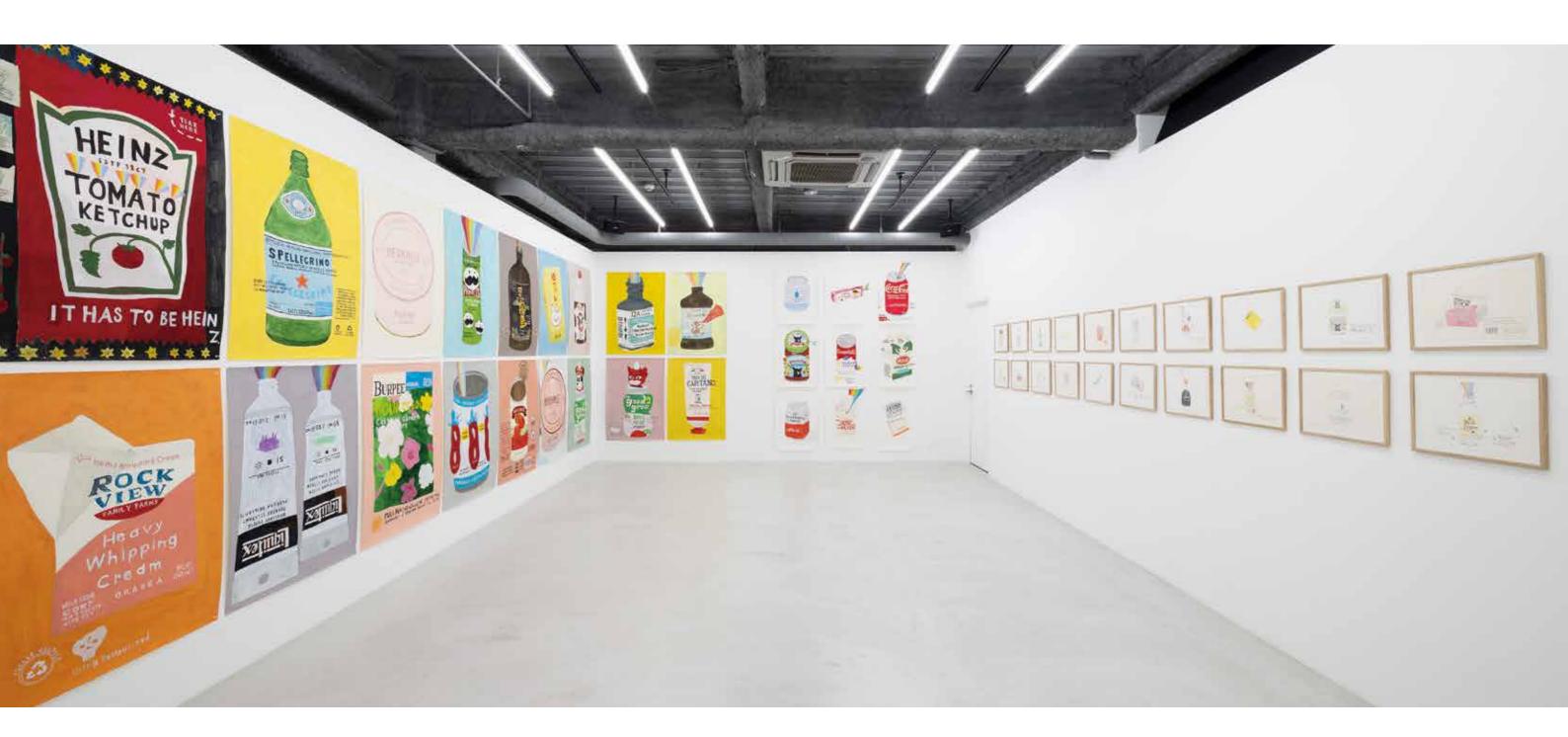
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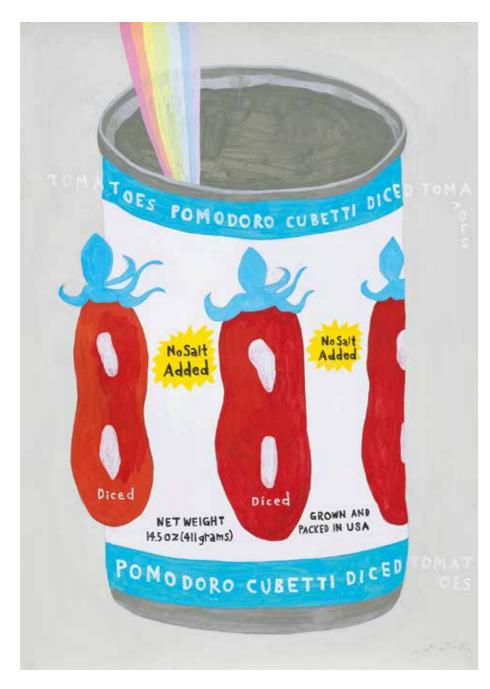




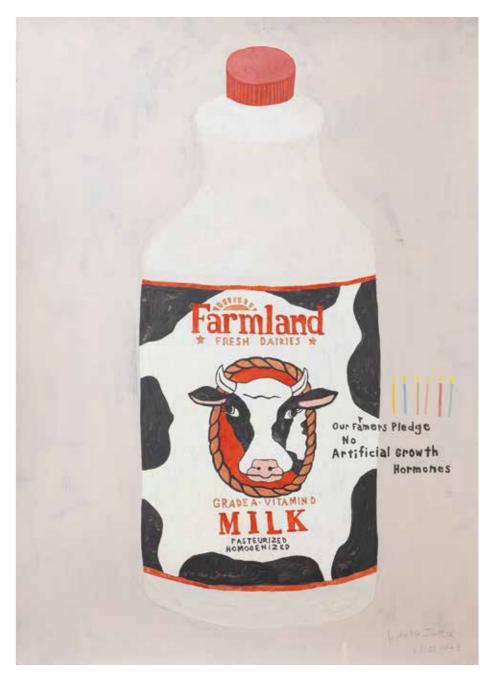
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container31 2023 | 1060 × 755 mm acrylic on paper









container15 2023 | 1060 × 755 mm acrylic on paper



container23 2023 | 1060 × 755 mm acrylic on paper Top Left: container26

Bottom Left: container28

Top Right: container21

Bottom Right: container17

2023 1060 × 755 mm acrylic on paper



















Top Left: container12

Bottom Left: container30

Top Right: container14

Bottom Right: container11

2023 1060 × 755 mm acrylic on paper Top Left: container27

Bottom Left: container25

Top Right: container29

Bottom Right: container13

 $2023 \\ 1060 \times 755 \, \text{mm} \\ \text{acrylic on paper}$















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Top Left: container31

Bottom Left: container22

Top Right: container15

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Bottom Left: container18

Top Right: container20

Bottom Right: container16

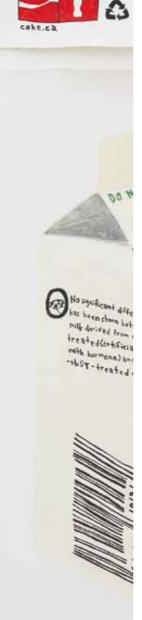
2023 1060 × 755 mm acrylic on paper







container40 2024 | 785 × 555 mm acrylic on paper





Middle Left: container33 *

Bottom Left: container37 **

Top Middle: container35 **

Center: container40 ***

Bottom Middle: container36 2023 760 × 565 mm acrylic on paper

Top Right: container39 ***

Middle Right: container32 *

Bottom Right: container38 ***

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2023
785 × 555 mm
acrylic on paper

** 2024 760 × 565 mm acrylic on paper

*** 2024 785 × 555 mm acrylic on paper































































untitled 2023-2024 | 295 × 370 mm *frame size pencil and color pencil on paper



untitled 2023-2024 | 330 × 255 mm *frame size pencil on paper

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岩田小龍:芸術と文化の旅 世界への橋渡し:岩田小龍のクロスカルチャーから生まれた作品

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20年前、岩田小龍という日本人のアーティストに出会った。彼の芸術を通して、ビジュアルカルチャー(視覚文化の意)の本質を捉える事のできる彼の素晴らしい才能に感動した。その当時、私は、彼の作品を可能な限り学び、その効果的な視覚的表現に興奮した。特にスターバックスからインスピレーションを受けた2つの大きな絵画が際立っており、その強い印象は記憶に残っている。20年経った今でも彼の作品への想いは衰えていない。

最近、岩田から招待を受け、新シリーズ「Containers」を見るために、彼のアトリエを訪れた。再び彼のクリエイティブな空間に足を踏み入れると、初めて作品をみた時の記憶が即座に蘇ってきた。彼のアーティストとしての旅路であるアトリエには、新しい作品がずらりと並び、それぞれが独自のストーリーを語っていた。岩田は私に作品制作のプロセスや、彼のルーツである日本との深い関わりを話してくれた。生まれ育った大阪の環境と対照的なニューヨークの生活の中で、彼は人種のるつぼに身を置いていることに気がついたそうだ。これらの対比は彼の作品において中心的なテーマとなっている。

彼は、自身をとりまく二つの文化の橋渡しとなるようなビジュアルカルチャーを探求している。彼の絵画やドローイングは、単なる視覚的な表現だけでなく岩田自身の過去と現在、日本とニューヨークとの対話でもある。彼の視覚的なイメージを通じて場所とその文化の本質を吸収する能力は驚くべきものがある。色彩の完璧なバランス、遊び心のあるテーマ、表現豊かな線が私たちの注意を引き、様々な記憶を呼び起こす。彼の絵画は目から伝わる魅力だけではなく、感情に響くのだ。

「Containers」は見慣れたものと新しいものが融合した力強いシリーズで、彼の成長と日本とアメリカのルーツを持つことへのしっかりとした繋がりを表現している。彼の芸術が単なる表現の手段だけでなく、探求と発見の手段であることは明らかだ。

ビジュアルカルチャーは、自分たちが社会での役割や居場所を どのように認識し捉えるかと複雑に絡み合っている。この文化 は、個人的・集団としてのアイデンティティを反映する鏡として 機能し、私たちの帰属意識において重要な要素であるという一面もある。社会に広がるイメージは、その社会の価値観や期待を反映するだけでなく、形作る役割も果たしている。ビジュアルカルチャーのこの側面は、コミュニティや経験を共有する事にまで影響を及ぼし、私たちの間で一体感や共通のアイデンティティを育むことができる。

岩田の作品の領域では、彼は日常生活から象徴的なイメージを取り上げ、それを驚くべき芸術作品に変化させる。この変化は、私たちの認識、感情、および記憶の連想に挑むものだ。さらに、それは芸術が境界を超え、異なる文化を繋ぎ、時空を超えて伝える力を私たちに思い起こさせてくれる。彼の作品は多様性を祝福し、異なる世界を調和させる美の証である。これはアーティストとして又、一個人として、異文化を旅しながら自分をみつける彼の道筋を映している。

彼のスタジオを出る時、私は岩田の作品がもたらす影響について考え、「Containers」の視覚的な印象だけでなく、このコレクションに込められた物語や感情も引き続き私の中に宿っていることに気づいた。

Kotatsu Iwata: A Journey Through Art and Culture Bridging Worlds: The Legacy of Kotatsu Iwata's Cross-Cultural Work

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Twenty years ago, I had the pleasure of meeting Kotatsu Iwata, a Japanese artist with an extraordinary talent for capturing the essence of visual culture through his art. At the time, I was excited to learn everything I could about his work, and be exposed to his phenomenal visual language. Among his works, two large-scale Starbuck-inspired paintings stood out, their striking imagery still imprinted in my memory. Two decades later, my enthusiasm for Iwata's work hasn't waned.

Recently, I received an invitation from Iwata to visit his studio and view Containers, his latest collection. Stepping into his creative space again, I was instantly reminded of that first encounter. His studio, a testament to his journey as an artist, was filled with an array of new works, each telling its own unique story. As we chatted, Iwata shared insights into his artistic process for this collection and his deep connection to his Japanese roots. Living in New York, he found himself immersed in a melting pot of cultures, a contrast to his upbringing in Osaka. Throughout the years, this juxtaposition has become a central theme in his work.

In his art, Iwata explores the visual culture of his surroundings, using it as a bridge between his two cultures. His paintings and drawings are not just visual representations; they are a dialogue between his past and present, between Japan and New York. His ability to absorb the essence of a place and its culture through visual imagery is a remarkable feat. A perfect balance of color, cheeky themes, and expressive lines capture our attention and evoke in us a range of memories. His paintings are not just visually appealing, but emotionally resonant.

Containers showcases a vibrant mix of the familiar and the new, reflecting both his growth and his steadfast connection to his cultural roots—both American and Japanese. It is evident that his art is not just a form of expression but also a means of exploration and discovery.

Let's say that x is intricately linked to how we perceive and understand our role and place in society. This cultural facet functions as a mirror that reflects and shapes our personal and collective identities—a crucial component to our sense of belonging. The imagery that pervades a society not only reflects but also molds its values and expectations. This aspect of visual culture extends into the sphere of community and shared experiences, which can foster a sense of unity and common identity among us.

In the realm of his work, Iwata adopts iconic imagery from everyday lives and transforms it into extraordinary works of art. This transformation challenges our perception, our emotions, and our memory associations. Moreover, it reminds us of the power that art possesses to transcend boundaries, to connect disparate cultures, and to tell stories that resonate across time and space. His work is a celebration of diversity, a testament to the beauty of blending different worlds. It is a reflection of his journey as an artist and as an individual navigating through different cultures and finding his place in them.

As I was leaving his studio, I found myself reflecting on the impact of Iwata's work and carrying with me not only the visual memory of Containers, but also the stories and emotions that this collection encapsulates. His dedication to his craft, his unique perspective on visual culture, and his unwavering connection to his Japanese and American roots make his work remarkable.

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岩田小龍

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2005

	ニューヨーク在住		Lives and works in New York
1974	大阪府生まれ	1974	Born in Osaka, Japan
2004	ニューヨークへ移住	2004	Moved to New York
2008	The Art Students League of New York 卒業	2008	Graduated from The Art Students League of New York
	主な個展		Selected Solo Exhibitions
2024	something TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY	2024	something TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
2018	CONEY ISLAND PROJECT TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY	2018	CONEY ISLAND PROJECT TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
2015	2014 Painting Work TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY	2015	2014 Painting Work TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
2014	Garbera The Place 229, ==-==-5	2014	Garbera The Place 229, New York
2013	岩田小龍個展 ギャラリーエーゾーン, 岡山	2013	Solo Exhibition Gallery A Zone, Okayama
2012	What a Cool! TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY	2012	What a Cool! TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
2009	Get What You Need TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY	2009	Get What You Need TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
2008	Can't Find The Way 680 Fifth Ave., ニューヨーク	2008	Can't Find The Way 680 Fifth Ave, New York
2007	Bring It on Home to Me ISE Cultural Foundation, ニューヨーク	2007	Bring It on Home to Me ISE Cultural Foundation, New York
	主なグループ展・アートフェア		Selected Group Exhibitions and Art Fairs
2023	The Frag Project Rockefeller Center, ======	2023	The Frag Project Rockefeller Center, New York
2022	2022 J-Collabo Annual Art Members Exhibition	2022	2022 J-Collabo Annual Art Members Exhibition J-Collabo,
	J-Collabo, ニューヨーク		New York
2019	New Japanese Horizon	2019	New Japanese Horizon Williamsburg Art & Historical Center,
	Williamsburg Art & Historical Center, ニューヨーク		New York
	SJAC 2019 EXHIBITION Teri Cultural Institute of New York,		SJAC 2019 EXHIBITION Teri Cultural Institute of New York,
	ニューヨーク		New York
2018	ART TAIPEI 2018 台北世界貿易センター, 台湾	2018	ART TAIPEI 2018 Taipei World Trade Center, Taiwan
	SJAC 2018 EXHIBITION Teri Cultural Institute of New York,		SJAC 2018 EXHIBITION Teri Cultural Institute of New York,
	ニューヨーク		New York
2017	SJAC 2017 EXHIBITION Gallery Max, ニューヨーク	2017	SJAC 2017 EXHIBITION Gallery Max, New York
2014	NEW CITY ART FAIR hpgrp Gallery, ニューヨーク	2014	NEW CITY ART FAIR hpgrp Gallery, New York
2013	The Osakan Dreams Vol.3 JR Osaka-Mitsukoshi-letan, 大阪	2013	The Osakan Dreams Vol.3 JR Osaka-Mitsukoshi-letan, Osaka
	past, present, present Gallery One Twenty Eight, ====================================		past, present, present Gallery One Twenty Eight, New York
2012	~うつくしきもの~ ミニアチュールの魅力展 JR大阪三越伊勢丹 6F	2012	Miniature Exhibition JR Osaka Mitsukoshi Isetan
	アートフェア東京 2012 東京国際フォーラム, 東京		ART FAIR TOKYO 2012 Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
	ART SHOW BUSAN 2012 韓国		ART SHOW BUSAN 2012 Korea
	Art Exhibition of Japanese and Japanese American artists in		Art Exhibition of Japanese and Japanese American artists in
	New York The Japanese American		New York The Japanese American
	Association of New York ===================================		Association of New York New York
	Permanent Collection Gallery A-Zone, 岡山		Permanent Collection Gallery A-Zone, Okayama
	受賞歴		Awards
2007	Spirit Award NYCoo Gallery, ニューヨーク	2007	Spirit Award NYCoo Gallery, New York
2006	The Jean Gates Award ===================================	2006	The Jean Gates Award New York

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