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“SAMSA 2018: Homage to Insects”

Venue: HRD Fine Art
494-1 Kamigoryo-tatemachi, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto

Date: November 10 – December 29, 2018
Open on Friday and Saturday and otherwise by appointment

Hours: 11:00am - 6:00pm

Artists: Takehito Fujii, Fuyuji, Miwako Iga, Yuna Ogino, Mizuho Nishibata, Miho Tsujimoto

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HRD Fine Art is pleased to announce an opening of group exhibition "SAMSA 2018: Homage to Insects," to coincide with "Jungpyo Hong: The Matter of Concern to Me." This group show is a collection of small-sized artworks themed on insects or bugs, ranging from photography to painting, sculpture to installation, and features six Japanese artists: Takehito Fujii, Fuyuji, Miwako Iga, Mizuho Nishibata, Yuna Ogino, and Miho Tsujimoto.

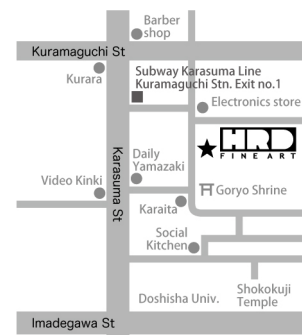
Insects are very familiar to us humans: they are omnipresent, very close to our everyday life, be they beautiful butterflies, Autumn crickets chirping in the grass, good-looking beetles, or harmful insects. Yet, they are totally different from us humans in many ways: they have many legs; they can fly; they are much smaller; and they never communicate with us. There also still remain so many mysteries about insects' life and evolution.

Insects are completely, overwhelmingly alien to us. It may be because of that alienness that Franz Kafka transformed a young man named Gregor Samsa into an eerie, poisonous insect in his famous novel titled "The Metamorphosis," to symbolize absurdity of the human condition.

This exhibition presents a wide variety of art media including sculpture, painting, as well as photography, approaching the theme subject of "insects" from different perspectives and thinking. Familiar, beautiful, but still mysterious, insects seem to give us some food for thought regarding our own life and existence.

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[ARTWORKS]



Miwako Iga
Butterfly (Blue)
C-print 20x30cm



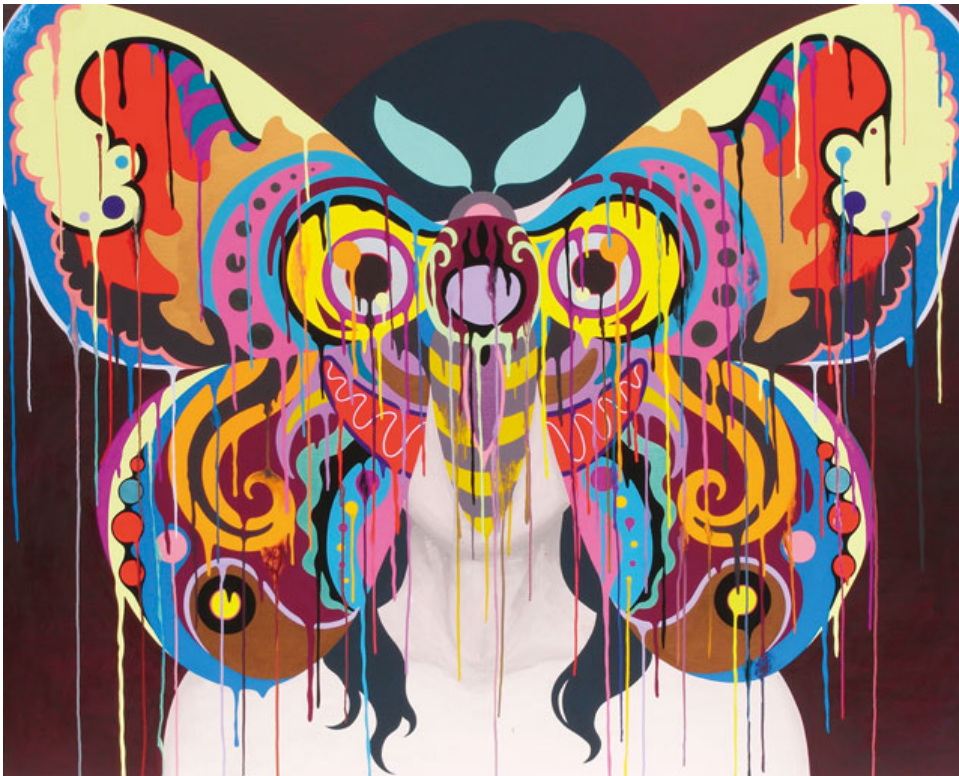
Yuna Ogino
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oil on canvas 18.2x22cm 2016



Takehito Fujii

New Bugnification

iron 11.5x18.8x22.9cm 2010



Fuyuji

kiss, kiss, kiss me!

acrylic on canvas 130.3x162cm 2015

[ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHY ①]

Miwako IGA

1966 Born in Tokyo
Lives and works in Tokyo

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2000 "A STORM IN THE LIFE" Saison Art Program Gallery, Tokyo
2003 "Tempest in a Teapot" Yukiko Koide Presents, Tokyo
2007 "Madame Cucumber" Base Gallery, Tokyo
"Madame Cucumber" Lee Hyun Seoul Gallery, Seoul
2010 "Truly Sad Toys - The Open Secret" Base Gallery, Tokyo
2015 "THAT'S NOT ENOUGH." Base Gallery, Tokyo

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1999-2000 "New Cosmos of Photography" P3, Tokyo / Kyoto University of Art and Design Gallery Raku, Kyoto
2000 "Philip Morris Art Award" Ebisu Garden Hall, Tokyo
2003 "Futuring Power" Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo / Sendai Mediatheque, Sendai / Kyoto University of Art and Design Gallery Raku, Kyoto
"Women's Core Playgame" z platz, Fukuoka
2004 "Pretty?" Yukiko Koide Presents, Tokyo
2012 "PhotoEspaña 2012" Madrid
"Asia Serendipity" Malaga / Valladolid
2013 "Summer Show" Poetic Scape, Tokyo

Award

- 1999 "New Cosmos of Photography" New Cosmos of Photography Prize

[ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHY ②]

Yuna OGINO

1982 Born in Tokyo
 2005 BFA in Oil Painting, Tokyo University of the Arts
 2007 MFA in Oil Painting, Tokyo University of the Arts
 Lives and works in Tokyo

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2003 Gallery + Cafe Garasha, Tokyo (also in 2006)
 2005 Gallery GO, Tokyo
 2008 St. Luke's Gallery, Tokyo
 Cafe Frangipani, Tokyo
 2009 "Garden" Koshinkan, Tokyo
 "Small Works" St. Luke's Gallery, Tokyo
 "Things in a Small Garden" Gallery ADO, Kumamoto
 2010 "Fukan-no-chi" Gallery ecrú no mori, Mishima
 2011 "PHENOMENA" Koshinkan, Tokyo
 2012 enyen, Tokyo
 "Shinso" Gallery ecrú no mori, Mishima
 2013 Cafe Yutenji, Tokyo
 2014 "Butterfly" Vieill Bakery Cafe & Gallery, Tokyo
 "Garden" Spiral Garden, Tokyo
 2015 CHI CHI CAFE, Tokyo
 2016 Ta CRAFT.GALLERY, Tokyo
 2017 "Ikimono no ie" RR - COFFEE TEA BEER BOOKS, Tokyo

Selected Group Exhibitions

2002 "CAFE in Mito" Art Tower Mito, Mito
 2003 "Multi-dimensional Pocket" Ueno Break Station Gallery, Tokyo
 2004 "social monologue" Gallery of Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo
 "Moving Pictures" Gallery GO, Tokyo
 2005 "MARUNOUCHI Flows" Marunouchi Cafe, Tokyo
 "Chizuato - Waseda-Geidai Projection" Taito Designers Village, Tokyo
 2006 "Happiness Stone House" Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial, Niigata
 "Inter Image" Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Queensland / Tokyo
 University of the Arts, Tokyo
 2007 Minakamimachi Culture Center, Minamkamimachi
 2008 "Blue Dot Asia" Seoul Arts Center, Seoul
 "Kiryu Saiken 14" Kiryu
 2010 "KAIGA SHIKO 2011" Geidai Art Plaza, Tokyo

- “MITSUKOSHI × GEIDAI” Mitsukoshi, Tokyo (also in 2012)
“Summer Show” Takashimaya, Tokyo (also in 2012)
2012 “Female Times” Bunkamura Box Gallery, Tokyo (also in 2013 and 2014)
2014 “Debut” Gallery Fujii, Tokyo
2015 “Conversations” Spiral Garden, Tokyo (also in 2016)
2017 “FLOATING” HRD Fine Art, Kyoto
2018 “18th Asian Art Biennale Bangladesh” Dhaka

Award

- 2013 “Comany Art Award at the Tokyo Designers Week” Golden Prize

[ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHY ③]

Takehito FUJII

- 1967 Born in Nagoya
 1990 Graduated from Nihon University College of Art

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 1992 Atagoyama Gallery, Tokyo
 1996 "Small Works" Gean art space, Saitama
 2001 "Exculpture" Gallery APA, Nagoya
 Art Collection Nakano, Nagoya
 2002 "Exculpture" Gallery APA, Nagoya
 "Exculpture" PORT des ART, Tokyo
 2003 "New Personification" Striped House Gallery, Tokyo
 2004 "Sculpture Punishment" Striped House Gallery, Tokyo
 2005 "New Personification Vol.2 PSEUDO METAL BOSSA" Striped House Gallery, Tokyo
 2007 "New Personification Vol.3 Dolls at the melting point" Striped House Gallery, Tokyo
 2008 "Sculpture Punishment Extended" Striped House Gallery, Tokyo
 2009 "Double Irony" Gallery M contemporary art, Nisshin, Aichi
 2012 "New Personification Vol.4 To what extent are we not iron?" unseal contemporary,
 Tokyo
 2016 "New Personification Vol.5 GIRLSLIFESMITH" Nihonbashi Takashimaya X Art Gallery,
 Tokyo
 "New Personification: Grand Guignol en Acier" YOD Gallery, Osaka
 2017 "STILL LIFE" LAD Gallery, Nagoya
 2018 "To what extent are we not iron? - integral" Kyoto-Ba, Kyoto

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 1998 "WORK'S" Yokohama Civic Art Gallery, Yokohama (also in 1999 & 2000)
 1999 "Figural Creations for the New Millennium" Striped House Museum, Tokyo
 2002 "KOREA MASS/JAPANESE FIGURE" Mokam Museum, Goyang
 2004 "7th Exhibition of the Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art" Taro Okamoto
 Museum of Art, Kawasaki
 2005 "8th Exhibition of the Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art" Taro Okamoto
 Museum of Art, Kawasaki
 2007 "City_net Asia 2007" Seoul Museum of Art
 2011 "Gekitotsuten" unseal contemporary, Tokyo
 2013 "SUMMER SHOW 2013" Nihonbashi Takashimaya X Art Gallery, Tokyo / Shinjuku
 Takashimaya Art Gallery, Tokyo
 "Soluble Fish" Kyoto Seika University Gallery Fleur, Kyoto / Gallery PARC, Kyoto
 2014 "The Artists of the Taro Award II" Taro Okamoto Museum of Art, Kawasaki

2015 "for humans" Jiro Miura Gallery, Tokyo
"Contemporary Ghost Paintings" TAV GALLERY, Tokyo

Awards

1990 "Nihon University College of Art Graduation Exhibition" College Prize
1999 "Figural Creations for the New Millennium" Akiko Hyuga Prize
2005 "8th Exhibition of the Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art" Semi-grand Prize
2008 "Aichi Prefectural Art Culture Encouragement" New Face Award

[ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHY ④]

FUYUJI

- 1976 Born in Kyoto
 2001 Graduated from Osaka Art School

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2002 "natural diary" CASO, Osaka
 2003 "clear scene" TOR GALLERY, Kobe
 Gallery Haku 3, Osaka (also in 2008)
 2004 "in a flash" Gallery Sowaka, Kyoto
 Gallery Haku, Osaka (also in 2009)
 "lonely skin" Gallery Den, Osaka
 2005 "untitled" Motoazabu Gallery, Tokyo
 2006 "swimming in the air" Gallery Haku & Haku 3, Osaka
 2007 gallery neutron, Kyoto (also in 2009)
 2008 "fuyuyuyuyuyuyumeutsutsu" Five mansion gallery deem, Kobe
 2009 neutron-tokyo, Tokyo (also in 2011)
 2010 "the world dripping after dreams" 2kw58 gallery, Osaka
 2013 "the turn" Galerie Ashiya Schule, Ashiya
 2014 "green lights, deep blue forest" gallery near, Kyoto
 2015 "from depth" 2kw gallery, Osaka
 2016 "Open the Door" Gallery Den mym, Minamiyamashiro-mura, Kyoto
 2018 "Story Becomes Wind" Gallery OUT of PLACE, Nara

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2001 "PEP ART" Gallery Den, Osaka
 2003 "Kunst Kraft Klub" Gallery Haku & Haku 3, Osaka (also in 2005, 06, 07, 08)
 2004 "Looking at Paintings" Gallery Haku 3, Osaka (also in 2005, 06)
 2006 "Deux Ans de Vacances" Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka
 "gallerism 2006" Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka
 2007 "Hyakkaryouran" Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe
 2009 "When You Wish upon a Star" neutron-tokyo, Tokyo
 "It's a small world" neutron-kyoto, Kyoto
 2010 "Fujiyama" neutron-tokyo, Tokyo
 "JAMIN - 2" Esprit Nouveau Gallery, Okayama
 2011 "VISUAL SENSATION vol.4" Gallery Den, Kyoto
 "VOCA 2011" Ueno Royal Museum of Art, Tokyo
 "2kw Substation Project series-1" 2kw58 gallery, Osaka
 2012 "Somewhere in Nowhere" neutron-tokyo, Tokyo
 "Takao School Festival" Former Takao Elementary School, Kyoto (also in 2013, 15)

- “MAX PAINTING” Gallery Haku & Haku 3, Osaka (also in 2013)
- 2013 “‘I and ‘World’” Hankyu Umeda Main Store, Osaka
- 2014 “TAKE OUT ART!” gallery near, Kyoto
- “GOLDEN COMPETITION 2014” ART COURT Gallery, Osaka
- 2015 “liquid section” 2kw gallery, Osaka
- 2016 “Gongju International Art Festival” Limlip Art Museum, Gongju, Korea
- “11+29 BISEN” Osaka Art School, Osaka
- “Yami: Midori Terashima + Fuyuji” HRD Fine Art, Kyoto
- 2017 “Gakuenmae Art Festa 2017: Memento Mori” Asanuma Memorial Museum, Nara
- “Asia Contemporary Art Show Fall 2017 Edition” Conrad Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- “Big Sensation” Gallery Den mym, Minamiyamashiro-mura, Kyoto

[ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHY ⑤]

Miho TSUJIMOTO

1994 Born in Osaka
2017 Graduated from Osaka Kyoiku University
Lives and works in Osaka

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2017 "Haru no mani mani" Harurun Festa, Kashiwara, Osaka
"Today, Coming Out from There" gallery sage, Osaka
2018 "Diving toward the Bright Side" MU Higashi Shinsaibashi Gallery, Osaka

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016 "222" gallery sage, Osaka
2017 "CASO Spirited Exhibition" CASO, Osaka

[ARTISTS' BIOGRAPHY ⑥]

Mizuho NISHIBATA

1994 Born in Osaka
2017 Graduated from Osaka Kyoiku University
Lives and works in Osaka

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2018 “Like a long long time ago” MU Higashi Shinsaibashi Gallery, Osaka

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016 “Kashiwara Biennale” Kashiwara, Osaka
2017 “CASO Spirited Exhibition” CASO, Osaka