



Kengo Kito: Multiple Star I

March 11 (Saturday) – June 25 (Sunday), 2017

Gallery A at Hara Museum ARC



untitled (hula-hoop), 2015 photo: shinya kigure



inconsistent surface, 2011 photo: Norihiro Ueno

Hara Museum ARC is delighted to present *Kengo Kito: Multiple Star*, a 10-month long exhibition that will run for the duration of the year. The exhibition will be divided into three seasonal parts and featuring a completely different large-scale installation created on-site by the artist as its centerpiece.

For *Kengo Kito: Multiple Star I*, the first installment, Kito will create an installation consisting of hula-hoops, a material the artist has been working with for many years. The installation will occupy the entire space of the pyramid-shaped Gallery A, the museum's main contemporary art gallery featuring a ceiling height of 13 meters and natural illumination from a skylight. In tune with the spirit of spring, Kito's energetic and colorful installation will celebrate the joyful reawakening of life.

Reflecting the tri-part nature of the exhibition, the title "multiple star" refers to three or more stars that appear to be close to each other when viewed from the Earth. The large-scale installations by the Kito, who turns 40 this year, will exemplify the vivid, free-spirited brilliance of Kito's imagination and are sure to captivate all who view them, like the stars that sparkle in the night sky.

Exhibition Details

Title: Kengo Kito: Multiple Star I

Dates: March 11 (Saturday) – June 25 (Sunday), 2017

Venue: Gallery A, Hara Museum ARC

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<http://www.art-it.asia/u/HaraMuseum> (blog) <http://twitter.com/HaraMuseumARC> (Twitter)

Hours: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm (last entry at 4:00 pm)

Organized by: Hara Museum of Contemporary Art

Sponsored by: GATEAU FESTA HARADA

Cooperation provided by: rin art association

Closed: Thursdays (except March 30, May 4 and August) and during change in exhibition items.

*Subject to temporary closure in the event of severe weather.

Admission: General 1,100 yen, Students 700 yen (high school and university) or 500 yen (elementary)

and junior high), Free for Hara Museum members, 10% discount for a group of 20 or more, Combination ticket for Hara Museum ARC and Ikaho Green Bokujo (except during Golden Week): General 1,800 yen; Students 1,500 yen (high school and university) or 1,400 yen (junior high), 800 yen (elementary), half price for those over 70, discount for groups of 20 or more

*Children must be accompanied by an adult.

*For residents of Gunma Prefecture: Free admission for elementary and junior high school children every Saturday during the school term/200-yen-discount on admission for up to five persons upon presentation of the Guchoki Passport.

Directions: By train: Take the Joetsu Shinkansen to Takasaki, change to the Joestu Line, and disembark at Shibukawa. From Shibukawa, ARC is 10 minutes away by taxi or 15 minutes by bus (take the Ikaho Onsen bus to "Green Bokujo Mae"). By car: 8 kilometers (about 15 minutes) from the Kan-etsu Expressway Shibukawa Ikaho Interchange (in the direction of Ikaho Onsen).

Kengo Kito



photo: Futoshi Oki

Biography

1977 Born in Nagoya, Aichi, Japan

2001 Graduated from the department of oil painting at Nagoya University of Arts.

2003 Completed postgraduate studies at Kyoto City University of Arts.

2008-09 Resided in New York (USA) as a recipient of a Gotoh Foundation Scholarship.

2010-12 Resided in Berlin (Germany) for two years under the Overseas Study Program for Upcoming Artists of the Japanese Agency for Cultural Affairs.

2015- Living in Takasaki, Gunma prefecture since returning to Japan.

Currently an associate professor at Kyoto University of Art and Design.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2007 *starburst galaxy* (MOT X Bloomberg, Public Space Project), Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo

2014 *SIMULACRUM*, WOOSON GALLERY (Deagu, Korea)

kengo kito, New Town Plaza (Hong Kong)

2015 *Migration*, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma (Gunma, Japan)

2015/ 2016 *STRUCTURES*, *Think Tank Lab Triennale - International Festival of Contemporary Drawings*, BARBARA (Wroclaw, Poland)

2016 *Kengo Kito Solo Exhibition*, Shibuya Seibu (Tokyo, Japan)

Time Travel – Tokyo, Kenji Taki Gallery (Tokyo, Japan)

KENGO KITO Interstellar, Kyoto University of Art & Design (Kyoto, Japan)

2016 Kuandu Residency Program, Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts (Taipei, Taiwan)

2017 *cart wheel galaxy*, rin art association (Gunma, Japan)

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2004-05 *On Flowering Images; Contemporary Japanese Photography*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo
- 2005 *very very human*, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Aichi
- 2007-08 *ROPPONGI CROSSING*, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo
- 2008 *Twenty*, Dazed and Confused, London
- 2009 *Barock Plastik*, I-MY Project, London
Celestial Pole, Takahashi Setsuro Galery, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art (Aichi, Japan)
- 2009-10 *No Man's Land*, French Embassy (Tokyo, Japan)
- 2011 *Art in an Office*, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art (Aichi, Japan)
ARTIST FILE, The National Art Center, Tokyo
Ways of Worldmaking, The National Museum of Art Center, Osaka
- 2012 *Carpe Diem*, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Aichi
THE ECHO, Kunsthau Betanien, Berlin
THE ECHO - Spreading of Light -, Japanisches Kulturinstitut (Cologne, Germany)
- 2013-14 *Now Japan; Exhibition with 37 contemporary Japanese artists*, Kunsthal KAdE (Amersfoort, the Netherlands)
Mono No Aware. Beauty of Things. Japanese Contemporary Art, Hermitage Museum (Saint Petersburg, Russia)
- 2015 *COSMOS / INTIME –La collection Takahashi*, Maison de la culture du Japon a Paris (Paris, France)
- 2016 *DOMANI- The Art of Tomorrow Plus*, Kyoto Art Center (Kyoto, Japan)
Art Project Takasaki 'The Echo', Takasaki City Gallery (Gunma, Japan)

Public Collection

Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Aichi
Takamatsu City Museum of Art
The Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum, Shizuoka
Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Cornell University (NY)
The National Museum of Art, Osaka
Toyota Motor Corporation (Aichi)
Takahashi Collection (Tokyo)
Gateau Festa Harada (Gunma)

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