

Akira OTSUBO, Koji SHIRAYA

Memories and Records



Opening Reception & Artist's Talk Sunday June 18 4:30—6pm

June 18 – July 15, 2017 12-6pm FRIDAY through TUESDAY

Galerie Ashiya Schule is pleased to present Akira Otsubo and Koji Shiraya's group exhibition titled "Memories and Records" from June 18th to July 15th.

Akira Otsubo's works are photographs of remnants dwelling in things and places. Her various ways of expression let us freely interpret those works.

Koji Shiraya produces ceramic works using silica, alumina, calcium and water. He records a chemical reaction caused by the combination of minute compounds and environmental conditions.

Although they take a different approach, they both have a common theme, which is "memories and records".

Through both works based on remnants scattered all around the world, the exhibition will mark Otsubo and Shiraya's new phases and challenge.

Akira OTSUBO

Education

- 2013 M.F.A. in Contemporary art of Photography, Vysoká Škola Uměleckoprůmyslová (The Academy of Art, Architecture, and Design in Prague) on scholarship of Czech Republic government
- 2011 M.F.A. in Inter-Media Art, Tokyo National University of the Arts
- 2002 B.A. in Clinical Psychology, Kyoto Bunkyo University

Solo Exhibitions

- 2016 "Memories and Records" at ELEKTROKARDIOGRAMM Gallery [Okayama, Japan]
"Code of Shadow" at LADS GALLERY [Osaka, Japan]
"Code of Shadow" at ozasahayashi_project, ART HOSTEL kumagusuku, KYOTOGRAPIE KG + [Kyoto, Japan]
- 2015 "Shadow in the House #01/#02" Nikon Salon [Tokyo, Japan]
"HIDDEN MEMORIES" MUNIKAT Gallery [Munich, Germany]
- 2014 "The Hidden Secrets of Her" Gallery UNITÉ KYOTOGRAPIE KG + [Kyoto, Japan]
- 2013 MUNIKAT Gallery [Munich, Germany]
"Shadow in the House" Béhal Fejér Institute [Prague, Czech]
"Lost Name of Plant" at VSUP [Prague, Czech]
- 2012 "Shadow in the Mirror" Nikon Salon bis OSAKA [Osaka, Japan]
- 2011 "Shadow in the Mirror" Nikon Salon [Tokyo, Japan]

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 "EMON AWARD 6th" at EMON photo Gallery [Tokyo, Japan]
"Showroom Collection" at BLOOM GALLERY [Osaka, Japan]
- 2016 "ISSP FINAL Exhibition" [Kuldiga, Latvia]
"Memory and Information" at KNOWLEDGE SALON Creative Gallery [Osaka, Japan]
Contemporary Art Fair "Art Osaka" from Bloom Gallery [Osaka, Japan]
"Director's choice #01" at Bloom Gallery [Osaka, Japan]
"Recollect, Gaze, Material in Common" Czech-Japanese Contemporary Art Exchange Exhibition at Czech Centre [Tokyo, Japan]
- 2015 "Recollect, Gaze, Material in Common" Czech-Japanese Contemporary Art Exchange Exhibition at Zuiun-an [Kyoto, Japan]
Chelsea International Fine Art Competition at Agora Gallery [NY, US]
"Spectrum" at Bloom Gallery [Osaka, Japan]
"Timelake" Shinpukan/Art Spot Korin [Kyoto, Japan]
TOKYO FRONTLINE PHOTO AWARD Exhibition at G/P + g3/ gallery [Tokyo, Japan]
- 2014 Art festival in Nara "Hanarart" [Nara, Japan]
- 2013 Prague city gallery at the Old Town Hall [Prague, Czech]
Nordart 2013 [Budeldorf, Germany]
ART SAFARI 25, Studio BUBEC [Prague, Czech]
MUNIKAT Gallery [Munich, Germany]
- 2012 "Hidden River" DOX Centre for contemporary art [Prague, Czech]
"Cntrl +Save Me" Béhal Fejér Institute [Prague, Czech]
- 2010 MIO PHOTO AWARD [Osaka, Japan]
FOIL Gallery [Tokyo, Japan]
- 2009 "No man's Land" at French Embassy [Tokyo, Japan]

Awards

- 2017 EMON Award Grand Prix [Tokyo, Japan]
- 2016 KYOTOGRAPIE, KG+ public award (ozasahayashi_project_KYOTO ART HOSTEL kumagusuku) [Kyoto, Japan]
- 2015 Miki Jun Inspiration Award at Nikon Salon
Chelsea International Fine Art Competition at Agora Gallery [NY, US]
- 2014 Special Examiner Prize [selected by Shigeo Goto] at TOKYO FRONTLINE PHOTO AWARD [Tokyo, Japan]
- 2010 Special Examiner Prize [selected by Yasumasa Morimura] at MIO PHOTO AWARD [Osaka, Japan]

Scholarships/Grants

- 2016 FUKUTAKE EDUCATION AND CULTURE FOUNDATION [ELEKTROKARDIOGRAMM Gallery exhibition]
Scholarship of Higashikawa International Photo Festival [Taiyo Onorato workshop at ISSP, Latvia]
- 2015 Nishieda Foundation [Czech-Japanese Contemporary Art Exchange Exhibition in Kyoto]
NOMURA Foundation [MUNIKAT Gallery exhibition]
- 2011-2013 Scholarship of Czech Republic government

Koji SHIRAYA

Born in 1980, lives and works in Himeji, Hyogo

Education

2010 MA Royal College of Art, Ceramics and Glass

Experience

2009 Internship, Studio Levien, London

2004 - 2007 Apprenticeship, Hiromi Itabashi, Tokyo, Japan

Solo Exhibitions

2017 After the dream, 2017 in Maniwa, old Senkyo elementary school, Okayama

2016 the world, COHJU contemporary art, Kyoto

2015 SiO₂, Al₂O₃, CaO, Gallery 360°, Tokyo

2013 Trinary, Victor Felix Gallery, London

Selected Group Exhibitions

2016 Surprising Japan, Usagi Gallery, Hong Kong

2014 Odyssey II, The Church of St Edmund The King, London

2013 Insight into Beauty: Chawan, Embassy of Japan in the UK, London

Odyssey, Bath Abbey, Bath

The Homecoming, Victor Felix Gallery, London

2012 Award Winners' Exhibition, Gardens Gallery, Cheltenham

East meets West: Art and Design Now, Mokspace, London

The Open West, Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucester

2011 Ku'Damm 101 Happening 2011, Ku'Damm 101 Hotel, Berlin

Art in the Gardens 2011, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Hampshire

2010 Making Sense, Flow Gallery, London

SHOW 2010, Royal College of Art, London

2009 Einfall: Beyond Spontaneity, Freud Museum, London

Awards

2012 The Open West, Curators Award

2008 Bronze, Ceramic Design, The 8th International Ceramic Competition MINO, Japan

2005 Silver, Ceramic Arts, The 7th International Ceramic Competition MINO, Japan

The gallery can provide detailed information, by request.