

Midori MITAMURA
Curriculum Vitae

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My artworks always reflect my awareness I gain from journeys, by creating diverse presentations to explore common understanding of human life beyond cultural differences.

They structure a spatial installation through the combination of various materials such as photos, films, music, language and found objects. And then, the installation suggests "a drama in which people can venture". The objects act like picture book illustrations, and visitors can imagine a story that shares awkward and endearing emotions with people, which are familiar to everyone's lives.

I am interested in a unique hypothesis that our memories may be kept in space and can be resonated beyond time and space. Because I often wonder how we can gain knowledge and an ethical perspective beyond the volume of our short periods of education, which span just a few decades.

I believe that memories stacked in space must affect us all, not unlike a battery charging system. Site-specific art is a significant and a remarkable method of my artworks. In accordance with the fieldworks, I adopt versatile approaches, such as communication arts, improvised installations or performance arts as incorporating photos or films.

We are living amongst many different countries, religions, histories, customs and thoughts.

Our lives are merely one part in the passage of a history, the greater part of which is not especially dramatic, yet (having said that) isn't necessarily smooth either. Still, we all live our lives as if pushing the needle gauge of our experience to its limits. I wish my artworks would depict those elements of life filled with both heartache and warmth.

Selected solo exhibitions

- 2016 "Art & Breakfast Wiesbaden" Kunstverein Bellevue-Saal (Wiesbaden, Germany)
- 2016 "UNIVERSE-foundrawing vol.1" Circle Gallery & Books
- 2015 "DRIFT" Bambinart Gallery (Tokyo)
- 2014 "Art & Breakfast Belfast" Golden Thread gallery (Belfast, UK)
- 2013 "Till We Meet Again" void + (Tokyo)
- 2013 "Art & Breakfast Vienna" Verein Hinterland, Vienna
- 2013 "Before the Daybreak" Gallery Terra Tokyo, Tokyo
- 2012 "Green on the mountain" Uqbar/ Berlin, Germany
- 2011 "Art & Breakfast, Melbourne" Monash University Museum of Art / Melbourne, Australia
- 2011 "I'm standing beside the water" Bambinart Gallery / Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 "Temptation in blue" Nanatsudera Studio, Aichi Triennial / Aichi, Japan
- 2009 "On everyday planet" Fuchu municipal museum / Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 "Purple flower in her dress" Grita Insam Gallery / Vienna, Austria
- 2008 "Midori Mitamura @ Yokohama" Creative Space 9001
(the old Toyoko-line Sakuragi-cho station) / Yokohama, Japan
- 2008 "Art & Breakfast" higure 17-15 cas / Tokyo, Japan
- 2007 "Garten" lamm fromm the concept store / Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 "Green on the mountain" Secession / Vienna, Austria
- 2006 "Art & Breakfast" raketa studio / Stockholm, Sweden
- 2006 "message from someone living far away"Antique Bookshop Kosho Ichiro/ Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 "Green on the mountain" traveling exhibition in Finland
Photographic gallery Hippolyte/Helsinki
Northern Photographic Center/ Oulu
Photographic center Peri/ Turku
- 2003 "Inventions -sunny flat days -" Galerie Article / Cologne, Germany
- 2002 "Stories in two rooms"
room #1 New Siberia Cafe nadiiff / Tokyo, Japan
room #2 Two o'clock afternoon at the hill, on the windy winter day"
Contemporary art factory / Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 "Life" - in the lake- Viewing room , Yumiko Chiba Associates/ Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 "Where memories go" Gallery Eboran/ Salzburg, Austria
- 2000 "Inventions" - sunny flat days - Zeit Foto Salon / Tokyo, Japan
- 2000 "Where memories go" Keishin Nakaseko Space / Art event morphe 2000/ Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 "Permanent room" Galerie Lichtblick / Cologne, Germany
- 1999 "Permanent room" Contemporary Art Factory / Tokyo, Japan
- 1997 "Origin" Key Gallery / Tokyo, Japan
- 1996 "Orivate room" P.A.P. Factory / Tokyo, Japan
- 1994 "A cross, July" Za Moca Foundation / Tokyo, Japan

Selected group exhibitions

- 2017 "Leaving Language – in a Japanese limousine" The Methropole (Folkestone, England)
2017 "The Reading" The Yebisu International Festival for Art & Alternative Visions 2017 (Tokyo)
2016 International Art Festival "AICHI Triennale 2016"
Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art (Nagoya, Japan)
2015 "Ladies Only #3" Galerie Lichtblick (Cologne, Germany)
2015 "Living Locally" Arts Maebashi (Gunma, Japan)
2015 "HomeBase Project Saitama" Saitama Triennale 2016 Pre-event (Saitama, Japan)
2015 Photo Festival "Les Rencontres de la photographie, Arles" (Arles, France)
2014 "Unseen Daily Life" Tokyo Wonder Site Hongo (Tokyo)
2014 "ARAFUDO Art Annual" Tsuchiyu-Onsen-Cho (Fukushima. Japan)
2014 "Dresden Public Art View" International Billboard Art Exhibition
2014 "Kaleidoscope" PLATFORM, Melbourne
2014 "Wild Places" Motor Works Gallery (Melbourne, Australia)
2014 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Meeting 2014
"Ladies Only - Contemporary Women Photographers "
Tsereteli Museum of Modern Art (Georgia)
2014 "Big Sky Friendship" TOWADA Art Center (Aomori, Japan)
2013 "Dahein" plan.d., Düsseldorf
2012 "Over the Rainbow" Fuchu Art Museum, Tokyo
2012 "Autumn Leaves Fields" Bambinart Gallery, Tokyo
2011 "The gravity of the situation" Monash University Art & Design Gallery/ Melbourne, Australia
2011 "CAFE in MITO" Contemporary Art Center, Art Tower MITO/ Ibaraki, Japan
2011 "Quiet Attentions" Contemporary Art Center, Art Tower MITO/ Ibaraki, Japan
2010 "To-Be Tokyo-Berlin Communication Art" Freies museum Berlin / Germany
2010 "It's not easy being green" Kunsthaus Muerz, Austria
2009 "Domani" National Art Center Tokyo / Japan
2008 "To-Lo" Stephen Lawrence Gallery Greenwich University / London, UK
2008 "Towards a game of photography" Kawasaki city museum / Kanagawa, Japan
2007 "Max Ernst and the world as book" Museum der moderne Salzburg / Salzburg. Austria
2007 "Sommerspiel" Grita Insam gallery / Vienna
2007 "Tokyo Story " Esso gallery / New York
2007 "Mukoujima art project" Contemporary Art Factory / Tokyo
2006 "Busan Biennale" / South Korea
2006 "Kiss me just once more " Vienna international apartment in Helsinki
2003 "Location of the spirits" Ludwig museum / Budapest, Hungary ,
Moscow contemporary museum / Moscow
2003 "On Happiness;" Tokyo metropolitan museum of photography /Tokyo, Japan
2003 "Moving Japanese _ Interfacial spaces" Kulturhuset / Stockholm, Sweden
2003 "8th NICA" "Video art screening Tokyo" Tokyo International Forum / Tokyo, Japan
2002 "7th Kitakyushu Biennial" Kitakyushu municipal museum of art / Fukuoka, Japan

2002 "20th century, Art recognized virtual images"
 Hiratsuka museum of art / Kanagawa, Japan

2002 "Smooth Rupture,japan" Kunstraum-Innsbruck / Innsbruck, Austria

2002 "Not so smooth" Shiseido Gallery / Tokyo, Japan

2001-2002 Traveling exhibition "Illusion"
 Kulturhuset, Stockholm/Sweden,
 Bildens Hus-Swedish house of photography, Sundsvall / Sweden,
 Lunds Konsthall /Sweden,
 Museet for Fotokunst,
 Brandts kl_defabrik, odense /Denmark,
 the country museum of Joenkoeeping / Sweden,
 the culture center of ronneby/ Sweden,
 Kunstbanken, Hedmark art centre, Hamar / Norway,
 the Finnish museum of photography, Helsinki,
 National Gallery of Iceland, Reykjavik/Iceland

2001 "What is the difference between" Kunst Buero/ Vienna, Austria

2001 "Homesickness of daylight"
 Kasugai city library, culture and art center/ Aichi, Japan

2001 "Off Triennale"/Yokohama, Japan

2001 "Best 12" Contemporary Art Factory / Tokyo, Japan

2000 "Strange home" Historical museum Hannover/ Germany

2000 "Yume no ato" haus am waldsee/ Berlin, Germany
 Staatliche Kunsthalle Baden -Baden/ Germany

2000 "Voices from Japan" CBK (Centrum Beeldende Kunst) / Leiden,Netherlands

1999-2000 "Contemporary photographic art from Japan" NBK / Berlin, Germany
 Hallescher Kunstverein/ Halle, Germany
 Museum Bochum /Germany
 Badischer Kunstverein Karlsruhe/ Germany

1999 "5th International photo festival Herten" Germany

1999 "Learning to fly" -Collaborative work with Andre Stitt-
 Bobo's gallery / London, U.K

1998 "Tokyo rooms" Galerie Article / Cologne, Germany

1995 "International salon '95" Ward Nasse gallery / New York

1995 "morphe '95" Nikka Whisky / Tokyo, Japan

1995 "Harajuku Arts" Raforet museum / Tokyo, Japan

1994 "Parco Urbanart #2" Parco Gallery, Tokyo