

Mai Yamashita + Naoto Kobayashi

Mai Yamashita (b.1976, Chiba, Japan) and Naoto Kobayashi (b.1974, Chiba, Japan) who had met during their high school years, officially commenced their activities as an art unit in 2001. The unit worked overseas until 2012 following the completion of their studies at Tokyo University of the Arts, and is currently based in Chiba Prefecture, Japan. They have held museum solo exhibitions at Kunstverein Göttingen (Germany, 2011), Oyama City Kurumaya Museum of Art (Tochigi, 2015), Kurobe City Art Museum (Toyama, 2021), and Chiba Prefectural Museum of Art (Chiba, 2023) among others, and have participated in numerous international biennales and triennales including Aichi Triennale 2010, Yokohama Triennale 2011, Art Setouchi 2019, Bangkok Art Biennale 2024.
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EDUCATION

Mai Yamashita

2009 PhD Tokyo University of the Arts
2005-6 The Berlin University of the Arts, Class Stan Douglas, Guest student
2004-5 Bauhaus Universität Weimar, MFA Public Art and New Artistic Strategies
2004 M.A. Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music
2001 B.A. Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music
1976 Born in Chiba, Japan

Naoto Kobayashi

2005-6 The Berlin University of the Arts, Class Stan Douglas, Guest student
2004-5 Bauhaus Universität Weimar, MFA Public Art and New Artistic Strategies
2002 M.A. Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music
1999 B.A. The University of Tsukuba, School of Art and Design
1974 Born in Chiba, Japan

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 **To Others, and Together With Others**, Art Tower Mito, Ibaraki, Japan
2023 **If The Sun Had No Name**, Chiba Prefectural Museum of Art, Japan
2021 **"A mirage."**, Kurobe City Art Museum, Toyama, Japan
2018 **Nature Observation**, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo
2015 **Notebooks, and from the Notebooks**, Oyama City Kurumaya Museum of Art, Tochigi, Japan
2014 **Mountains and a Dog**, hiromiyoshii roppongi, Tokyo
A Dog and Wooden Sculptures, Asifakeil, MuseumsQuartier, Vienna
infinity, RL Window, Ryan Lee Gallery, NY
1000WAVES, Suburban PS, Rotterdam
2013 **Works On Paper**, Daikanyama T-Site, Tokyo
2011 **The Four Souvenirs and The Book**, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo
Adventure, Courage, Love and Friendship, Kunstverein Göttingen, Germany
infinity, Arthouse at the Jones Center, Texas, USA
IMPRINT, FIT, Vancouver, Canada
2010 **GOING MAINSTREAM**, Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
Screen Spirit_Continued_#11, Städtische Galerie Bremen, Germany
2009 **Viewing week**, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo

- The Small Mountain, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Chiba, Japan
 playing with time, NOW IDeA by Utrecht, Tokyo
 2008 INUZORI, Rasche Ripken Berlin, Germany
 When I wish upon a star + Infinity, STUK Kunstencentrum, Leuven, Belgium
 2007 1000 Waves, Kunsthalle Lingen, Germany
 infinity, Mai Yamashita+Naoto Kobayashi, ZAIM, Kanagawa, Japan
 Yamashita Kobayashi Repeat Playback@Maruya, Kagawa, Japan
 2001 dam has broken, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, Tokyo

GROUP EXHIBITIONS & SCREENINGS

- 2026 Art and Film? – The Future of Moving Images Beyond Definition, ART FAIR TOKYO, e-flux Film
 2025 Takamatsu Contemporary Art Annual vol.12 The Contour of Me, Takamatsu Art Museum, Kagawa
 2024 Bangkok Art Biennale, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre, Thailand
 2020 Under the stars, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
 2019 VIDEO ART WEEK ROMA, MAXXI, Rome
 Setouchi Art Triennale 2019, Megijima island, Kagawa
 Rafaël Rosendaal/Mai Yamashita+Naoto Kobayashi, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 2018 Exhibition from the Collection "Journey", Chiba City Museum of Art, Chiba, Japan
 Hors Pistes : El estadio del arte, Centre Pompidou Málaga, Spain
 New Japan, Solyanka State Gallery, Moscow
 2017 PARC7, Sapporo Ekimae-dori Underground Walkway(Chi-Ka-Ho), Hokkaido, Japan
 KizArt, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome
 2016 Ryuta Iida, Motomasa Suzuki, Mai Yamashita + Naoto Kobayashi, Yoshitaka Yazu, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo
 Time, Light, Japan, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
 1000 waves, OnArte, Minusio, Switzerland
 2015 CAFE in Mito R, Art Tower Mito, Ibaraki, Japan
 2014 new york stories: twenty years of iscp, International Studio & Curatorial Program, New York
 Songs for a pigeon, Embassy of Switzerland, gallery COEXIST, Plaza Gallery and others, Tokyo
 Art Kurabiraki Fujiyoshida 2014, Yamanashi, Japan
 2013 Now Japan, Kunsthall KAdE, Amersfoort, the Netherlands
 Victory Obsessed, Zamek Culture Centre, Poznan, Poland
 Why not live for Art? II, Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
 Super 8, MAM Rio, Rio de Janeiro
 tireless workers, insitu, Berlin
 2012 Cities and Things That Matter, Lombard Freid Projects, New York
 Eleventh Hour, Futura Centre For Contemporary Art, Prague
 Super 8, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco
 Body Talks?, Art Fair Tokyo, Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
 Mediated Visions, Galerie Wedding, Berlin
 Kashiwa City Jack-Asia Pacific Contemporary Media Arts from Daisuke Miyatsu Collection, Chiba, Japan
 2011 YOKOHAMA TRIENNALE 2011 OUR MAGIC HOUR-How Much of the World Can We Know?, BankART, Kanagawa, Japan
 Invisibleness is visibleness, Museum of Contemporary Art Taipei, Taiwan
 Super 8, Christopher Grimes Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
 Open Studio, ISCP-International Studio & Curatorial Program, New York
 UNFOLDING: PROCESSES/SPACE/TIME Grimmuseum, Berlin
 Body Talks?, SYMPOSIA, Tokyo
 Soramame, Hans Peter Zimmer Stiftung, Düsseldorf, Germany
 2010 AICHI TRIENNALE 2010 Arts and Cities, Aichi, Japan
 Roppongi Art Night, Roppongi Hills, Tokyo

- THINGS THAT ONLY AN ARTIST CAN DO, MARCO-Museo deArte Contemporánea de Vigo,
Spain
- Love Sick, Stills Gallery, Sydney
- Convocatoria Internacional de Jóvenes Artistas, Luis Adelantado Valencia, Spain
- Can't go on like this!, Map Office, HongKong
- No Holds Barred, Art Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- 2009 5+1 Junction Box, Vacant, Tokyo
- Vom Labor zum Projekt, Neuen Museum Weimar, Germany
- UNIVERSO ELECTRÓNICO, El Tanque Espacio cultural, Canary Islands, Spain
- JAPAN VIDEO WINDOW, Duplex/10m2, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Destroy Everything You Touch, Espai'd Art de Gandia, Spain
- Once, there was the sea, Creative Space 9001, Kanagawa, Japan
- Videonale 11 selection, Goethe-Institut Japan in Kyoto, Kyoto
- R_minute, Info Nantes public computer screens, Nantes, France
- I wish upon a star, Sinjuku Ganka Garou, Tokyo
- Ping-Pong Critic, Kyoto Art Center, Kyoto
- 2008 Yokohama Art & Home Collection, Kanagawa, Japan
- Re-Imagining Asia, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin
- BACKLIGHT 08, 8th International Photographic Triennial, Photographic Centre Nykyaika,
Tampere, Finland
- IASmedia Screening 2008, Insa Art Space, Korea
- Sound & Vision Vol.3 RefLect, ZAIM, Kanagawa, Japan
- Ohayo JAPAN, LIA - Leipzig International Art Programme, Germany
- VIDEOZOMER, Petersburg Project Space, Amsterdam
- GOING TO OUessant - Video on the island, Ouessant, France
- Visions in the Nunnery 2008, Nunnery Gallery, London
- Theory of Everything, CASZ, Amsterdam
- FairPlay Film&Video Award Selection, Product Festival, Varna, Bulgaria
- Screening #10, ART CLAIMS IMPULSE, Berlin
- The Doctoral Program Final Exhibition, The University Art Museum, Tokyo University of the
Arts, Japan
- 2007 I Am Future Melancholic, Tate Modern, London
- I Am Future Melancholic, GoGallery, Milan
- Crawford Open 2007, Crawford Art Gallery, Cork, Ireland
- Works by Emerging Video Artists, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, USA
- DongFang The Cinema of the Far East, Castel Sant'Elmo, Naples
- Museumsnacht, Stadtgalerie Kiel, Germany
- Artist as Activist, plan-B, Tokyo
- Videonale 11 selection, Insa Art Space of the Arts Council Korea, Seoul, Korea
- Videonale 11 selection, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
- Videonale 11, Kunstmuseum Bonn, Germany
- Madrid Abierto 2007, Canal Metro, Madrid
- Japanese Video Art Screening, Henie-Onstad Kunstsenter, Oslo, Norway
- Nightcomers, 10th Istanbul Biennial, Turkey
- MIACA@LUX, LUX, London
- Compendium, H-I-T, Göteborg, Sweden
- Evolution 2007, The Linacre Studio, Leeds, UK
- Saison Video 2007 #31, Musée des Beaux-Arts et la Dentelle, Calais, France
- Vor Ort, Villa am Aabach, Uster, Switzerland
- Theory of Everything, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin
- 2006 ARS 06-Sense of the Real, Museum of Contemporary Art KIASMA, Helsinki, Finland
- LichtRouten Lüdenscheid, Germany
- Small mischiefs, Pump House Gallery, London
- Indblik, Herning Kunstmuseum, Denmark
- O.V. L by REC, MIACA, ZAIM, Kanagawa, Japan

- Staring into Space**, Trafó House of Contemporary Arts, Budapest
Fair Play 2006, play - gallery for still and motion pictures, Berlin
Trans_vision, V&A Friday Late, the Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Pixapins, PHOTOESPAÑA 2006, Madrid
Theory of Everything, Asian Cultural Council, New York
The Peninsula, Singapore History Museum, Singapore
Everyday Life is a Microcosm, Cornell University Department of Art's Experimental Studio, Ithaca, USA
ArtSway Open 06, ArtSway, Hampshire, UK
Shrewsbury Open 2006-Unnatural Selection, Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery, UK
badmeister kunst und sport teil 2, Hallenbad Wald, Wald, Switzerland
kunstkanister, Zeughaus Uster, Uster, Switzerland
2005 **EMERGENCY 2**, Aspex Gallery, Portsmouth, UK
Rosal:the Exposed Colour Pink, The University Art Museum, Tokyo
2004 **The World is Mine**, Hiromi Yoshii Five, Tokyo
Voice of Site Tokyo - Chicago - New York, Former Sakamoto Elementary School, Tokyo
2003 **Green Space 2_licht/schatten**, Haus am Horn, Weimar, Germany
2002 **Philip Morris K.K. Art Award 2002 -The First Move**, Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
Green Space, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, Ibaraki, Japan
ART UNIVERSIADE, Chiba, Japan

FESTIVALS

- 2017 **Nimman Film Festival**, Asian Culture Station, Chiang Mai, Thailand
2016 **Tweetakt Festival 2016**, Utrecht
2011 **Hors Pistes 2011**, Centre Pompidou, Paris
Performance-Festival2011, Bremen, Germany
2010 **Internationale Kurzfilmtage Winterthur**, Switzerland
2008 **Near Sighted, Far Out: Video Art Festival #003**, Harvestworks Digital Media Arts Center, NY
VIDEOAKT international videoart show, Glogauair, Berlin
2007 **Cambridge Film Festival**, UK
Trunk-The Nordic Art Video Festival, Östersund, Sweden
Optica International Festival of Video Art, Spain
D-NEFF, Victoria-Gastaiz, Spain
Transitio_MX, Mexico City
VAD International Video and Digital Arts Festival, Girona, Spain
International Kansk Video Festival 2007, Russia
EXiS2007, Seoul
d/Art/07, The Australian Centre for Photography etc., Sydney
International Videofestival Bochum, Germany
Hamburg International Short Film Festival, Germany
ZEMOS98, Sevilla, Spain
Stuttgarter Filmwinter, Stuttgart, Germany
FILE 2007, Oi Futuro Cultural Center, Rio de Janeiro
International Film Festival Rotterdam, the Netherlands
Japan Media Art Festival, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo
ifva festival, Hong Kong Arts Centre, Hong Kong
2006 **transmediale 2006**, Akademie der Künste, Gallery ZERO, Berlin
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Centre Pompidou etc., Paris
CODE: BLUE Millennium Dialogue 2006, China Millennium Art Museum, Beijing
VAD International Video and Digital Arts Festival, Girona, Spain
shnit short film festival, Bern, Switzerland
isfilmu Nakts #1, kSuns, Latvia
canariasmediafest 2006, Gran Canaria, Spain

Ars Electronica Animation Festival, Linz, Austria
European Media Art Festival(EMAF), Osnabrück, Germany
Media Forum, Moscow International Film Festival, Russia
Media Art Friesland, the Netherlands
CYNETart_06 humane, Kunsthaus Dresden, Germany
Gstaad Film Festival 2006, Gstaad, Switzerland
SHOWCASE International Portfolio Review, Kaufleuten, Zürich
2005 Kassel Documentary Film and Video Festival, Kassel, Germany
LOOP :THE PLACE FOR VIDEO ART LOVERS, Barcelona

PRIZES AND GRANTS

2025 Nomura Foundation
2024 Nomura Foundation
2023 Nomura Foundation
2016 Terumo Foundation for Life Sciences and Arts
2014 Pola Art Foundation, International Exchange
2013-14 Pollock Krasner Foundation
2009-12 The Japanese Government Overseas Study Programme for Artists
2011 Yoshino Gypsum Art Foundation, Stipend, Japan
2010 Nomura Foundation, Japan
2007-08 The Japanese Government Overseas Study Programme for Artists
2007 Special Prize of VAD International Video and Digital Arts Festival
2006 The Asahi Shimbun Foundation
The Nomura Cultural Foundation
Honorable Mention of transmediale.06
2nd Prize of Gstaad Film Festival 2006
2004 Takahashi Art Prize, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts & Music
1999 Ataka Prize, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts & Music

RESIDENCIES

2014 quartier21, MuseumsQuartier, Vienna
2011 ISCP- International Studio & Curatorial Program, New York
2010 Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin
2010 LIA- Leipzig International Art Programme, Germany
2009 Künstlerhäuser Worpswede, Germany
2007 Schleswig-Holsteinisches Künstlerhaus Eckernförde, Germany
2006 Künstler Atelier AKKU Uster, Switzerland

TV BROADCASTINGS

2010 Die Nacht/La Nuit #98, arte TV
2009 Die Nacht/La Nuit #90, arte TV

PUBLIC COLLECTION

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Jean Pigozzi Collection