







VOTE MOYOR McCHEESE, 2023 Water-based color on paper 594×841 mm

Mayor McCheese had once been very popular being a McDonald's mascot living in McDonaldland. However, as McDonald's lost the lawsuit, Mayor McCheese vanished from the stage. This work was inspired by this McDonald's character, who was involved in a copyright infringement lawsuit filed by an American TV production company, and was conducted in the form of a behavioral performance by posting the posters. The completed poster will also appear in other locations near Digital Art Center, Taipei.



















VOTE MAYOR McCHEESE, 2021 Water-based color on paper and newspaper 546 × 812 mm

Making prints everyday with the image on the wall of the exhibition space which carved by a woodcarving knife and pressed the newspaper on it. The large number of prints in five days were not only displayed in the exhibition space, but also in nearby coffee shops and butcher stores, spread over the city. The origin of this design is a single panel of cartoon in which the old McDonald's character "Mayor McCheese" campaigned for election.









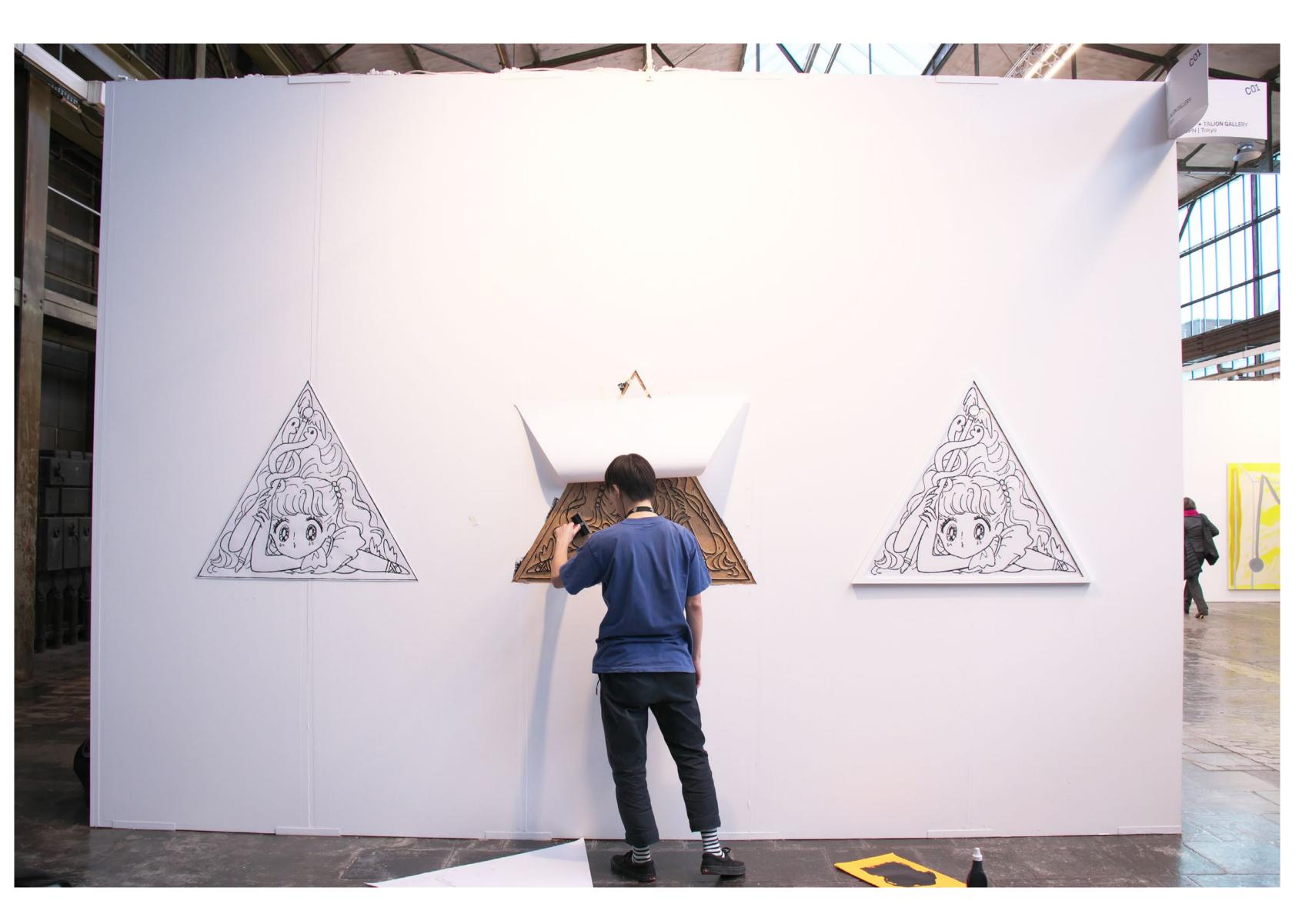


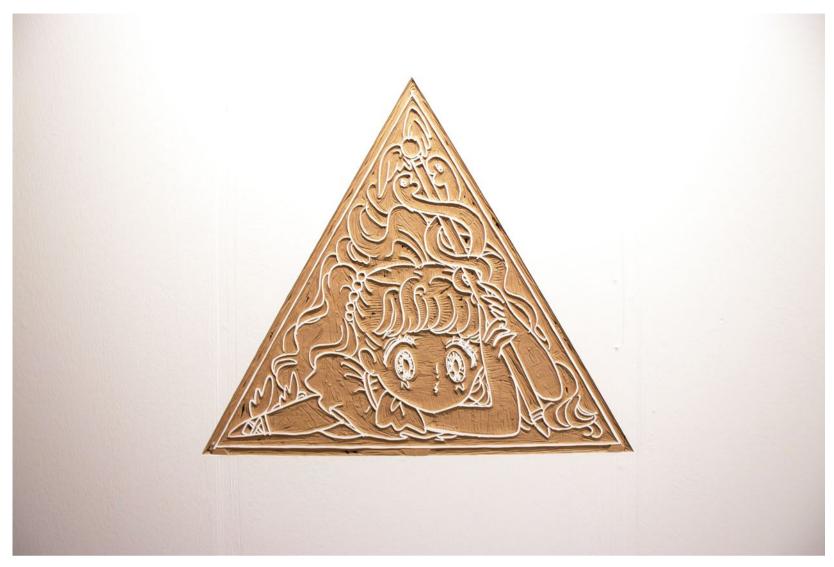


















DM-chan of Triangle, 2019 Water-based color on japanese paper 910 x 1050 mm















The Woodcut printings from the bedroom, 2023 water-based ink on cotton cloth 3200 × 2400 mm, movie 15 min. 6 sec.

This work was completed with the bedroom in which Takuya Yamashita cohabited with his ex-partner for eight years. After his separation from his partner last year, Takuya Yamashita removed the tatamis in the room

facing each other in the venue.

and on the wood below, carved the character drawn by his ex-partner in the past – Mr. DM. In this exhibition, we can see the works printed from the actual bedroom as well as the video-clip that recorded Takuya Yamashita's creation process in the bedroom. Both works are displayed

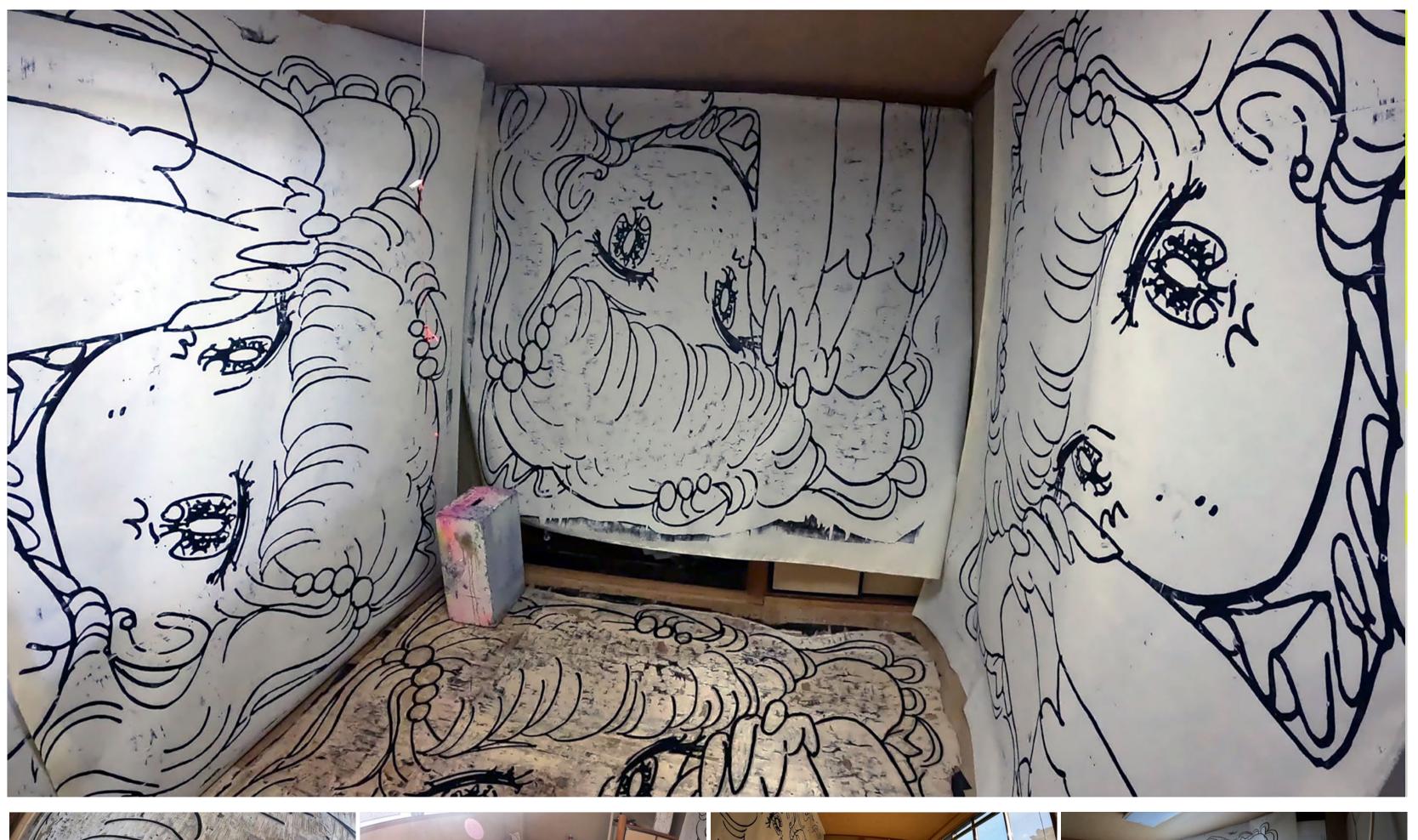




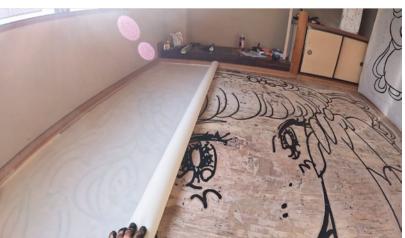


























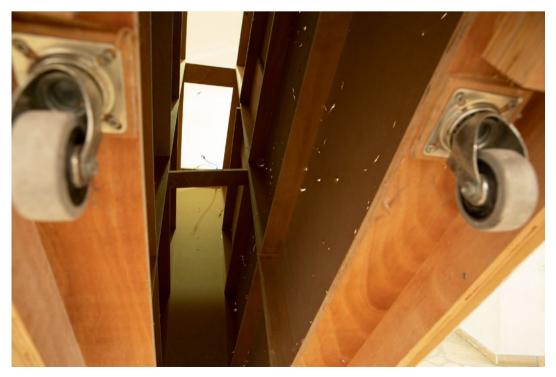


















DM-chan of Square, 2018 Flexible wall, water-based ink on canvas

In 2018, for the exhibition held at Jaffa Museum in Tel Aviv, Yamashita has worked on-site. As Jaffa Museum is in a renovated Islamic architecture, its exhibition rooms are consisted of crossed vaults which have arch structure extending from column to ceiling. Contrary to the curved exhibition space, the shape of movable wall which is an equipment for exhibition was square. Yamashita carved the image of "DM chan" hustled in a square directly on the movable wall to make several wood block prints on canvas. The illustration of DM chan was drawn by comic artist Niwako Onta. As if emphasizing the contrast between the arch and the square coexisting unnaturally, beautiful girl manga character in same square shape has appeared in the exhibition room.











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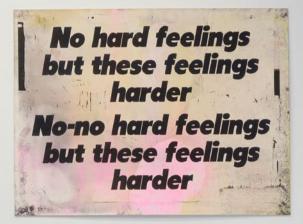


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Welcome to Heartbreak, 2020 Water-based color and acryl on japanese paper 1047×747 mm

In 2020, Yamashita's solo exhibition was held at Art Center Ongoing in Tokyo. The table in the cafe space was carved directly with a carving knife to create woodblocks. Over the next few days he printed woodblock prints from them.

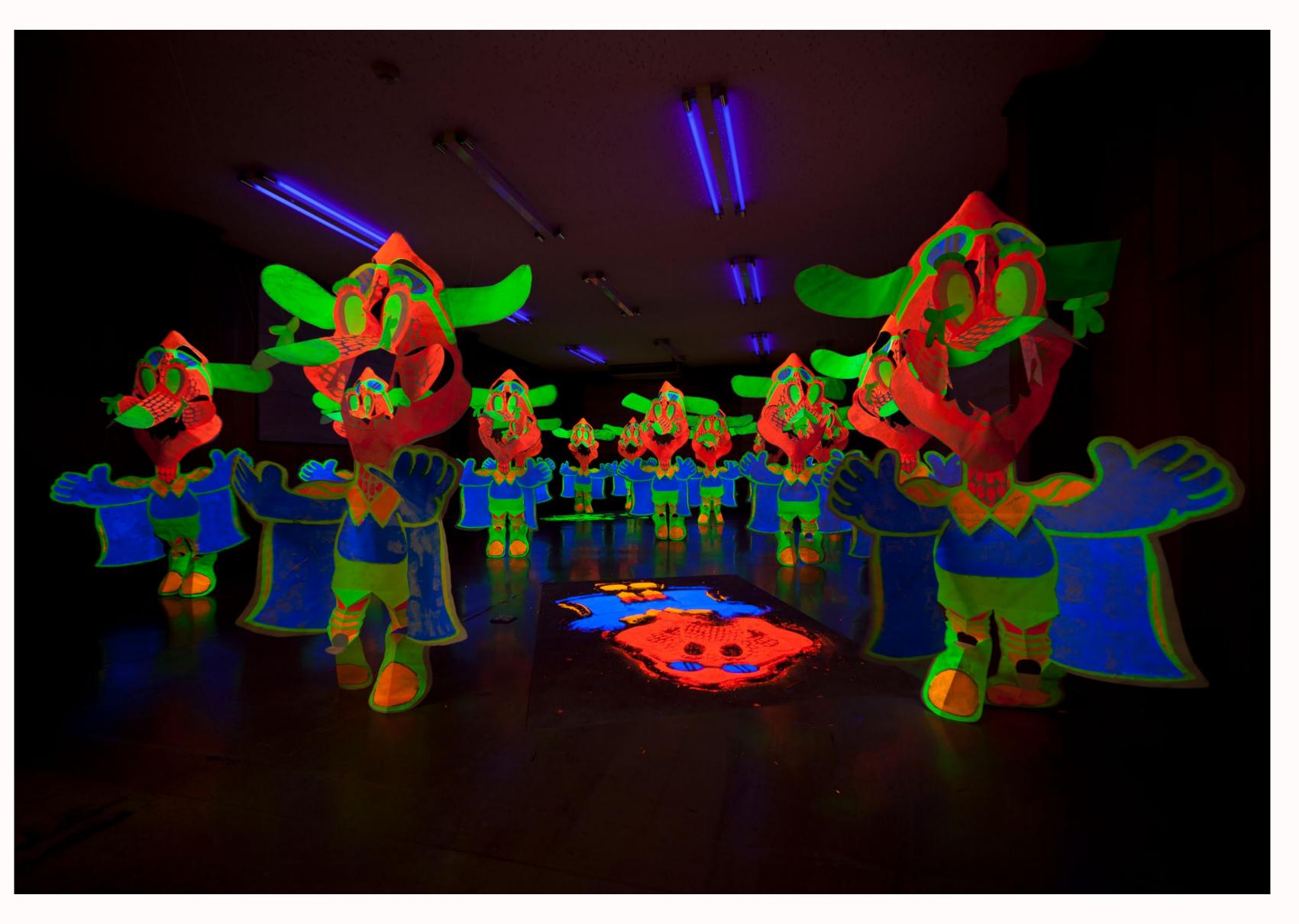
The table was carved with the hook of the lyrics of rapper Kanye West's song "Welcome to Heartbreak." Woodblock prints were printed repeatedly, just as the climax was sung repeatedly in the song. While many woodblock prints were hanged there, the cafe of Art Center had opened as usual and bumpy woodblock tables were also used by visitors.

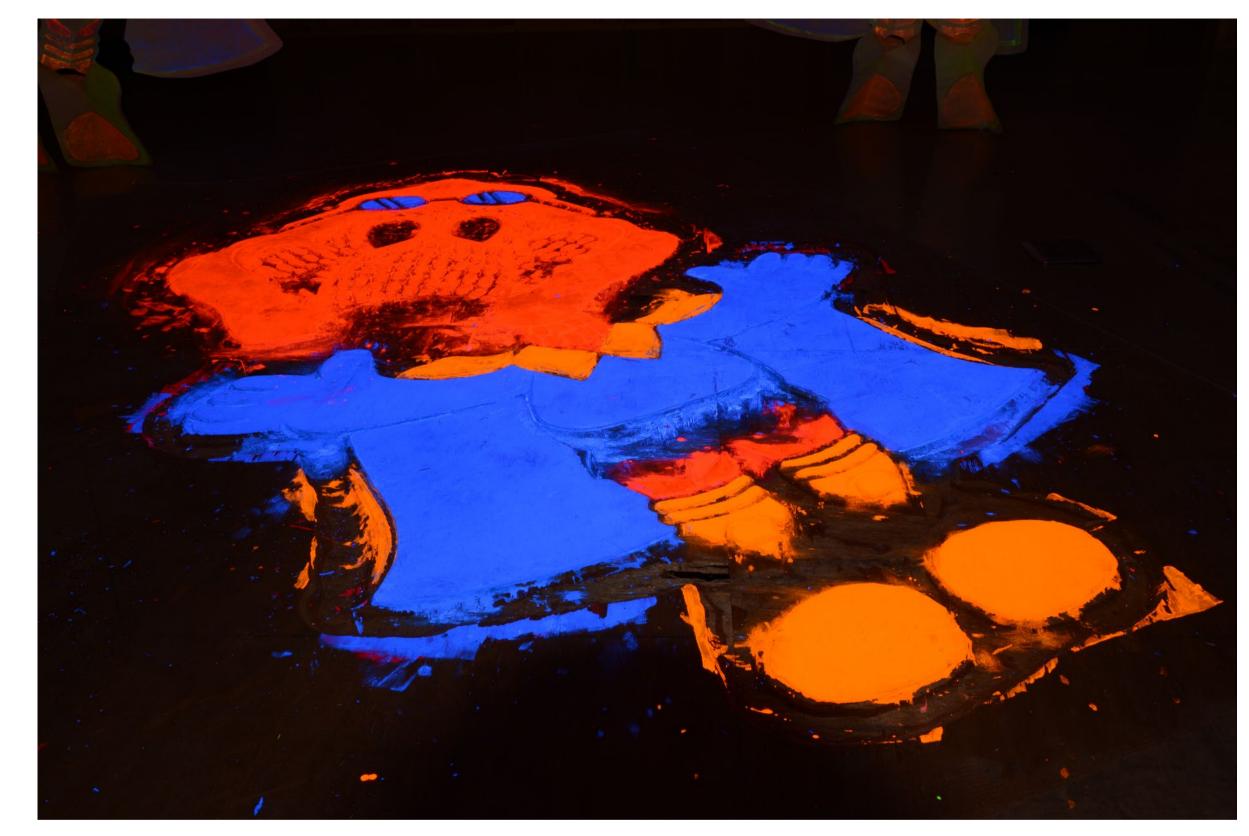
PLAY with the woodblock prints (Maybe so, maybe not), 2023 Water-based color and oil-based color on japanese paper and synthetic paper, wood 804×570mm

PLAY with the woodblock prints (No hard feeling), 2023 Water-based color and oil-based color on japanese paper and synthetic paper, wood

Water-based color and oil-based color on japanese paper and synthetic paper, wood 635×480 mm

These works was also inspired by the divorce. Takuya Yamashita has always liked rapping; music has become an indispensable part of the process of creation, very intimate with his life. However, after separating from his partner, he spent a time of loneliness by himself. It was at that moment when these sad lyrics streaming around freely started to resonate with his inner heart.









Oil splattering by rain feat. YOKOHAMA's, 2013 Fluorescent paint on japanese paper, black lights, monofilament

This installation work is composed with the mascot images printed with fluorescent paint on the floor of exhibition space. This mascot is "Tobimaru" of the Yokohama Flugels, a professional soccer club that dissolved and disappeared due to the financial trouble of its sponsor company.





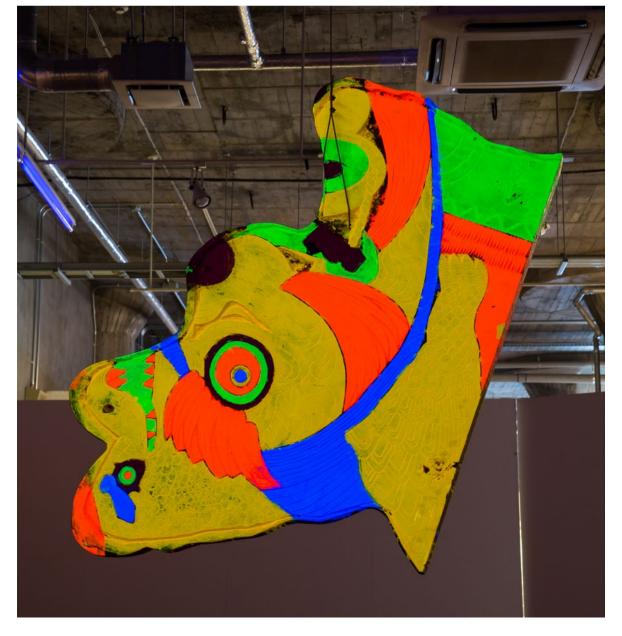




Drawing for The Rain, Splattering Oil feat. Ranryo-Oh, 2014 Water color marker, pencil and ballpoint pen on paper 210 x 297 mm



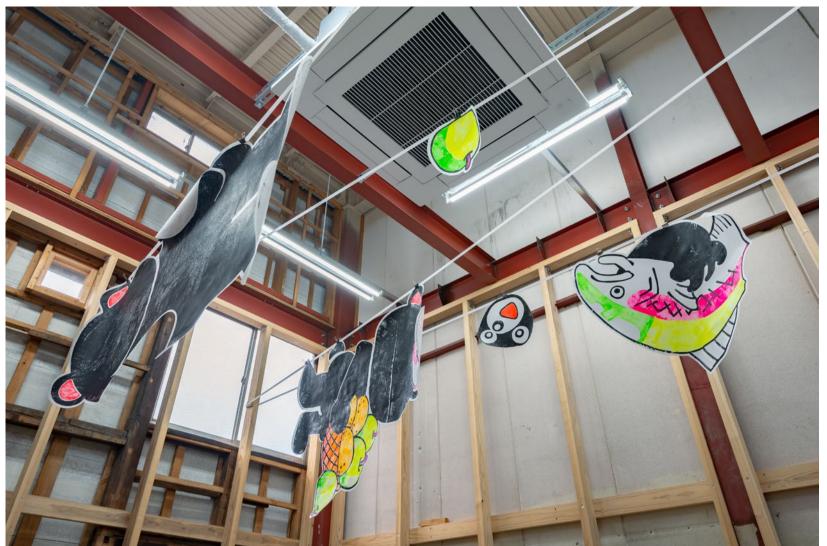
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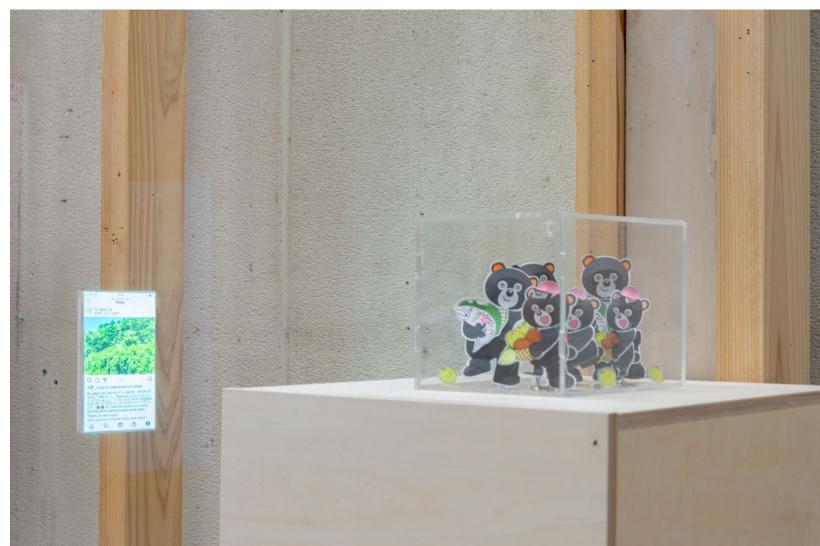


The Rain, Splattering Oil feat. Ranryo-Oh, 2014

Black light, natural wooden board, fluorescent paint on japanese paper











Printmaking Studio, 2020 Water-based color and fluorescent paint on japanese paper, wood, glass etc

An installation of reproduction of a printmaking studio, which include woodblocks, workbench, ink, others were used as the print work "Darkness Carved in lightness (Okuma Town's mascot,









Darkness carved in lightness(Okuma town's mascot Oh-chan and Ku-chan), 2020 Fluorescent paint on japanese paper, black lights, monofilament 3405 x 2420 x 5360 mm

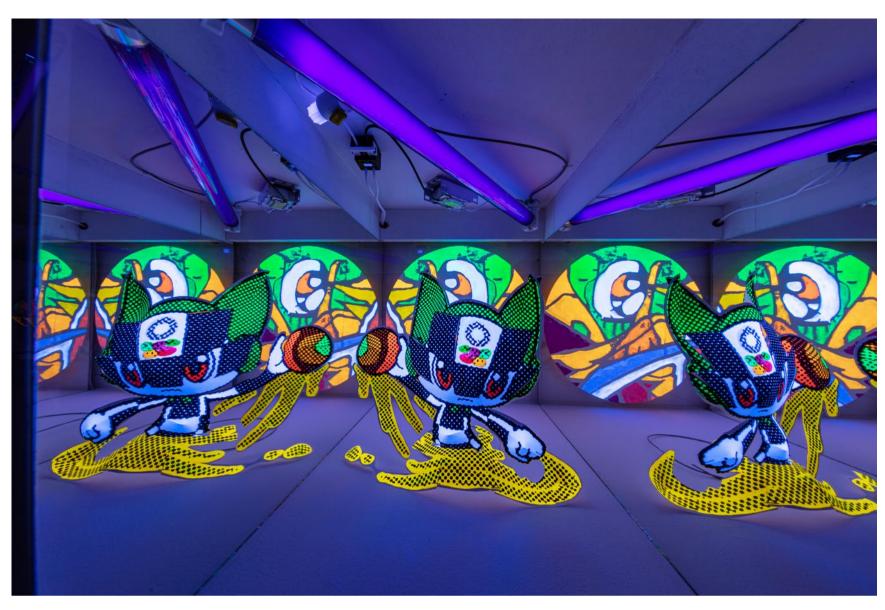
Oh-Chan and Ku-chan is the mascot of Okuma Town in Fukushima prefecture, where the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant is located. Even today, one-third of the town is still designated as a difficult-to-reach area and many signs and shutters with the mascot are abandoned.













Okuma town's mascot Oh-chan and Ku-chan in The Infinity Mirror Room, 2021 Acrylic on paper, fluorescent paint on japanese paper, wood, mirror, glass, black lights, wire $355 \times 445 \times 490 \text{ mm}$

The Tokyo 2022 Olympics Games mascot Miraitowa in The Infinity Mirror Room, 2021 Acrylic on paper, fluorescent paint on japanese paper, wood, mirror, glass, black lights, wire $355 \times 445 \times 490$ mm

The Inside of the box is a laminated mirror, and the semi-3-dimensional mascot image placed inside multiply infinitely.

Officer Big Mac in the Infinity Mirror Room, 2023

Acrylic on paper, fluorescent paint on japanese paper, wood, mirror, glass, black lights, wire 355 x 445 x 490 mm

DM-chan (Deep Melancholy) in the Infinity Mirror Room, 2023 Acrylic on paper, fluorescent paint on japanese paper, wood, mirror, glass, black lights, wire 355 x 445 x 490 mm

The Inside of the box is composed of mirrors together with a half-dimensional mascot, creating an effect of infinite extension. Just as in Yayoi Kusama's "Infinity Mirror Room – Phalli's Field", Takuya Yamashita tries to display internal negative feelings, like distress and fear, which reflect each other through the mirrors. In this work, "Officer Big Mac" was the police character in McDonaldland yet disappeared due to copyright problems.

Recollected from the works of the medieval printmaker Albrecht Dürer, "Ms. DM" is a character co-created by the artist and the ex-partner. The infinite extension in the mirror and the never-reaching end seem to embody the time experienced by Takuya Yamashita after his separation from his partner.







TALION's Child (Ranryo-Oh, made of the wall of Talion Gallery), 2014 The Wall of Talion Gallery, paint

Yamashita's solo exhibition was held as the last exhibition of Talion Gallery before its moving in Tokyo. The artist created and presented the work "TALION's Child" which was also the title of the solo show. The motif of the work which consisted of sculpture, installation and video comes from the dance figure of "Ranryo-o". "Ranryo-o" is one of Gagaku (Japanese traditional classical music and dance) and it is well known from the metal engraving work "Ranryo-o" by Shomin Unno from the Imperial Collections. Combining "Ranryo-o" the mythical character with gorgeous costume and golden stick and the design of "Ryujinmaru", the three heads high jinni appeared on TV animation "Mashin Hero Wataru" in which the artist was absorbed in his childhood, he completed the unique form. (Additionally, materials are limited to plate form media = wall.)

After tracing patterns of parts on the walls of gallery, he cut them out with electric saw After he finished the work, gallery space with full of holes appears as his installation work, which could be said as cast-off skin of the sculpture.

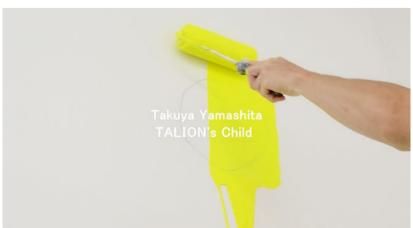
Large hole opened to the outside which was distinguishing part of the exhibition accidentally functioned as improving the air flow between art and society.

It allows many passengers to peek into the gallery space and to start unusual communication between outside passengers and inside viewers to talk to each other. Also, posts, wall and doors of Japanese old house had appeared from cut out holes, which used to exist before it becomes the gallery space. The situation is as if a spell of "contemporary art" casted by white cube was lifted and it has gone back to the original situation.

About one year after this show, at "Park Night 2015", the related art event of "Art Fair Tokyo 2015", Yamashita constructed the sculpture work of "TALION's Child" for the first time. As the sculpture with hight of about 5m was difficult to stand by itself, it was finished as supported by tube pipes and woods. The artist also showed the recorded video work of his working process at Talion Gallery.





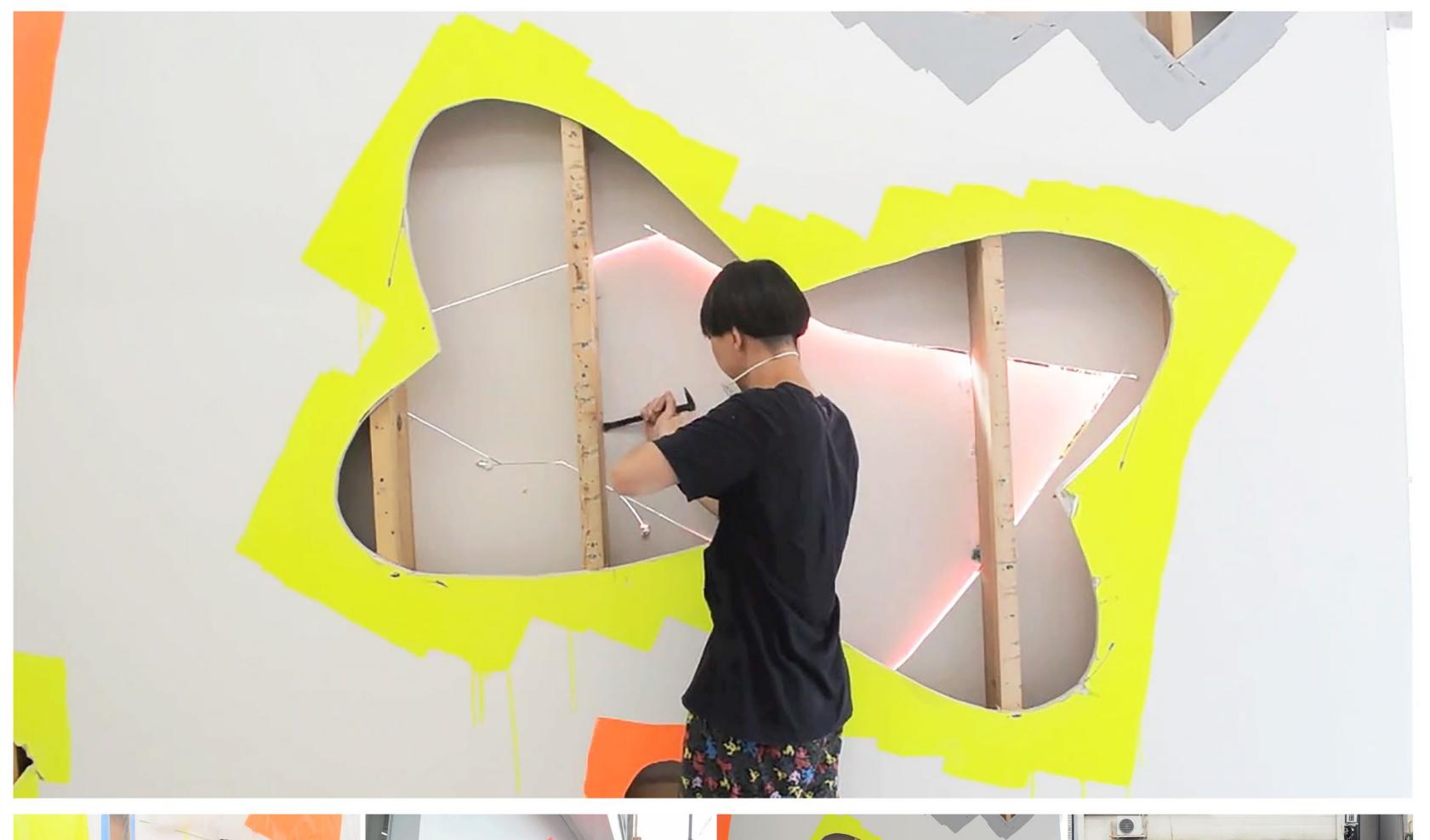


















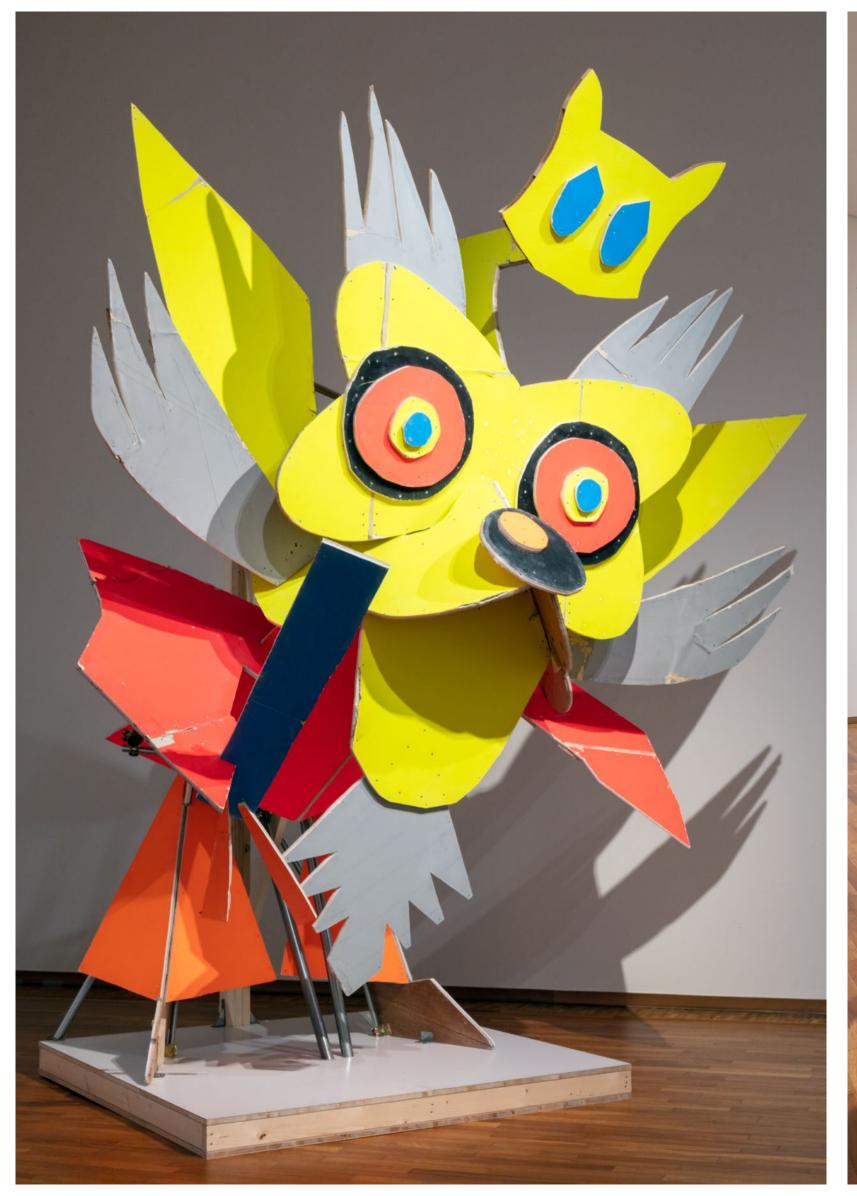






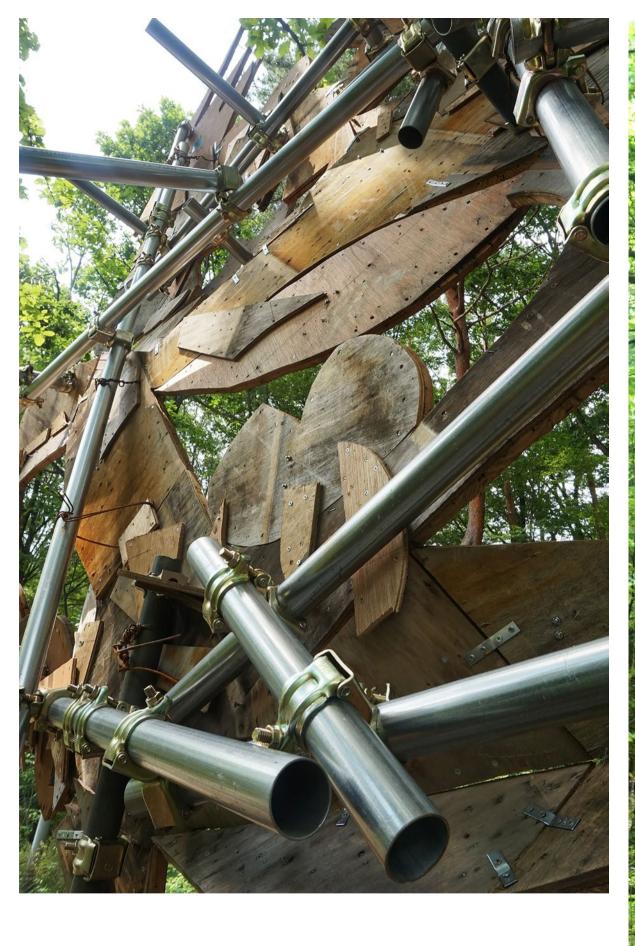




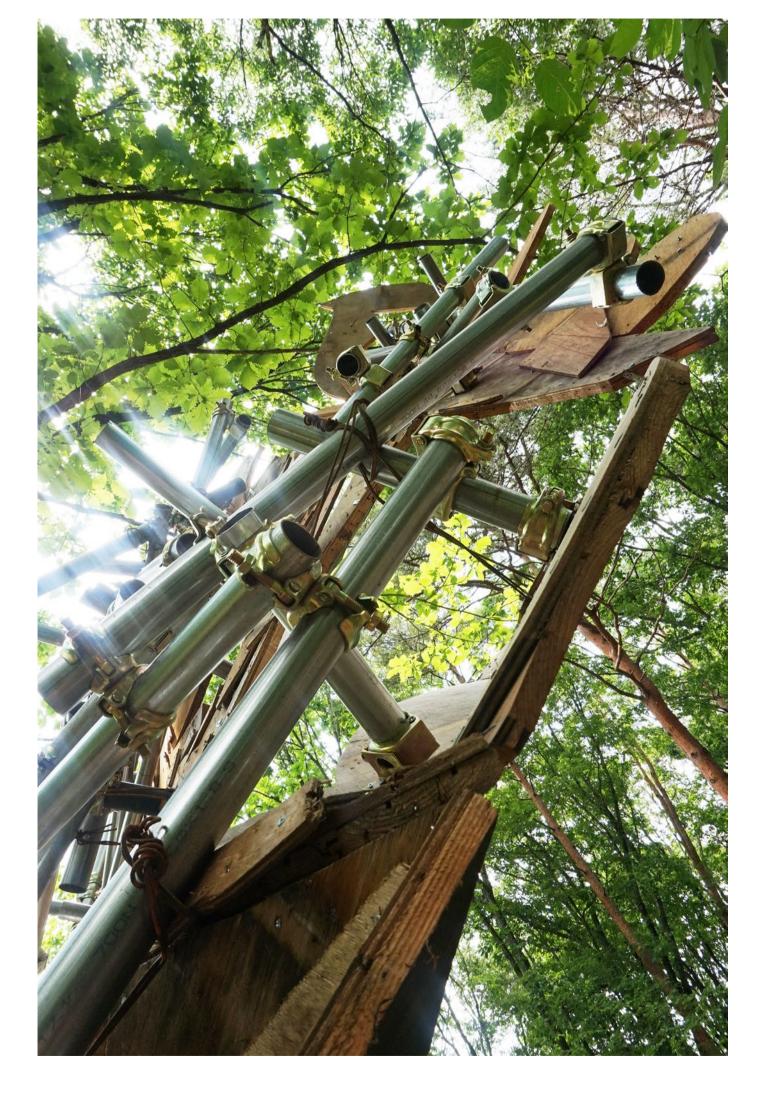












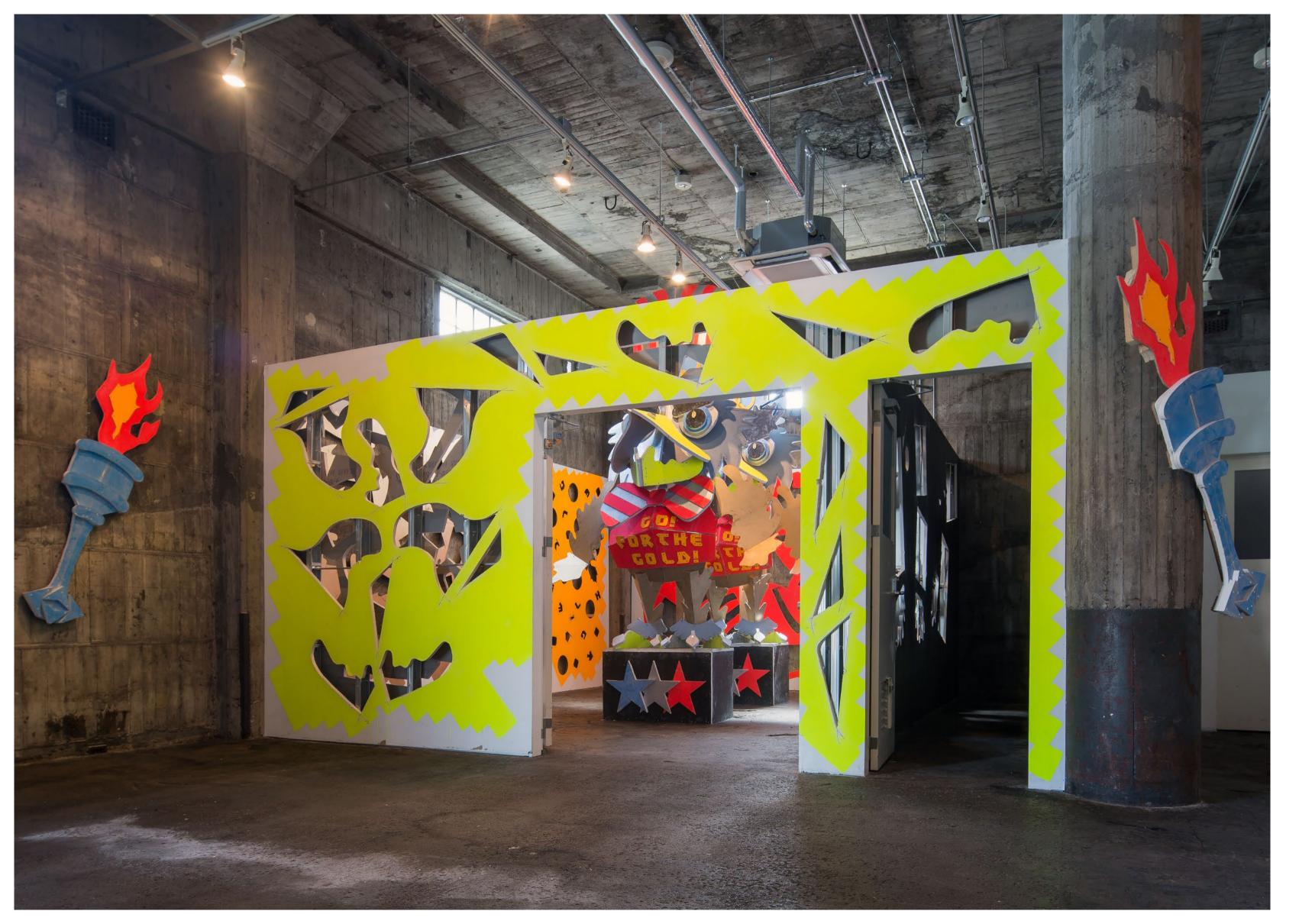


Nakamura Keith Haring Collection Art Museum, 2013

Museum of Alamora (Used the exterior wall of Nakamura Keith Haring Collection Art Museum to createthe sculpture of IZZY: The Mascot of Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games.), 2014
The Exterior wall and sign plate of Nakamura Keith Haring Collection Art Museum, single pipe

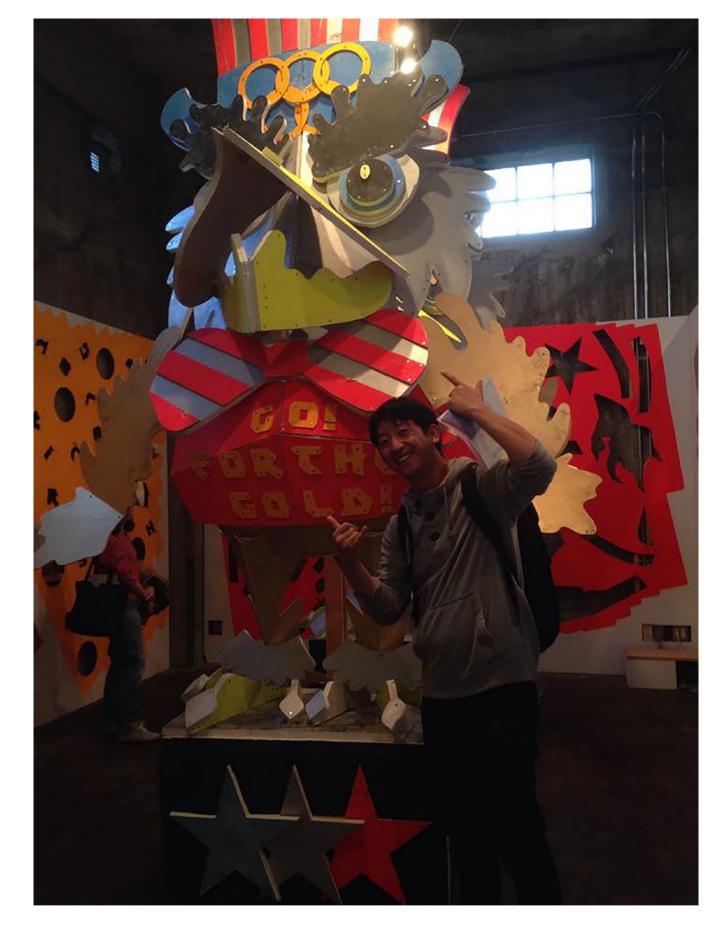
In 2014, Yamashita had displayed a field sculpture at the garden of Nakamura Keith Haring Collection locates in Yamanashi prefecture for a half-year. As it was the project just before the renovation of museum, Yamashita used the exterior walls and the permanent signage of museum and also the plate of "Barking Dog" which was drawn by Keith Haring which became scrap wood as his materials for creating sculpture. As for the motif, he adopted the former mascot character of Atlanta Olympic "Izzy". After the residence for one month, he finished the sculpture.

Originally, monuments such as memorials or bronze statues displayed outdoor have a role to indicate the symbolism of people and region and the historical incidents to the site correctly to hand them down to future generations. Though, Yamashita's "Museum and does not grasp any sorts of symbolism of "Atlanta Olympic" nor "Keith Haring" but only controls their visual effects. Utilizing the strange situation that a museum themed "Keith Haring" has been established deep in the mountains full of nature in Japan which is completely different place from New York, Yamashita's field sculpture advances the unrelation between the theme of the work and the land.







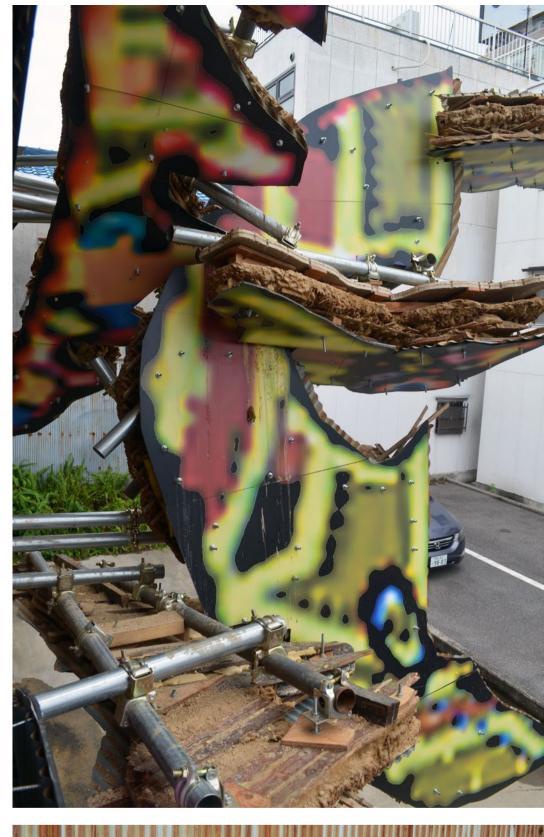


L.A. COHAMA 2014 OLYMPIC GAMES (Used the wall of BankART to create the sculpture of Eagle Sam: the mascot of Los Angeles Olympic.), 2014
The Wall of BankART, paint

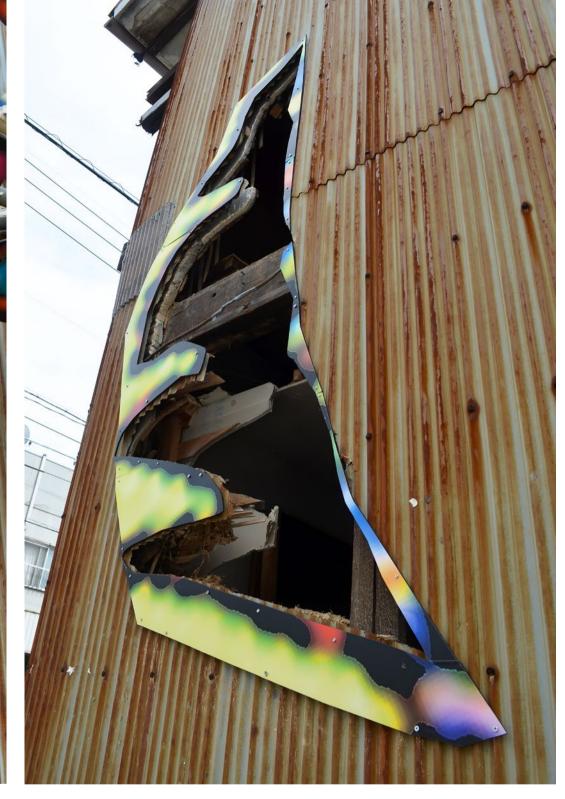
At the corner of the art center which is a renovated huge distribution warehouse, Yamashita created 2 sculptures with a height about 4.5 meters with a motif of "Eagle Sam (Sam the Olympic Eagle)", Los Angeles 1984The Mascot using the walls of small room which was used for exhibition room and warehouse at the center. After painting the colors which evoke America or Olympics on the wall, he cut out the parts out from walls with power saw. The world of "Eagle Sam" constructed by TV animation and various promotional items became to be a stopping state once the Olympic games end. Yamashita re-construct "Eagle Sam" at place and time far away from the original. Completed sculptures looks as a monument but the original role of the mascot won't be fulfilled again. At the same time of the completion of 2 sculptures, the small room which is their female die appeared

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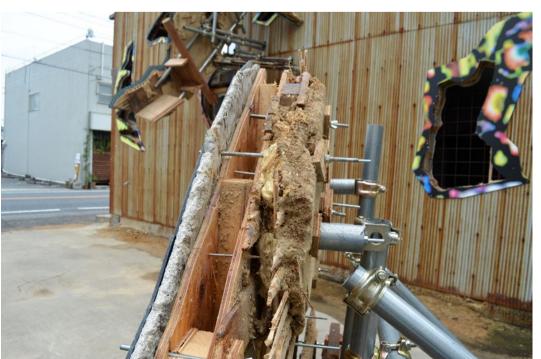






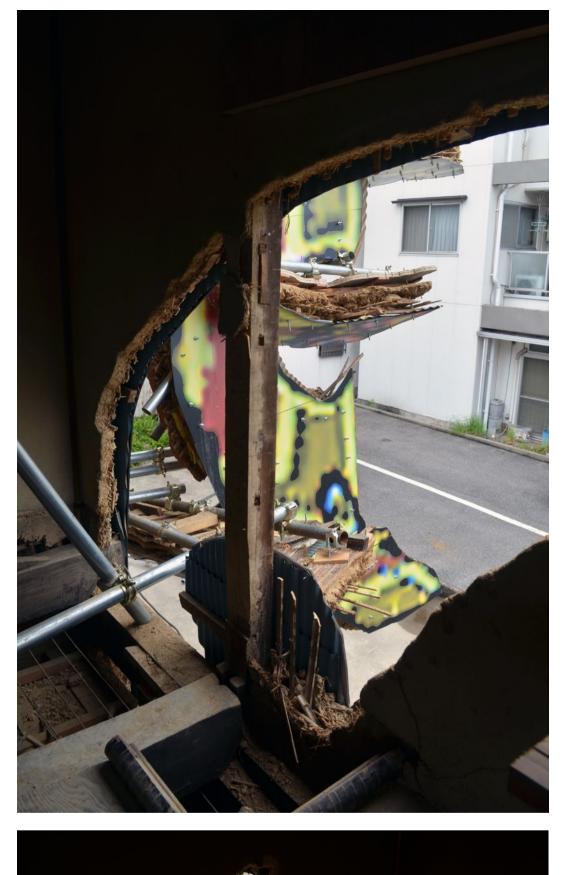


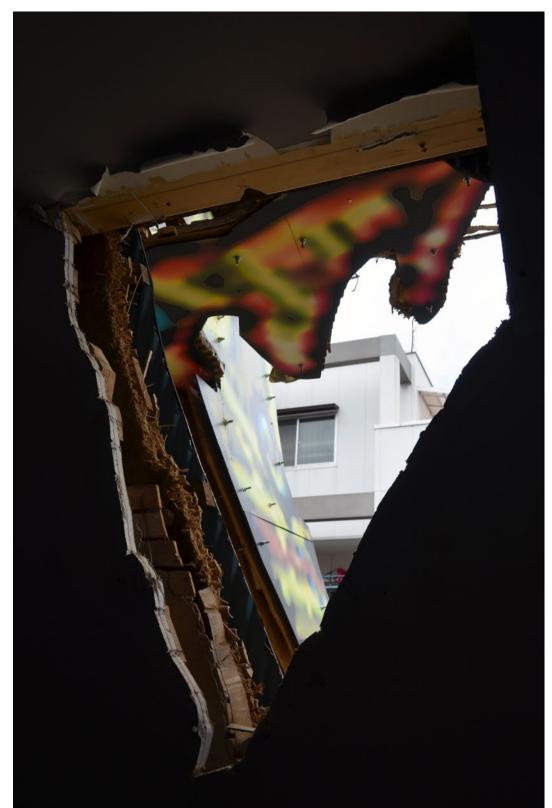


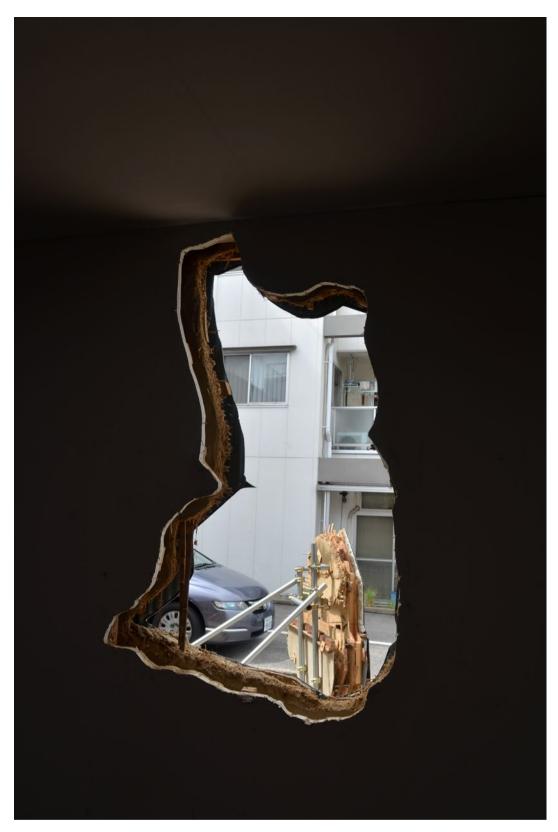




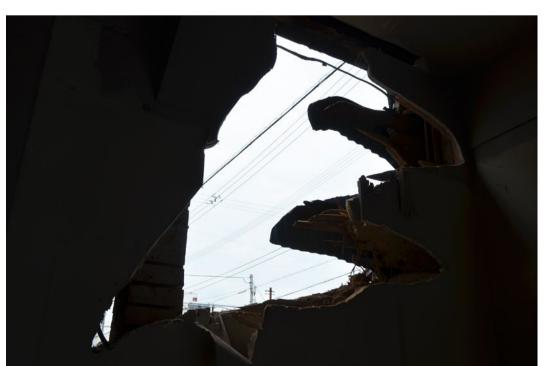


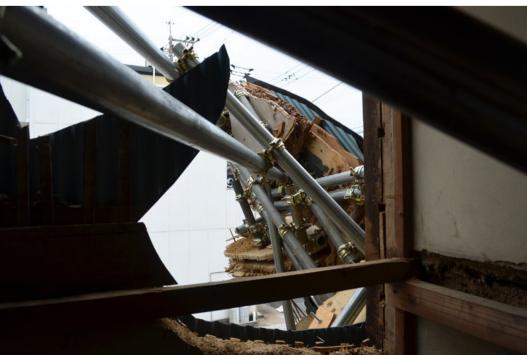












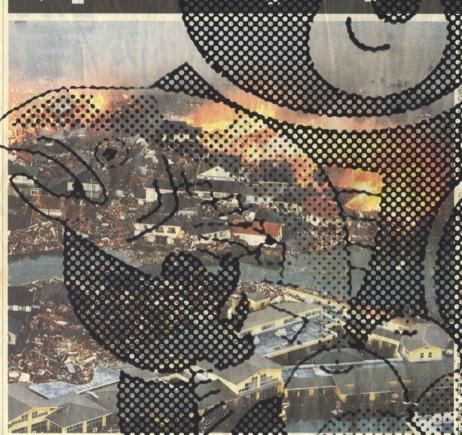
Jaku-Jaku sama II, 2016 Exterior walls, printed sheet, PVC sheet, single pipe

At "Setouchi Triennale 2016", Yamashita has worked in residence to present field sculpture using old Japanese-style house. After putting the large seal of kitsch character created with Photoshop on the exterior walls which was the venue of exhibition, he cut out the parts from walls with large electric saw. Yamashita put together 6 parts that he had cut out and organize a sculpture in large size, and exhibited them on the exterior wall itself and parking lot

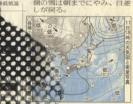
The wall of Japanese traditional old house is used to made by landing up soils which cover bamboo lattice made in between of wooden beams and posts of house. This old house has a corrugated sheet on it as a cover against wind and rain. Although it had a simple reinforcement with resinous filling, the body of sculpture mainly made with soils and woven bamboo crumbled and slimmed down during the exhibition period because of wind and rain. At the ground, soils which was produced when the work had been created and the crumbled soils dropped out from sculpture pilled. The work exposed Japanese traditional building made of non-permanent materials which differs from stubborn Western architecture with bricks, exposing its ingredients to the outside.

The pop appearance of sculpture which reminds a character of animation or TV game was inspired by found stickers sticked on everywhere inside the old house, which were attached by children who may lived long time ago.





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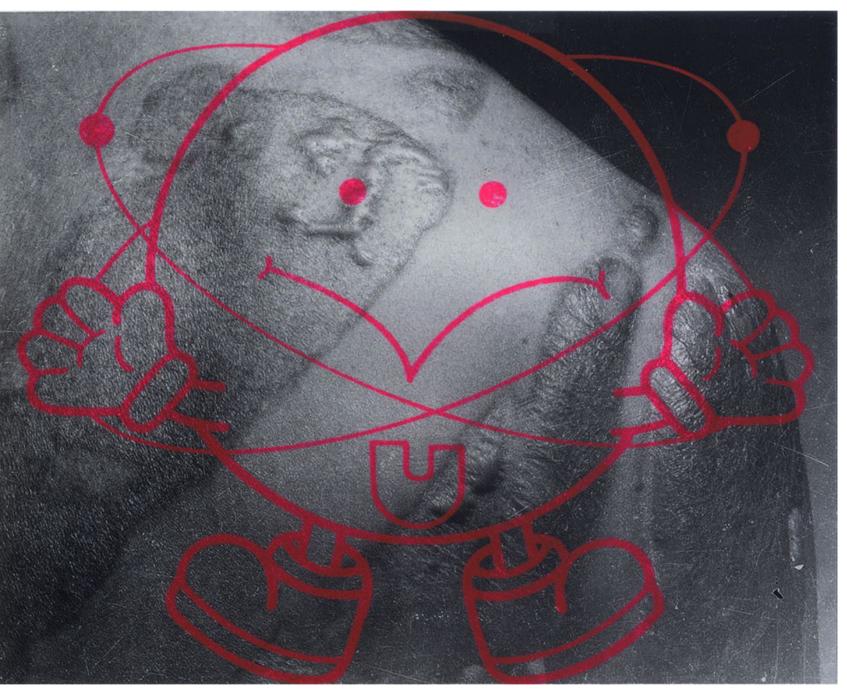


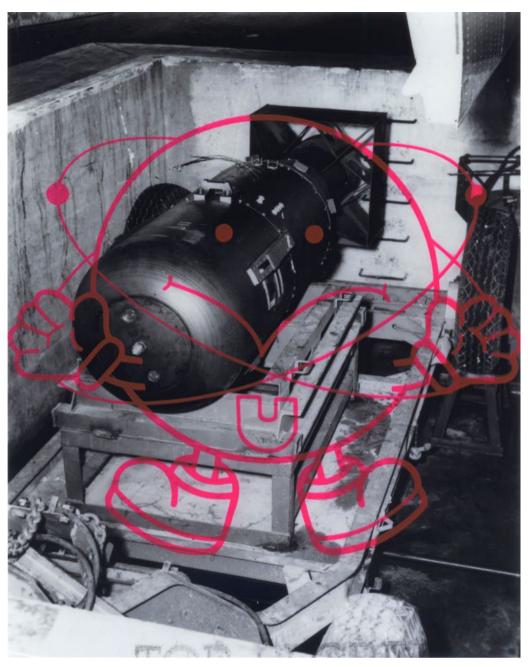


Okuma town's mascot Oh-chan and Ku-chan printed on the morning newspaper on March 12, 2011
Water-based color on newspaper

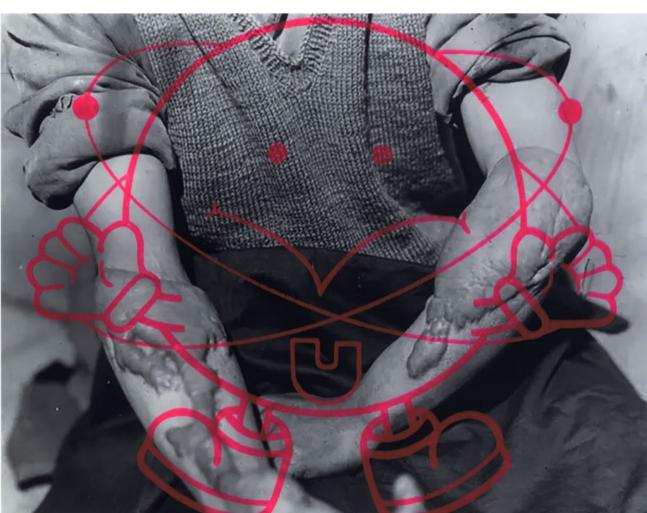
Oh-chan and Ku-chan is the mascot of Okuma Town, Fukushima Prefecture, where the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant is located. About in 1989, O-chan and Ku-chan was painted on the local information board, making it the symbol of Okuma Town since then. However, due to the nuclear disaster resulted from the 2011 Tohoku earthquake, the inhabitants evacuated from Okuma Town, leaving the mascot depicted on the information board and bearing this sad history by itself.













Hiroshima-Uranium-Uranium boy, 2023 Nagasaki-Plutonium-Pluto kun, 2023 Color print

On August 6th, 1945, an atomic bomb with a high concentration of uranium was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days later, Nagasaki was assaulted with an atomic bomb with plutonium. Even with history in our faces, the nation still constructed the "Atomic World Exhibition Hall" to promote the excellence and safety of nuclear power. The mascots of the venue are "Uranium Boy" and "Pluto Kun" symbolizing their respective elements. In this work, the images of the nuclear explosions in Hiroshima and Nagasaki were searched on the Internet and overlapped with these two contradictory images of the mascots via screen printing.























Photograph of Bye-Buy, 2011-2023 Color print

A mass of pictures which photographed the backs of stuffed animals and dolls in a large scale were collected from images of products sold on the Internet auctions. The number of the pictures of this series, started in 2011, currently counted over 800. These pictures were taken by the seller to explain the condition of the product to bidders, such as whether they have no scratch and stain or not. There is a non sentimental perspective to see the subject as a "thing" rather than a treasured object. However, contrary to the clerical operation, there is a strange warmth in the screen that is unintentionally created by the products and the background that the seller has chosen.

