

Many people ask me, "Don't you miss Japan when you live abroad?"

Japanese Video Artists Who Live & Work (Have Lived & Worked) Abroad

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<http://www.dontyoumissjapan.com/>

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Today, many Japanese artists live and work (or have lived and worked) abroad, for example in Germany, UK, the Netherlands, USA, and so on. The reasons they stay in a place other than Japan are diverse, such as having studied in an art collage there, participating in a residency program, or simply finding the place ideal for them to pursue their artistic career.

What is common, however, is that their identities have undergone some sort of transformation since they left home, becoming different from those of Japan-based Japanese artists, which can be seen from their perspectives and ways of thinking. This transformation is, of course, also embodied in their works, giving them similar characteristics that are somewhat transnational, and can be called, so to speak, "Hybrid Japonism".

With a focus on this tendency, the screening program ***Many people ask me, "Don't you miss Japan when you live abroad?"*** is the continuous project showing video pieces that we, an artist-duo whose own artistic activities started and still are taking place in Germany, collect from other Japanese artists whom we met/will meet abroad. More artists will be continually added.

PROGRAMME

Poh Wang	"Voyage" 2008, 5.07 min.
Atsushi KAGA	"Hole" 2006, 0.42 min.
Yu ARAKI	"Deep Search" (excerpted version) 2009, 4.02 min.
Atsushi KAGA	"Hole 2" 2006, 0.28 min.
Are You Meaning Company	"Island" 2010, 7.08 min.
Atsushi KAGA	"Hole 3" 2006, 0.29 min.
Yuki OKUMURA	"Countdown in NYC" 2006, 1.42 min.
Fumiko KOBAYASHI	"NestKasten" (excerpted version) 2005, 3.00 min.
Atsushi KAGA	"Hole 4" 2006, 0.32 min.
Mai YAMASHITA + Naoto KOBAYASHI	"infinity" 2006, 4.38 min.
Atsushi KAGA	"Hole and Flower" 2006, 0.41 min.
Aki NAKAZAWA	"Negai wo hiku/Drawing Wishes" 2006, 4.36 min.

(total running time : 35 min.)

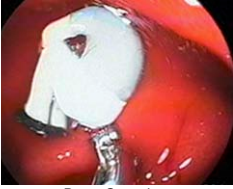
THE ARTISTS *bio : experience of living, studying overseas



»Voyage«

Poh Wang (Yasuyoshi BOTAN & Hirokichi) [b.1971 & 1972, lives & works in Tokyo]

2008 Scottish Sculpture Workshop, Lumsden, UK
2007 Foundation B.a.d, Rotterdam, the Netherlands



»Deep Search«

Yu ARAKI [b.1985, lives & works in Yokohama]

2010 - M.A. Candidate in New Media, Tokyo University of the Arts, Graduate School of Film and New Media, Japan
2007 B.F.A. Washington University in St. Louis Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts



»Island«

Are You Meaning Company (Established 1999, lives & works in Berlin)
<http://www.areyoumeaning.com/>

2007&9 Akademi Schloss Solitude (discipline: Visual Arts), Stuttgart
2008 Japan Cultural Affairs Foundation, Japan
2003 Cittadellarte, UNIDEE International Residency Program, Italy



»Countdown in NYC«

Yuki OKUMURA [b.1978, lives & works in Tokyo]
<http://www.yukiokumura.com/>

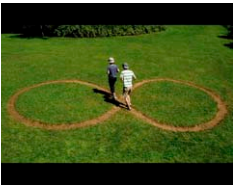
2010 HIAP, Helsinki
2007 Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin
Laboratoire Village Nomade, La Corbiere
Tapei Artist Village, Taipei
Level-1, Kitakyushu
2006 ACC residency program at Location One, New York
2000 Queensland College of Art, Brisbane



»NestKasten«

Fumiko KOBAYASHI [b.1977, lives & works in Tokyo]
<http://www1.tcn-catv.ne.jp/fumikokobayashi/>

2009 Stiftung Künstlerdorf Schoppingen, Schoppingen, Germany
2008 Residency at GERTRUDE CONTEMPORARY ART SPACES, Melbourne, Australia
2006 Residency at KHOJ KOLKATA, Kolkata, India
2005 Residency at Hwei Lan International Artists Workshop, Hua Lien, Taiwan
2004-5 Bauhaus University Weimar, Germany



»infinity«

Mai YAMASHITA + Naoto KOBAYASHI [b.1976 & 1974, live & work in Germany]
<http://www.yamashita-kobayashi.com/>

2011 ISCP- International Studio & Curatorial Program, NY, USA (scheduled)
2009 LIA- Leipzig International Art Programme, Leipzig, Germany
2009 Künstlerhäuser Worpswede, Worpswede, Germany
2007 Schleswig-Holsteinisches Künstlerhaus, Eckernförde
2006 Künstler Atelier AKKU Uster



»Negai wo hiku / Drawing Wishes«

Aki NAKAZAWA [b.1976, lives & works in Cologne/Tokyo]
<http://svp2.com/member/Enakazawa.htm>

2009 Grant at Academy of Media Arts Cologne, Germany
2008 Maler Video-Kunst-Preis (Special Prize awarded), Germany
2005 The Japanese Government Overseas Study Programme for Artists, Japan

Atsushi KAGA [b.1978, lives & works in Dublin]
<http://www.atsushikaga.com/>

2010 Artists Residency Programme, Irish Museum of Modern Art
2007 Visual Arts Bursary, Arts Council of Ireland
2006 International Studio, Temple Bar Gallery and Studios, Dublin
2005 BA in Fine Art Painting, National College of Art and Design (NCAD), Dublin
2001 Diploma at Coláiste Stiófáin Naofa, Cork



»Hole«