



《Sightseeing》 NEWYORK 2012 ©Yusuke Shimura, Courtesy of Yumiko Chiba Associates

Yusuke Shimura “Sightseeing”

February 22 (Fri) – March 16 (Sat), 2013

Venue: Yumiko Chiba Associates viewing room shinjuku

Opening Reception: February 22 (Fri), 2013 18:00–20:00

When Yusuke Shimura was very young, he was influenced with the famous phrase, “the Earth was blue.”, by Yuri Gagarin, the first space astronaut. He was very interested in how the earth would look to people when they are outside in the space. This experience prompted the artist’s ambition to see the earth from the multiple angles and he has been producing his works based on this idea.

Shimura’s photo works, “Magictime”, “WITCH”, and “Human Museum” catch the world at a certain distance. His drawing work approaches cutting-edge dreams and hopes in the world by using conceptual characters, “Fuwari”. He also created interactive works, “DREAMING DREAMING” and “OPEN DREAM”. He creates, in those works, the world which describes the possibility of dreams one can have multilaterally and begs the question “what is a dream of human beings?”.

In this coming exhibition, Shimura’s updated photoworks, the “Sightseeing” series, will be presented. In this series, realistic elements such as buildings in front of you, time, people are dissected into segments and another world is instantly created. This work reflects Shimura’s nature. Viewers will turn into sightseers who travel around the earth using the viewpoints shown in his works. Sightseers who are shooting commemorative photos at the Times Square, the scene of baseball games on the monitor, and people who start walking at the crossing at the same time. Shimura focuses on all of those objects and presents various places to generate different stories. The effect is to leads us to stand in front of his works as a form of space travel.

Shimura’s works tell us in that our world generates surprises and stories at all times. He shows the idea by switching viewpoints from one direction to multiple angles. In this exhibition, his new creations from Germany will be also presented, in which the world is regarded from a perspective point with many radiating lines.



■ Artist Profile

Born in 1981.

As a new leading figure in the modern art scene in Japan, Shimura includes photos, drawings, interactive art from inside and outside Japan. Recently he has been in the spotlight, with his work "New York" presented in the Japanese legendary sub-culture magazine "TOKION", and in "the 6 artists in the next generation" of the Japanese high class fashion magazine "SOEN".

Main solo exhibitions in Japan:

"Shimura Yusuke" at Apple Stores in two cities, Japan, 2007

"WITCH" Tokyo Wondersite, Tokyo, 2008

"OPEN DREAM" BankART Studio NYK-AIR, Yokohama, 2010 "RUN° 3" Room Galleria, Milano, 2011

"Magictime" NADiff Window Gallery, Tokyo, 2012

(His DVD "Magictime" was featured at the same time)

Media work: "YUSUKE SHIMURA TOKYO NEWYORK" supported PORTER by YOSHIDA & CO (Japanese bag brand) For overseas activities which have attracted a lot of attention, his recent works in "Artist in Residence Program" featured in Dubai and Sharja in UAE, 2011, a his solo exhibition was also held in Singapore and Thailand, 2012.

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Opening Hours: 12:00 - 19:00 (Closed on Sundays, Mondays, National Holidays)