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Shunsuke Taira "The Secret City Theory of Heisei" February 8(sat) - March 8(sat)



1.

1. "The Twisted Tower"
2013
Acrylic on cotton cloth and panel
130.3 × 97.0cm
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GALLERY MoMo Projects is pleased to present a solo exhibition of Shunsuke Taira titled *The Secret City Theory of Heisei* that is the current era in Japan. The title implies that Taira describe the actual cities but we cannot see in his paintings.

Shunsuke Taira mainly uses the urban buildings and constructions as his motifs with his imaginations. By showing the imaginary scenes, the artist succeeds in highlighting the issues that people have faced with since the Industrial Revolution; the modern civilization has improved our life for a long time, but it has also brought a lot of problems such as environmental pollutions and destroying the traditional cultures and buildings. Taira puts the traditional architectures and the industrial constructions such as the water tanks on a painting. Also, he employs human body parts to express the desires and the contradiction many people have in the high technology society.

The detailed buildings in his works have both *déjà vu* and the future we have never seen and give a feeling of anxiety and craziness that the ideals and the desires lead to. However, the lights in his works give the warm feeling and suggest small flame of hope lead us to the place where we should be in the future.

Artist's Coment

I catch the unique wind the urban scape has. The office buildings and the huge commercial facilities are decorated brilliantly with glasses and lights hide the emptiness at the back of the surfaces. The industrial complexes that are pursued only functions in industrial areas give the frantic indications. I think that everything human made might have the desires and the wishes and show the sense of time. I seek to visualize the feeling of strangeness for the cities or the relationships between buildings and people' s mind through my imaginary architectures.

Shunsuke Taira, 2014

[Brief biography]

1988 Born in Hiroshima, Japan

2012 B.F.A., Painting, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music

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[Group exhibition]

2011 "New-laid eggs vol.2" GALLERY MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo

2012 "Turnig Point vol.2" GALLERY MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo

"interaction vol.1" GALLERY MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo



2.

2. "The Hearing Power"
2013
Acrylic on cotton cloth and panel
41.0 × 31.8cm
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