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小野さおり | smiling forest 2015年9月26日(土) - 10月24日(土)

Saori Ono | *smiling forest* September 26 (Sat) - October 24 (Sat), 2015



Ms. DEW
2015
Oil on canvas
Diam. 58cm
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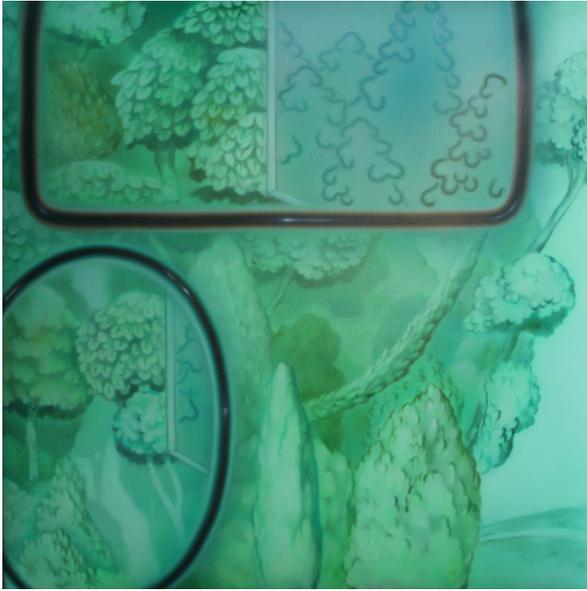
GALLERY MoMo Ryogoku is pleased to present a solo exhibition of Saori Ono titled smiling forest. The title represents her positive approach and the departure from the deep sorrow. It suggests her development from the past.

On her paintings, Ono has showed creatures of the oceans with compassions for pure lives. These compassions for lives are from her background. The artist was born and grew up in fisher family and lost her grandfather because of distress at the sea; her father came out of the distress alive. From the death of her grandfather and the survival of her father, the artist experienced strong life force, and at the same time, fleetingness of life. On March 11, 2011, her hometown, Fukushima, suffered catastrophic damage from the earthquake. Even though her family survived, Ono had had a difficult time until confirmation of the safety of them. Her gracious touch in the works came from her these experiences relating to death and life.

Recently, the growing extent of her motifs that are not only creatures of the oceans but also accessible objects such as flowers, clothes and textiles show her change in perspective. Ono uses those motifs in her works as a part of everyday life and the symbols of her unconscious origin that human being invade the nature and cannot live with them. Even if she changed the motifs, the theme of each work has in common that is the awe of nature and the stance on the prayer. In addition, by putting cotton between panel and canvas and making the canvas round, Ono attempts to soft the artificial image of angulated canvas and give the tender impression of creatures in the nature.

Depicting the nature around us in latest works, Ono traces her memory about the symbiosis with nature. The artist represents the unconsciously acts that we healed through the nature, at the same time, we experience a feeling of awe and give a prayer to the nature in this exhibition.

Saori Ono was born in 1981 and received MA from Joshibi University of Arts and Design in 2006. By winning the competitions in Japan such as The 10th Gunma Biennale for Young Artists and Sell Art Award in 2010, and Sompō Japan Art Prize in 2012, she built her career as an artist. This is her fourth solo show in the gallery.



Artist Comment

*A bug that I have ever seen applies to be a guide inadvertently when I walk around nature.
Once I have met the bug in my room, I would step up efforts to turn it out of my room as an outsider.*

In exchange for the comfort, I might remove a lot of things and make invisible wall.

The randomness feeling: I quietly accept the antinomy that I have felt the comfortless ness for the freedom.

However, the nature says nothing to me and it might giggle about me while it is swinging by the windowsill.

I like that.

Saori Ono, 2015

2. "Mirror"
2015
Oil on canvas
91.0 x 91.0cm
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[Brief Chronology]

1981 Born in Fukushima, Japan

2004 B.F.A., Joshibi University of Art and Design

2006 M.F.A., Joshibi University of Art and Design

[Solo exhibition]

2013 Gallery MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo

2012 Sagamihara Civic Art Gallery, Kanagawa

2011 Gallery MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo

2009 Gallery MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo

2008 GALLERY YAMAGUCHI, Tokyo

[Awards]

2012 The Grand Prize at "31st Outstanding Rising Artist Exhibition
Presented by Sompō Japan Fine Art Foundation"

2010 The Grand Prize at "The 10th Gunma Biennale
for Young Artists 2010"

The Grand Prize at "Shell Art Award 2010"

[Public Collections]

The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma

[Group exhibition]

2014 "interaction vol.2" GALLERY MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo

2013 "The Finale of the Outstanding Rising Artists Exhibition -Twelve Brilliant Views"

Seiji Togo Memorial Sompō Japan Museum of Art

"Sagamihara Women Painters' Small Works Exhibition"

Sagamihara Civic Art Gallery, Kanagawa

"Sagamihara Women Painters Exhibition - Leading Women of the Age"

Sagamihara Civic Art Gallery, Kanagawa

2012 "31st Outstanding Rising Artist Exhibition Presented by Sompō Japan Fine Art

Foundation" Seiji Togo Memorial Sompō Japan Museum of Art, Tokyo

"Summer group show" GALLERY MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo

2010 "The 10th Gunma Biennale for Young Artists 2010"

The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Gunma

"Shell Art Award 2010" Daikanyama Hill Side Forum, Tokyo

2009 "The 7th art jam exhibition" GALLERY YAMAGUCHI, Tokyo

2008 "Shell Art Award 2008" Daikanyama Hill Side Forum, Tokyo

2006 "Open the door exhibition" Gallery Seira, Tokyo

"JUFA Exhibition" art space Hue, Soel, Korea

2005 "Shell Art Award 2005" Daikanyama Hill Side Forum, Tokyo

2002 "2 people exhibition" ART BOX Gallery, Tokyo

2001 "4 people exhibition" Gallery Seira, Tokyo

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Artist Name : Saori Ono

Term of the exhibition : September 26 (Sat.) - October 24 (Sat.)

Reception for Artist : September 26(Sat.), 2015 6 - 8pm

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