

Kinan Art Week 2021" Press Release Vol.2

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Kinan Art Week Executive Committee

Announcement “Kinan Chemistry Session”

The Kinan Art Week Executive Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the Kinan Chemistry Session in March, an online talk session with variety of experts prior to the Kinan Art Week 2021, scheduled for autumn 2021.

The first session will be an online talk session (free of charge) between the project's General Producer, Mr. Yabumoto Yabumoto, and the artistic director, Mr. Miyatsu Daisuke, on the theme "Why “Kinan Art Week”?"

How will the chemistry between the attractions of the Kinan region and contemporary art occur? Through a dialogue between two persons with deep knowledge of local history and culture as well as contemporary art, we will explore the nature of the region's power and the potential of art. We would be grateful if you could help us to spread this session.

Outline of the Kinan Chemistry Session

Date and time: Friday 5 March 2021, 19:00 - 20:30

Venue: Online (ZOOM webinar planned)

Participation: free of charge

Registration: via the event page on the ticket booking website Peatix, or via the email address below

Peatixpage: <https://kinan-chemistry-session-1.peatix.com>

Email address: info@kinan-art.jp

If you apply by email, please include your name and city in the body of the email.



Introduction of the Speakers

Artistic Director: Miyatsu Daisuke

Born in Tokyo in 1963. Graduated from the Graduate School of Art and Design, Kyoto University of Art and Design with a master's degree. Researches the relationship between art, the economy, and society. Known as a world-renowned collector of contemporary art. While working for a private company, he collected more than 400 pieces of art works, and his home, which he built in collaboration with an artist, is world-renowned. He is also a professional art custodian and conservator.



He has served as a member of the 'Council for the Study of Overseas Dissemination of Contemporary Art' of the Agency for Cultural Affairs and the 'Haneda Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Promotion Task Force', acted as a juror for the 'Asian Art Award 2017' and the 'ART FUTURE PRIZE'. He has been active in the media, appearing on general TV's 'Close-Up Gendai+' and 'NHK News Good Morning Japan' and has also giving many lectures in Taiwan, Korea, China and other countries.

General Producer: Yabumoto Yuto

Chairperson of Kinan Art Week Organising Committee / President of AURA Contemporary Art Foundation

Born in Nanki-Shirahama Town, Wakayama Prefecture. His mother was the first female orca trainer at Nanki-Shirahama Adventure World. After graduating from university, he started his law firm in Cambodia in 2011, which now operates in 18 countries around the world. He is founder of the



AURA Contemporary Art Foundation, which is established to support grassroots activities against the disappearance of the wonderful human things, objects and values that used to exist there due to the effects of modernisation and urbanisation. The foundation's vision is that the preservation and development of "Aura", the unique value of a place, will lead to stability and peace in the world.

About Kinan Art Week 2021

The Kinan Art Week Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Kinan Art Week 2021 - Kagomoru Muro: Opening Kinan - will be held from Thursday 18 November to Sunday 28 November 2021.

The artistic director of the exhibition is Miyatsu Daisuke, who will present a series of contemporary artworks in various locations and facilities in the Kinan region of Wakayama. We hope you will enjoy the encounter and exchange between local events and global artists here in Kinan.

At the same time, there will be various symposia on Kinan culture and history as well as on art, joint workshops with educational institutions and museums, and sessions with people from various industries.

Outline of the event

Dates: Wednesday 18 November - Sunday 28 November 2021, 11 days

Venue: Kinan area, Wakayama Prefecture (the location of the installation will be updated in the future)

Admission: free

Organised by Kinan Art Week Executive Committee

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