



Chie Koda

“Life Becoming Paintings and That Light”

2024.4.19 [Fri] - 2024.5.18 [Sat]

11:00-18:00 [Tue-Sat]

Closed: Sun, Mon, National holidays [Excluding holidays on 5/3 and 5/4]

Opening Reception : April 19th [Fri] 17:30-19:30

LOKO GALLERY will present painter CHIE KODA' s solo exhibition

“Life Becoming Paintings and That Light” from April 19th through May 18th.

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Artist Statement

Life Becoming Paintings and That Light

It was during my artist residency at Tsunagi Town, Kumamoto in 2016, that I came up with the phrase “Life becoming Paintings.”

It spontaneously aroused from my solid sense that my own way of living (or life) is the very thing that connects to discovery of paintings.

From that moment on, life becoming paintings carries on no matter where I go.

For a while after giving birth to my son in 2019, I cried every night to a feeling I have never felt before. I could hardly describe this feeling through words, but still, I felt the urge to remember this as it seemed to be something easily forgotten.

Maybe I could remember it through imagery – I decided to retain the vague feeling through painting rather than words. As I nervously drew an image, trying to be true to my feelings as much as possible, it came out to be a painting that used colors almost monochrome with a white light source illuminating inside it, which seemed like a view from a dark window inside a spaceship. I had no idea what the light was, but anyway, I became sad to realize that I was already detached from it and could not return to that light I saw from the window anymore. Although I was not confident if I depicted it right, that image lingered inside my head since then. Time flew, and now I live in a life becoming paintings with my son.

As I started farming after childbirth, I was impressed by how everything on earth connects and influence each other, and how my son grew like a seed with programmed speed and ways/manners without educating, being introduced to a new perspective on life.

As I appreciate the change of my heart and body along to the seasons that come and go, I am gaining courage from the fleeting present and the presentiment toward next encompassed within it.

Through this repetitive process, some things I could not help but to reach out and capture, to keep and share to others, became paintings.

The house window I see every day.

The farming field I go with my son.

The strange feeling when I woke up from a nap at my mother’s house to see my son asleep beside me.

The various sparkles of interaction that occurred just when people happened to be present at my live painting at LOKO GALLERY.

Apart from these paintings drawn from my recent life, there is one painting that I have been working on even before my son’s birth – though I have stopped working on this many times, I continued to pursue a certain image despite the complete change of the composition and motif.

Initially it was a drawing of an evening light at the city, then it transformed into a light of the farm field at dusk.

And indeed, it was that light. I found the light – something I thought was distant and could not touch anymore – at the farm field. As I realized this during the drawing process, I discovered that the light was always present in each painting brought from my life. It is the reflection of that light in the form of a landscape. A message left behind the colors. And now, even in the presence of my son who is closest to me, I can feel the warmth of that light.

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1983 Born in Tokyo, Bred in Nagasaki
2007 Tama Art University Department of Painting BA

Awards

2017 VOCA Exhibitions 2017 / VOCA prize

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2022 One Window and Eleven Paintings LOKO GALLERY / Tokyo, Japan
2018 Light of Detour LOKO GALLERY / Tokyo, Japan
2017 Chie KODA Exhibition Kobayashi Gallery / Tokyo, Japan
2008 Shut up! Fantasia Gallery Yoyogi / Tokyo, Japan

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024 Anew, Being Born – The Daily Creativity of Artists Raising Children / Tokyo, Japan
2023 VOCA 30 YEARS STORY / KOBE / Kobe, Japan
2023 TOKOROZAWA: ARTS FOR OUR FUTURE / Saitama, Japan
2020 The 70th Anniversary Memorial Project of Tokorozawa City [TOKOROZAWA: PAST AND PRESENT IN ART]
TOKOROZAWA CIVIC CULTURAL CENTRE MUSE / Saitama, Japan
2020 MEMORY OF PLACE: ANAMNESIS Arts Maebashi / Gunma, Japan
2020 TSUNAGI Dayo! Zenin Shugo TSUNAGI ART MUSEUM / Kumamoto, Japan
2020 TOKYO☆VOCA / Dai-Ichi Life Group/ Tokyo, Japan
2017 VOCA Exhibition 2017 / The Ueno Royal Museum / Tokyo, Japan
2015 Art and City in Yokohama BankART NYK / Kanagawa, Japan
2015 Mixed Bathing Spa World 2015 Wakuwaku Mixed Bathing Department / Oita, Japan
2014 Isobe-Yu Utilization Project Report Exhibition Arts Maebashi / Gunma, Japan
2013 Hagi-ennale 2013 / Tokyo, Japan
2012 Power of a Painting Hiyori Art Center / Miyagi, Japan
2011 Power of a Painting 3331 Arts Chiyoda / Tokyo, Japan

Selected Activities

2023 Let's meet in front of the painting now [Open atelier] LOKO GALLERY / Tokyo, Japan
2022 Sky and Racecourse at Fuchu Art Museum / Tokyo, Japan
2021 River to River river side art festival / Gunma, Japan
2021 OKUYAMATO MIND TRAIL Museum in your mind / Nara, Japan
2017 Roppongi Art Night 2017 / Tokyo, Japan
2016 Artist in Residence Tsunagi 2016 Tsunagi Museum / Kumamoto, Japan
2015 ARKO2015 [Artist in Residence] Ohara Museum / Okayama, Japan
2014 Art Festival of Kofu Town / Yamanashi
2014 Emitting Smoke in the Place Where Wrong isn't / Haisyakukei / Ibaraki, Japan
2013 Arts Maebashi Isobe-Yu Utilization Project / Gunma, Japan
2013 Art Festival of Kofu Town 2013 / Yamanashi, Japan
2013 Tsuchi-yu Arafudo Art Annual 2013 / Fukushima, Japan
2013 Ishinomaki 4 Dimensions Bystreet Hiyori Art Center / Miyagi, Japan
2013 Focusing on everything / Let's meet in front of Painting BankART NYK / Kanagawa, Japan
2012 Parade of Walking Painting in Kotobuki-Cho / Kanagawa, Japan
2012 Parade of Walking Painting in Ishinomaki / Miyagi, Japan
2012 BankART Tsumari / Niigata, Japan
2012 Taipei International Art Village / Taipei, Taiwan
2011 BankART Studio NYK [Residence Program] / Kanagawa, Japan
2011 KASHIMA2010 / Oita, Japan
2010 KOTOBUKI CREATIVE ACTION KOTOBUKI CAMP Autumn / Kanagawa, Japan
2010 Eyes and Curiosity Vol. 6 MIZUMA ACTION/ Tokyo, Japan
2010 Waku Waku Kyoto / Kanagawa, Japan
2009 KOSHIKI ART PROJECT / Kagoshima, Japan
2009 Mixedbathingworld Waku-Waku Spa Tour / Oita, Japan
2009 Eyes and Curiosity Soka art center / Taipei, Taiwan

