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**Naomi Okubo Solo Exhibition**

Exhibition period: June/July 2016

Address: G/F, 48 Tung Street, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 11am-7pm | Sunday 12pm-6pm | Monday Closed



**THIS IS NOT MY LIFE #1**

2016

Acrylic on cotton

130.3 x 97.0cm

## ARTIST STATEMENT

I've always cared about appearances. The ideas for my work come from an inferiority complex and my experiences in adolescence. As an adolescent, everyone starts to care about how other people think of their appearances. In my personal experiences, when I changed my own image, people in turn changed the way they treated me, and the relationship between myself and that person changed as well. I also realized the power of fashion and the fear of other's watchful eyes. I have been interested in appearances ever since.

At the same time, in my adolescence I had felt fear what others thought about me. As a result, I had been confused how I should relate to others. Through this experience, I have showed plural self-portraits in my works. This idea is that I could escape the fears that came from the relationship with others if all people in the world were myself. My expression was based this abnormal teased feeling.

In Tokyo, Japan, where I live, and in other developed nations, mass media provides us not only with images of created appearances, but also images of lifestyles and ways of spending our time. We admire these images, and adopt them to create our own images, but we are overly exposed and consume these images so much, that we become confused about what is real and what is contrived. The consequence is that we become addicted to them. Although it seems like a personal issue, it is connected to greater problems and inconsistencies in society. In my work, I want to show my thoughts on these problems and inconsistencies taken from my personal experiences.

~by Naomi Okubo

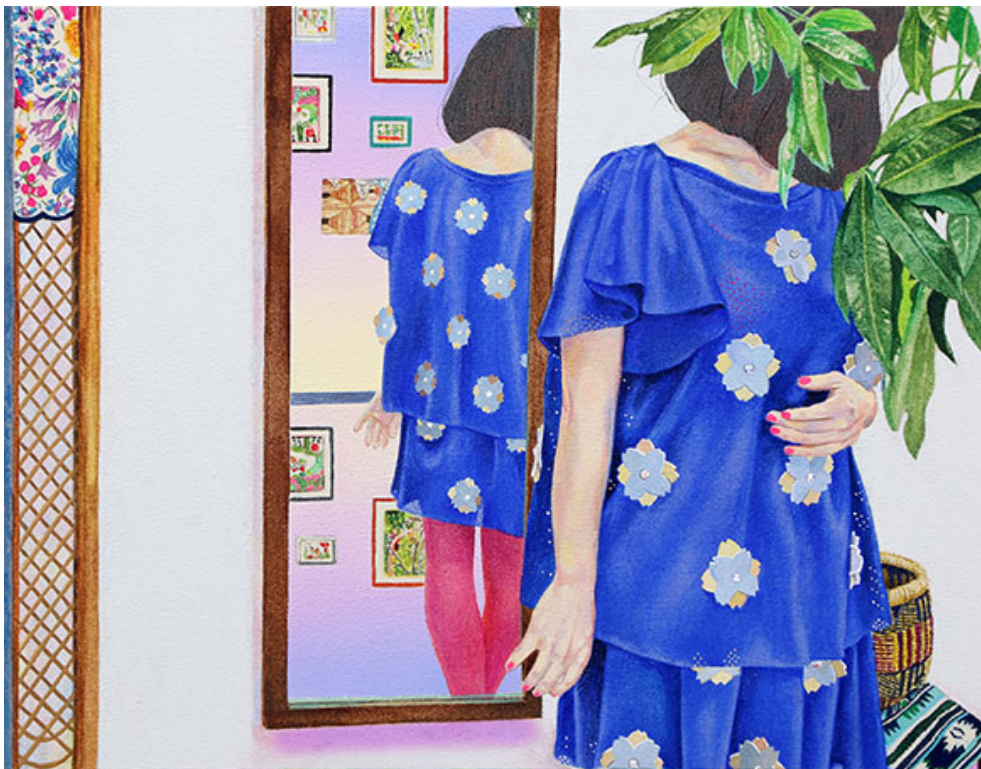


THIS IS NOT MY LIFE#2

2016

Acrylic on cotton

130.3 x 97.0cm



It was a Magazine Page Probably

2016

Acrylic on cotton

31.8 x 41.0cm





Window Display – Check  
2015

Acrylic on cotton  
31.8 x 41.0cm

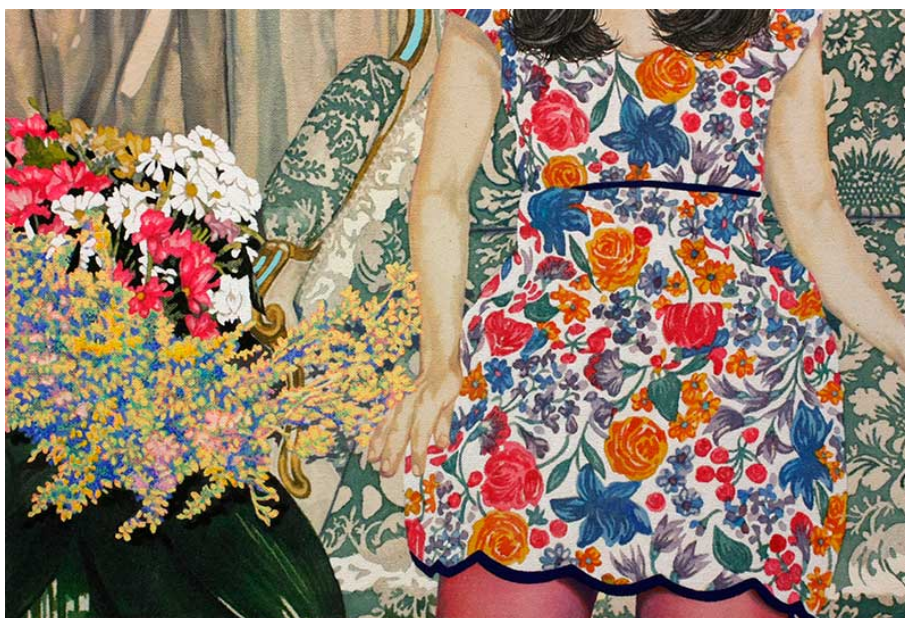


Checked  
2013

Acrylic, oil on cotton and panel  
53.0 x 45.5cm



Meaningless #8  
2015  
Acrylic on cotton cloth  
27.3 x 41.0cm  
*SOLD*

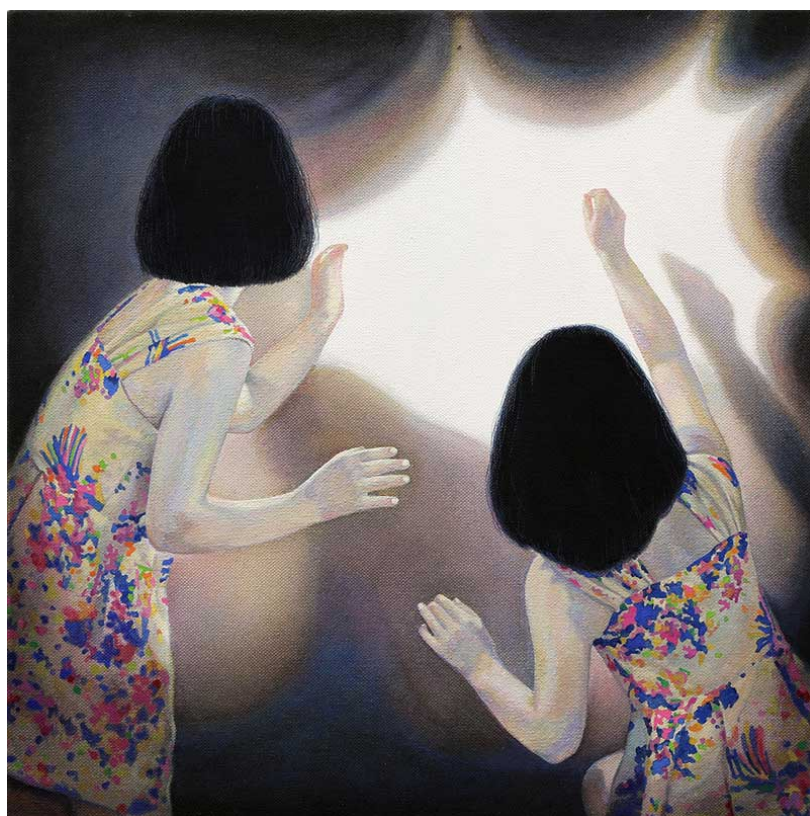


At a Living Room with a Floral Design Sofa and the Flowers  
2012  
Acrylic, oil on cotton cloth and panel  
27.3 x 41.0cm  
*SOLD*





At a Sun Room  
2011  
Acrylic on canvas and panel  
60.6 x 72.7cm



Shine the Darkness  
2013  
Acrylic on cotton and panel  
33.3 x 33.3cm

## ABOUT ARTIST



### [Biography]

- 1985 Born in Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 B.A., Musashino Art University(oil painting department)  
Currently Master Course in Painting, Musashino Art University
- 2011 M.F.A., Musashino Art University

### [Solo exhibition]

- 2008 "Tokyo Wonder Wall 2007 at Tocho" Skywalk Exhibition Space  
at Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Tokyo, Japan  
"Gallery MoMo, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 "Marco? Polo!" Gallery MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan
- 2011 "It seems like a dream" Gallery MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 "a dream beyond dreams" H.P FRANCE WINDOW GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan  
"Have a Party Forever" GALLERY MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 "a dream beyond dreams" A.style gallery, Hong Kong  
"Where should I go?" Hamnmagasinet, Varberg, Sweden
- 2016 "THIS IS NOT MY LIFE" GALLERY MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan

### [Group exhibition]

- 2005 "Shell Art Award" Kyoto Municipal Museum Of Art, Kyoto, Japan
- 2007 "WONDER SEEDS 2007" WONDER SITE Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan  
"Palpitation ☆ Yarimizu rendezvous"  
Yarimizu Youth Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan  
"Tokyo Wonder Wall 2007" Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
"The Habit of Collecting" 3ban Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2008 "Opning Exhibition" GALLERY MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 "101 TOKYO Contemporary Art Fair" Akihabara UDX Building, Tokyo, Japan
- 2011 "Regenerate" GALLERY MoMo Ryogoku, Tokyo, Japan  
"Turning Point" Gallery MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan  
"ART AWARD TOKYO MARUNOUCHI 2011" Under Gyoko Ave, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 "CONPLEX" Nihonbashi Takashimaya Art Gallery X, Tokyo, Japan  
"Summer Group Show" GALLERY MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan  
"interaction vol.1" GALLERY MoMo Roppongi, Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 "XMAS' 14" Galleri Christoffer Egelund, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015 "Affordable art fair/Hong Kong" A.Style gallery, Hong Kong.

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Besides a hub for living and lifestyle, A. STYLE is now providing a space for all forms of art from both regional and international artists. We are keen to explore new aspect of art through regular exhibitions in our shop at Tung Street, an upcoming art and cultural area in downtown Hong Kong.



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