

# 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

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## 15th Anniversary Exhibition

### Where We Now Stand —In Order to Map the Future

#### Where We Now Stand [1]

2019.9.14 (Sat) – 12.19 (Thu)

#### Where We Now Stand [2]

2019.10.12(Sat) – 2020.4.12 (Sun)

Exhibition Title	15th Anniversary Exhibition Where We Now Stand—In Order to Map the Future
Period	<b>Where We Now Stand [1]</b> September 14 (Sat) – December 19 (Thu) 2019 <b>Where We Now Stand [2]</b> October 12 (Sat) – April 12 (Sun) 2020 *1st half: Oct 12 (Sat) – Dec 19 (Thu) 2019 2nd half: Feb 4 (Tue) – Apr 12 (Sun) 2020 *There will be changes of the exhibits during the exhibition period.
Hours	10:00-18:00 (until 20:00 on Fridays and Saturdays) *Ticket sales end 30 minutes before closing time.
Venue	<b>Where We Now Stand [1]</b> Galleries 7-14, Public Zone <b>Where We Now Stand [2]</b> Galleries 1-6, Long-Term Project Room, Public Zone
Closed	Mondays (but open Sep 16 & 23, Oct 14 & 28, Nov 4, 2019, and Feb 24, 2020), Sep 17 & 24, Oct 15, Nov 5, Dec 20, 2019 - Feb 3, 2020 and Feb 25, 2020
Admission	Where We Now Stand [1] General: ¥1,200(¥1,000) / College students: ¥800(¥600) / Elem/JH/HS: ¥400(¥300) / 65 and older: ¥1,000 *Tickets also permit entry into Where We Now Stand [2] Oct 12 (Sat) – Dec 19 (Thu) Where We Now Stand [2] General: ¥450(¥360) / College students: ¥310(¥240) / Elem/JH/HS: Free / 65 and older: ¥360 Combi tickets: “AWAZU Kiyoshi: What Can Design Do” and “Where We Now Stand [1]” until Sep 23 [Mon-hol] General: ¥2,000(¥1,600) / College students: ¥1,400(¥1,100) / Elem/JH/HS: ¥700(¥600) / 65 and older: ¥1,600 *Prices in brackets are for groups of 20 or more and advance tickets. *Advance tickets are not offered for “Where We Now Stand [2].” *Kanazawa City and Toyama City residents admitted free to “Where We Now Stand [1]” and “Where We Now Stand [2]” on Kanazawa Citizens Free Art Day (Open Marubi 2019): Nov 3 (Mon-hol). Identification required. *Kanazawa City and Toyama City residents admitted free to “Where We Now Stand [2]” on “Promote the Arts Day”: Oct 12 (Sat), Nov 9 (Sat), Dec 14 (Sat), and Feb 8 (Sat) and Mar 14 (Sat) 2020. Identification required.
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## About the Exhibition

### “Where We Now Stand” seen through the Collection

This October, the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa will mark its 15th anniversary. Since our 2004 opening, we have examined the world of “today” through the art and activities of artists who live and experience these times. Through artistic dialogue propelled by research and exhibitions, we have sought to uncover contemporary art’s richness and potential. An art museum’s collection forms its core and hence reveals its philosophy as a museum. The 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa has therefore placed central importance on building a strong collection.

The exhibition, “Where We Now Stand—In Order to Map the Future,” regards “here and now” as our standpoint for contemplating the future. Primarily through artworks in the collection, it reveals how contemporary artists—creators closely attuned to the “now”—view the future. Although only 15 years have passed since this museum’s opening, the events of those years underscore the accelerating changes shaping the world. The some 4,000 works we have collected in that time enable us to grasp, from an artistic approach, the successive years from the late 20th century until today in the 21st.

The six keywords guiding the museum’s collection—“displacement and crossover,” “immateriality,” “collaboration and participation,” “natural generation and organism,” “everydayness and individuation”, and “quotation and reproduction”—have gradually changed in meaning over time. In a world where human mobility has become the norm, and where design has advanced to the level of modifying living organisms, what kind of map do artists rely on for the future? This exhibition will feature some 70 works by some 50 artists in “Where We Now Stand [1]” (Sep 14 – Dec 19) and some 140 works by some 60 artists in “Where We Now Stand [2]” (Oct 12 – April 12, 2020). Through the perspectives they provide, it will offer viewers chances to ascertain for themselves where we now stand.

KUROSAWA Hiromi (Chief Curator)

## Exhibition Features

### Artworks shown for the first time in 15 years since our opening, and artworks shown for the first time since their acquisition

Artworks that fascinated viewers in past exhibitions these 15 years will reappear. They include Ernesto NETO’s *BODY SPACE NAVE MIND*, Mathieu BRIAND’s *SYS\*017.ReR\*06/PiG-EqN\15\*25*, Chris BURDEN’s *Metropolis*. Also on display—collected works never yet exhibited, such as TANAKA Atsuko’s work (1968), ODANI Motohiko’s *Drape* (1998), and NISHIYAMA Minako’s *Untitled(PW-970508)*(2000).



Chris BURDEN *Metropolis* 2004  
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photo: KIOKU Keizo  
\*Where We Now Stand [2] only

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### Also featured—works by internationally active artists

The museum has acquired some 4,000 works in the 20 years since launching its collection in 2000, prior to its opening. Along with works drawn from the collection, “Where We Now Stand [1]” will feature numerous works by internationally active artists never exhibited at this museum, such as Elias SIME, Judy WATSON, MOON Kyungwon & JEON Joonho, and Tiffany CHUNG. Among them, Port B theater company founder TAKAYAMA Akira will unfold his epic project McDonald’s Radio University, which imagines McDonald’s restaurants around the world as a university and deploys them in creating a “thinkbelt” providing with people inexpensive lectures. Experimental groundbreaking artworks will also be shown—art that expands on ideas and perceptions born in the field of gaming or referencing networking and bio technology.

In “Where We Now Stand [2],” artists SHIOTA Chiharu (2nd half), TERUYA Yuken, MOHRI Yuko, and MIYAGI Futoshi (2nd half) will display works giving play to the museum’s spaces.

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### Works reflective of “Craft City Kanazawa”—gathered in one gallery

In 2009, the city of Kanazawa was accredited as a UNESCO Creative City of Craft and Folk Art. Today, Kanazawa remains a vital center for traditional crafts that impart beauty to everyday life. In “Where We Now Stand [2],” craftworks in the museum’s collection will be gathered in one gallery. They will include *maki-e* shell-inlaid lacquer works by studio Unryuan’s KITAMURA Tatsuo and YAMAMURA Shinya, powerfully creative works using traditional techniques started in Ishikawa prefecture in feudal times, such as Ohi ware pieces by OHI Toyasai (Ohi Chozaemon X / Toshiro), and Kutani ware pieces by MITSUKE Masayasu and Kamide Choemon-gama + Maruwakaya. Also featured—ground-breaking works by TASHIMA Etsuko and KUWATA Takuro that explore the possibilities of materials and expand the boundaries of craft. Viewers will discover a collection that inherits the spirit of innovation while respecting history and tradition. Tea utensils will be exhibited in a tearoom-like display, and exhibits of craftworks in actual use are planned.

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#### Exhibited Artists

\*Alphabetical order

#### Where We Now Stand [1]

Adel ABIDIN, BCL, Oliver BEER, CAO Fei, Janet CARDIFF and George BURES MILLER, Tiffany CHUNG, Lygia CLARK, Joseph DeLAPPE, Heather DEWEY-HAGBORG, Olafur ELIASSON, Gimhongsok, Dominique GONZALEZ-FOERSTER, Sten HANSON, Hong Kong Cleanup, HOU I-Ting, HSU Chia-Wei, Pierre HUYGHE, Hiwa K, Mikhail KARIKIS, KAWASAKI Kazuya, KAZAMA Sachiko, David S.KONG, KYUN-CHOME, Miltos MANETAS, Massive Attack, Cildo MEIRELES, MIYAGI Futoshi, M/M Paris, MOON Kyungwon & JEON Joonho, Ernesto NETO, Erkan ÖZGEN, Playables (Michael FREI & Mario von RICKENBACH), Pedro REYES, Gerhard RICHTER, SHIMABUKU, Elias SIME, TAKAYAMA Akira, TERUYA Yuken, Rirkrit TIRAVANIJA, TU Pei-Shih, WADA Atsushi, Brent WATANABE, Judy WATSON, YAKUSHIMARU Etsuko, YANASE Anri, YANG Zhenzhong

\*The work of Darid S. Kong is not to be displayed due to circumstances.

## Where We Now Stand [2]

ABE Taisuke, EI ANATSUI, AOKI Katsuyo, benandsebastian, Mathieu BRIAND, Chris BURDEN, Scott CHASELING, Pippin DRYSDALE, Jan FABRE, Jan FIŠAR, Shilpa GUPTA HASHIMOTO Masaya, HASUDA Shugoro, HATAKEYAMA Koji, HAYAMA Yuki, HOMMA Takashi, IEZUMI Toshio, IKURA Takashi, ITABASHI Hiromi, IZUMI Taro, Kamide Choemon-gama + Maruwakaya, KAMIDE Keigo, KANEUJI Teppei, KITADE Fujio, KUSAMA Yayoi, KUWATA Takuro, KUZE Kenji, LEE Bul, MAE Fumio, Bodil MANZ, Ana MENDIETA, MITSUKE Masayasu, MIYAGI Futoshi, MOHRI Yuko, NAKAGAWA Mamoru, NAKAGAWA Yukio, NAKAMURA Kimpei, NAKAMURA Shinkyō, NAKAMURA Kohei, NAKAMURA Takuo, NAKANO Koichi, NARA Yoshitomo, NARAHARA Hiroko, Walter NIEDERMAYR, NISHIYAMA Minako, NOGUCHI Harumi, OBA Shogyo, ODANI Motohiko, OHGITA Katsuya, OHI Chozaemon XI (Toshio), OHI Toyasai (Chozaemon X / Toshiro), OKI Junko, OKUMURA Hiroyuki, Thomas RUFF, SHIMIZU Akira, SHIOTA Chiharu, SONE Yutaka, SUDA Yoshihiro, TAKEMURA Yuri, TANAKA Atsuko, TANAKA Nobuyuki, TASHIMA Etsuko, TERAJ Naōji, TERUYA Yuken, TOKUDA Yasokichi III, TOMIMOTO Kenkichi, TSUKADA Midori, Unryuan, KITAMURA Tatsuo, YAMAMURA Shinya, Vladimir ZBYNOVSKY

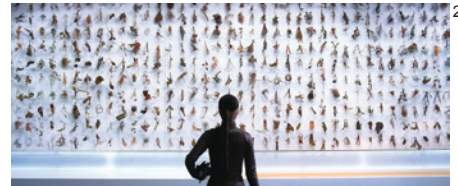
**Where We  
Now Stand [1]  
Exhibition  
Composition**

**Where We Now Stand—Taking Reference  
from the Past and Creating the Future**

As layers of time, past and present do not always run parallel but, at times, entwine like threads in a fabric. In MOON Kyungwon & JEON Joonho's *El Fin del Mundo*, images displayed on dual screens depict two worlds—"the past" as seen in the activities of a certain male artist and "the future" visualized in a post-apocalyptic woman researching older civilizations. Through remnants of an artwork created by the man, the woman has contact with "the past." In this work, the acts of "taking reference from the past" and "creating the future" are viewed in multi-layered time. The present where we now stand, being the intersection of the two time layers, harbors the possibility to become a nodal point for reference and creation.

Artists: MOON Kyungwon & JEON Joonho

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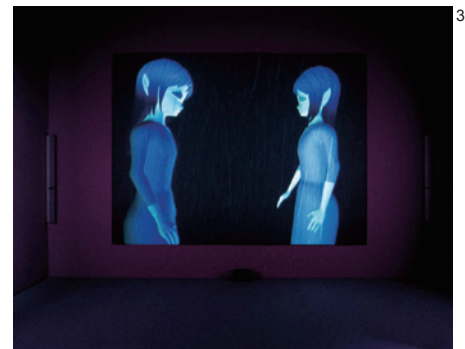
MOON Kyungwon & JEON Joonho *El Fin del Mundo* 2012  
Collection of 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa  
© MOON Kyungwon and JEON Joonho

**Life Dwelling in Virtual Space**

A special art project drawn from the unusual project "No Ghost Just a Shell" undertaken by French artists Pierre Huyghe and Philippe Parreno. Employing "Annlee," a fictional figure purchased from a Japanese design company, the artists create a situation in which multiple creators work together indiscriminately. This special art project presents four pieces taken from their many complex "Annlee" creations. Each is a mirror reflecting a future enabled by the fusion of information engineering and life science, where "boundaries between concept and life are ambiguous."

Artists: M/M Paris, Pierre HUYGHE, Dominique GONZALEZ-FOERSTER, and Rirkrit TIRAVANIJA

In front of Gallery 11



Dominique GONZALEZ-FOERSTER *ANN LEE IN ANZEN ZONE* 2000  
Collection of 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa  
© Dominique GONZALEZ-FOERSTER / Anna Sanders Films  
photo: SAIKI Taku

Gallery 10

### At the Intersection of Art and Biotechnology

Like the television and Internet in past decades, revolutionary technologies emerging from biotech are opening up unprecedented possibilities for art. Technologies for reading and editing the DNA of life forms, debuting in the late 20th and early 21st century, are giving artists new expressive media. This gallery provides a partial history of BioArt interspersed with artworks from the museum's collection. Consideration is also given to broader issues of biotechnology's connection with political power and democracy and how it might shape our future.

Artists: Sten HANSEN, YAKUSHIMARU Etsuko, BLC, KAWASAKI Kazuya

Exhibited materials: Mikhail S. NEIMAN, MIURA Ikuo (Amphibian Research Center, Hiroshima University) + Hiroshima Kokutaiji High School Biology Group, Richard Powers, Julian Sorrell Huxley, YCAM Bioresearch, Massive Attack



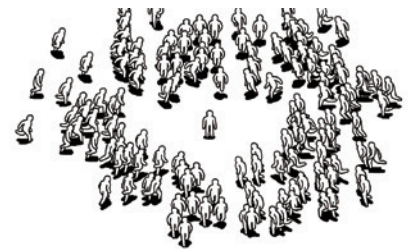
YAKUSHIMARU Etsuko *I'm Humanity ver. Kanazawa* 2017  
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© YAKUSHIMARU Etsuko  
photo: YANAI Shino

Gallery 9

### In a Gamescape: REPLAY

The growing game development environment and increase in online stores and other sales channels is altering the game manufacturing structure and encouraging the entry of developers from other fields such as animation films, contemporary art, and electronic music. Due to the increasing number of "individual" creators, video games now function as a metamedia promoting the critical re-examining of such media and rendering visible the heretofore invisible structure of the world inside games—their inner spaces and landscapes, and their autonomy and connection with the real world—thus arousing premonitions of greater expansion hereafter.

Artists: Miltos MANETAS, Brent WATANABE, Playables (Michael FREI & Mario von RICKENBACH), Joseph DeLAPPE, WADA Atsushi



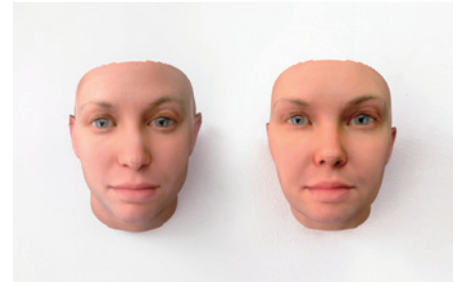
Playables (Michael FREI & Mario von RICKENBACH) *Kids* 2017-19

Gallery 8

### A Time of Deepening Crisis

People of differing races, religions, values, and ways of thinking all live together in this world. Unless discriminatory views of race and gender are eliminated, there will be continuing poverty and hunger. Invisible borders exist everywhere and the harmful legacies of history seemingly defy solution, while endless conflict and destruction cast an immense shadow over the world. Meanwhile, advanced technologies are substantially altering human lifestyles and values, and pose the danger of regulating our lives in unprecedented ways. In these works, artists face the crises of our times and endeavor to find hope.

Artists: Heather DEWEY-HAGBORG, HOU I-Ting, TU Pei-Shih, Hong Kong Cleanup, MOON Kyungwon & JEON Joonho, Hiwa K, Adel ABIDIN, YANG Zhenzhong, Mikhail KARIKIS, YANASE Anri, Erkan ÖZGEN, Oliver BEER, CAO Fei, Gerhard RICHTER



Heather DEWEY-HAGBORG *Radical Love* 2016  
photo: Thomas Dexter

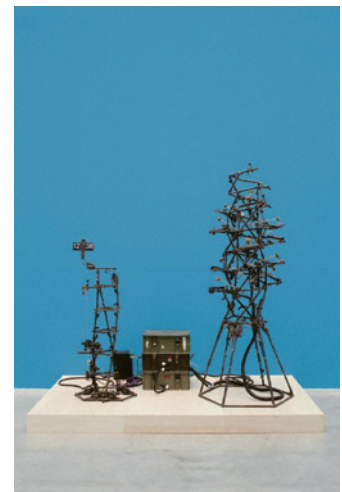
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In front of Gallery 7

### Power in Collaboration

How do we get through our days, assailed by news of crises unfolding around the world? Pedro REYES, believing that global issues cannot be overcome by leaving them to experts and the existing nation-state framework, is proposing what he calls a "People's United Nations" where regular citizens can meet and exchange opinions. To promote cooperation among different cultures, histories, wisdoms, and experiences, and seek creative breakthroughs would engender a truly democratic attitude. Even violence and destruction can be resolved if we come together in solidarity and with humor.

Artist: Pedro REYES



Pedro REYES *pUN - Disarm Clock* 2013  
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© Pedro REYES  
photo: KIOKU Keizo

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Gallery 7

## Ecology, Locality

### Ecology

The idea that people must avoid influencing nature, in atonement for polluting the environment, sees human existence as at odds with nature. In "Where We Now Stand," however, humans are viewed as being an intrinsic part of nature, without boundary or confrontation. Nature is not so much quiet and beautiful as dynamic, uncalm, sudden, and ruthless. Judy WATSON incorporates organic materials from the earth into her work without a sense of boundary between herself and nature. TERUYA Yuken's works created from newspaper accept the cruel conditions of natural disasters while entrusting hope to the forthcoming buds.

### Locality

While facts recognized in the sphere of public authority form the mainstream of history, facts pertaining to unrecorded places remain as fragments in fluid, open time and space. In Ibaraki, Japan, Tiffany CHUNG creates maps to express areas whose histories are voids, on the basis of materials kept in the Hitachi City Museum. In Africa, where parts from disassembled computers are collected for reuse, Elias SIME depicts African landscapes with electrical wiring that has lost its original meaning and function.

Artists: Tiffany CHUNG, KAZAMA Sachiko, Elias SIME, Judy WATSON, TERUYA Yuken



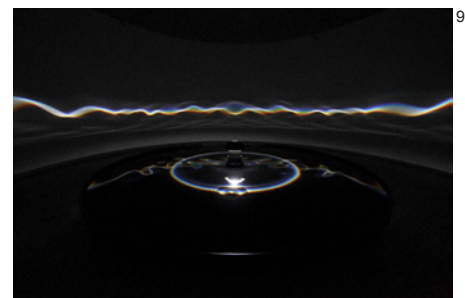
Judy WATSON  
*great artesian basin springs, the gulf (jiwil, wanami)*  
 2019  
 Courtesy of the artist and Milani Gallery, Brisbane  
 photo: Carl Warner

Gallery 14

## The Propagation of Energy

Interested in the way people perceive phenomena, Olafur ELIASSON explores the process of how a perception is formed, using light, water, color, and mirrors. He is also known for large-scale installations that transform entire spaces. Your watercolour horizon consists of an HMI lamp and a prism placed in a round vessel containing water. When a viewer steps on a pedal mechanism, a connecting hammer strikes the container, causing ripples to spread on the water. Because of the moving water, light passing through the prism projects a rainbow on the walls of the darkened gallery. This interactive work demonstrates the distinctive character of Eliasson's creations—the transformation of the work as a whole as a result of an intervening action.

Artist: Olafur ELIASSON



Olafur ELIASSON *Your watercolour horizon* 2009  
 Collection of 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa  
 © 2009 Olafur Eliasson,  
 courtesy of the artist and Gallery Koyanagi, Tokyo  
 photo: KIOKU Keizo

### Discussing Relationship

The world exists through “relationships.” Moreover, “relationships” give form to daily life. The artworks gathered here examine the myriad relationships between people, between things, and between people and things. In artworks that viewers transform with their involvement, Lygia CLARK examines relationships between people and things and draws attention to the environments of such relationships. Cildo MEIRELES created To L.C in response to Clark’s influence. If balls of different sizes and materials are held while wearing metal gloves, one’s tactile sense is

dulled so that the balls all feel the same. The artist, by upsetting a relationship fostered through experience, shows us that relationships are changed or updated by conditions and environments. SHIMABUKU’s Born as a Box features a box that talks about itself whenever a viewer approaches, while Gimhongsok’s This is a Rabbit presents a mute, unmoving rabbit whose true identity is revealed in text on a nearby placard.

Artists: Lygia CLARK, Gimhongsok, SHIMABUKU, Cildo MEIRELES

In front of Gallery 7, Around Gallery 14



Gimhongsok *This is Rabbit* 2005  
Collection of 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa  
© Gimhongsok  
photo: KIOKU Keizo

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### BODY SPACE NAVE MIND

This gallery displays BODY SPACE NAVE MIND, a work by Ernesto NETO created of highly elastic “Lycra” cloth. Viewers, enveloped by pale pink and green membranes in an uncanny space, get a sense of having entered the interior of an organism. Enticed by the herbal fragrance coming from the central cushion, nevertheless, they discover it a space in which to relax and have dialogue with their inner self.

Artist: Ernesto NETO

Gallery 13



Ernesto NETO *BODY SPACE NAVE MIND* 2004  
Collection of 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa  
© Ernesto NETO  
photo: FUKUNAGA Kazuo

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Gallery 12

### Creative Collection

Music or someone's voice—one of many sounds—begins to play when the cabinet's small drawers are opened. Each drawer contains a different sound, and by opening and closing them, the viewer can use sound to perform like a DJ. All the many sounds are sourced from the artists' sound archive. This cabinet strongly resembles an art museum. While carefully collecting and preserving artworks, the art museum takes them out at times for people to see. By variously combining the artworks, moreover, new values are indicated. An excellent collection can open the door to new creation.

Artists: Janet CARDIFF & George BURES MILLER



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Janet CARDIFF & George BURES MILLER  
*The Cabinet of Curiousness* 2017  
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photo: KIOKU Keizo

In front of Breast-feeding Room

### A Quiet Revolution

TAKAYAMA Akira, leader of theater unit Port B (2002-), employs theater to transport viewers to thought-provoking spaces for examining the world. In recent years, seeking a quiet revolution, he has taken urban spaces themselves as his theater, presenting tour-performances and installations that unfold within everyday society. Takayama's epic project "McDonald's Radio University" imagines McDonald's restaurants around the world as a university and deploys them in creating a

"think-belt" providing people with inexpensive lectures. This time, a McDonald's-like space where participants can order and listen to lectures will be created in the museum's Public Zone. Immigrants and refugees from nations such as Indonesia, Taiwan, Iran, Syria, Ghana, and Japan will serve as instructors. The lectures cover philosophy, music, architecture, biology, natural science, journalism, and other wide-ranging subjects.

Artist: TAKAYAMA Akira



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TAKAYAMA Akira *McDonald's Radio University* 2017 Frankfurt  
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Tiffany CHUNG  
*Funke: Hitachi no Kuni Fudoki – Hitachi Province* 2016  
Courtesy of the artist and Tyler Rollins Fine Art, New York  
© Tiffany CHUNG, 2016



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Elias SIME *Tightrope: Noiseless 5* 2019  
Courtesy of James Cohan, New York  
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**Where We Now Stand [2]**



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Ei Anatsui *Empty Vessel* 2015  
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photo: KIOKU Keizo



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Kamide Choemon-gama + Maruwakaya  
*"The Skull" Candy Jar with Design of Flowers* 2009  
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