

Winter Garden: the Exploration of Micropop Imagination
Metropolitan Museum of Manila
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Winter Garden at the MET

'Japanese Micropop' comes to the Metropolitan Museum of Manila this February as it opens **"WINTER GARDEN: the Exploration of Micropop Imagination in Contemporary Japanese Art"**, a contemporary exhibition made possible through partnership of the MET with the Japan Foundation.

Art critic Midori Matsui, curator of WINTER GARDEN, explains that the exhibition is "a desolate garden in winter and a hothouse for rearing plants from the differing climate." WINTER GARDEN at the MET features paintings, interactive objects and multimedia installations of 14 contemporary Japanese artists who interact and propose on pervading actualities of globalization. Some of the well-known Japanese artists featured in this exhibition are Tam Ochiai, Hiroshi Sugito, Aya Takano, and Keisuke Yamamoto.

Chief curator Mami Kataoka of the Mori Art Museum (Tokyo) will be in Manila to discuss current issues and trends in Japanese curatorial and art practice, to be held on March 8 (SAT) at the MET's Tall Galleries. This will be followed by a 2-day intensive animation workshop on April 4 – 5, facilitated by the Alcazaren Brothers for local animation practitioners and students.

The exhibition will open in February 19, 2014, and will run till April 15, 2014 at the MET's Tall Galleries. Visit the MET at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila to view the other permanent and changing exhibitions. Museum hours are from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, Monday to Saturday; and closed on Sundays and holidays. For more details about the exhibition, lecture and the animation workshops (schedule and admission fees) , email info@metmuseum.ph or check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/metmanila. For inquiries please call Sabrina Alday at 708-7828.

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