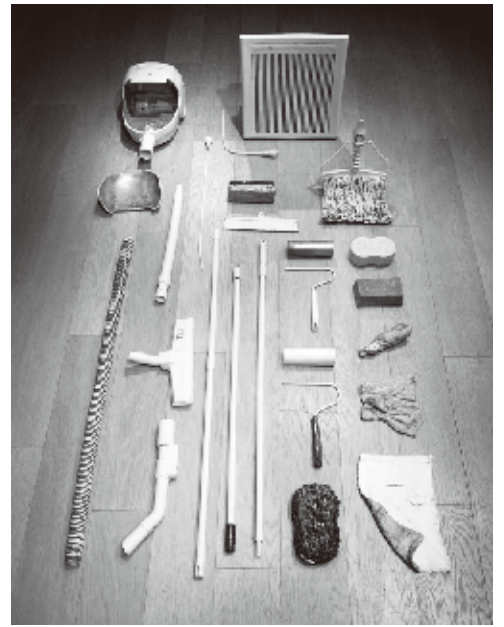




ITO Aya, *Hole* [2015] (partial)



OKUBO Yohei, *SOUJI* [2013]

# Really Realistic Reality

March 14- May 10, 2015

It has become often to hear the word “real” in Japanese recently. The Japanese word is of course based on the English word, but it has somehow and somewhat untrue, fake or illusionary overtones in contradiction to the original meaning. One of the reasons would be our sense of suspiciousness toward this real world. The world on the Internet has rapidly gained substantiality and it has been destabilizing the materiality, which this actual world should have exclusively possessed. The word “real” may aptly represent the people’s subtle sense for these two realities. It is also symbolic that the word “real” indicates the actual world outside the Internet world.

In this show, five artists from Wakayama and Kansai born between the 70s and 80s will be introduced: ITO Aya, OKUBO Yohei, OKADA Ichiro, KUMPEI and KOYANAGI Yutaka. Although they work in different fields and styles, they all share their motifs and materials like familiar sight, ordinary things around us, existing animals and plants, and natural phenomenon.

Making strikingly similar resemblance with some strangeness to uncover the uncertainty of everyday life and reality; magnifying the microscopic world to assert the assurance the existence of this world; creating a bizarre world mixing up imaginings and the real to charge oneself. These artists work on just like they consider their acts help them to gain a foothold, despite knowing the uncertainty of the world we live on or the vagueness of our existence. From the expression of new generations we will be able to dig the sense of reality in our time.



KUMPEI, *Pollen* [2014]

## ▼ General Information

- The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
- March 14–May 10, 2015
- Open 9:30 to 17:00
- Closed on Monday, except for May 4 (closed on May 7 instead)
- 510 (410) yen for adults, 300 (250) for college students, free of charge under 18, over 65, disabled, and foreign students studying in Wakayama.
- Supported by SHI/EIDO

## ▼ Related Events

- ▶ **Curator’s Talk:**  
March 15, March 21 and May 4 14:00-,  
at Gallery (ticket required)
- ▶ **Artists’ Talk:**  
March 14/ 13:30-,  
at Gallery (ticket required)

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