

Art you can live in! Where the walls of your hotel room are decorated like an artist's tapestry
The "Artist Room Otafuku Face" is now ready.

The beauty of Japan suggested by Aki Kondo is the warm heart you can see in the "Otafuku Face".

The Park Hotel Tokyo (Shiodome Media Tower), in December 2012, started the "Artist in Hotel" project where an artist decorates an entire guestroom. The project is still in progress. By 2016, all the guestrooms on the 31st floor will be so decorated, and the "Artist Room Otafuku Face", the 15th in the series, has now been completed.

"Artist in Hotel" is the hotel version of "Artist in Residence". The artist himself stays in the hotel, absorbs the atmosphere of the hotel while partaking of its facilities and services, and fashions a hotel room into a work of art. Inspired by the "Japanese sense of aesthetics", the artist paints directly on the walls of the room as if it were a tapestry, and affixes original paintings and objects to the walls so that the entire room becomes a room with the artist's view of the world. These rooms, which evoke typical Japanese themes like "Sumo" and "Zen", are primarily offered to overseas guests, and are highly appreciated.

The artist Aki Kondo started work on the "Otafuku Face (=moonfaced woman)" in the 15th room in the series on 7th May, 2015, continued work for 9 days while she stayed in the hotel, and completed it on 15th May, 2015.

She says: "I felt that the whole beauty of Japan was within the "Otafuku Face". When a guest enters the room, the first thing that catches their eye is the smiling face of the woman. And: "She's also called a "beauty with five virtues". By painting the face of this humble, demure woman which was a good example to ancient Japanese, she expressed the beauty of the heart of the Japanese people. On the opposite wall, she painted a graceful plum tree, loved by the Japanese, which actually extends up to the ceiling. This plum tree which cradles the bed is full of vigor when viewed from afar, but reveals fine detail close-up - a totally different impression.

The beauty of ancient Japan and warmth which you see in the "Otafuku Face" painted in this room looks out on Tokyo Tower, an icon that symbolizes modern Tokyo.

We hope you enjoy the beauty of Japan proposed by Aki Kondo, in the "Otafuku Face" artist room.



[Artist Room Otafuku Face Outline]

Opening: 27th May, 2015 (online and phone reservations accepted)

Room: Double occupancy, 22 square meters

Bed size: 1600 x 1950 mm

Rate: 35,000 yen per night for two persons (including taxes and service charges)

Reservation and other questions: +81-3-6252-1100

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Artist : Aki Kondo

Aki KONDO Biography

1987 Born in Hokkaido Lives in Kanagawa

Solo Exhibition

- 2015 "HIKARI" ShugoArts, Tokyo
- 2014 "Works on paper 2011-2014" ShugoArts, Tokyo
- 2013 "THE ECOLOGY OF AKI KONDO" JIKKA, Tokyo
- 2012 "An Earth of Eating" ShugoArts, Tokyo
- 2010 "AKI KONDO Exhibition" Enoma, Sendai

Group Exhibition

- 2015 "TAKAHASHI COLLECTION: Mirror Neuron" Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
- 2014 "Shape of Picture" ShugoArts, Tokyo
"Takahashi Collection 2014 Mindfulness!" Nagoya City Art Museum, Nagoya
"A TABLE! -ART FEAST-" Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Mie
- 2013 "Why not live for Art? II" Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
"Mindfulness: Takahashi Collection" (traveling) Kirishima Open-Air Museum, Kagoshima; Sapporo Art Park, Hokkaido
"Wonderful My Art" Kawaguchiko Museum of Art, Yamanashi
"VOCA" The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo
"KISS THE HEART #2" Ginza Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
- 2012 "PHANTOMS OF ASIA: Contemporary Awakens the Past" Asian Art Museum, San Francisco
- 2011-2012 "4 artists show -painting- IKEZAKI Takuya/Tomohito ISHII/Shinichiro KANO/Aki KONDO" ShugoArts, Tokyo
- 2011 "GROUP SHOW" imura art gallery, Tokyo
- 2010 "DE DE MOUSExTUAD Live Paint" Yamagata
"NIPPON ART NEXT 2010" Tokyo
"WAKATEN" AYu:M, Yamagata
"IWAKI ART triennial 2010" Fukushima
- 2008 "Artist-in-Residence Kanayama-machi" Yamagata

Award

- 2011 The 26th Holbein Scholarship
- 2010 NIPPON ART NEXT 2010 Grand Prix Award
- 2009 Tohoku University of Art & Design Graduation production exhibition Grand Prix Award

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