

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 *Otafku* Face", the 15<sup>th</sup> in the series, has now been completed.

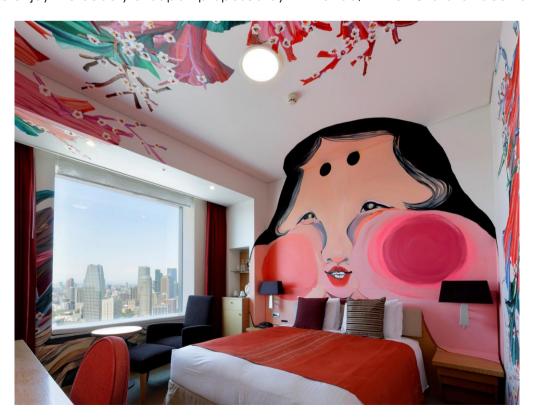
"Artist in Hotel" is the hotel version of "Artist in Residence". The artist himself stays in the hotel, absorbs the atmosphere of the hotel while partaking of its facilities and services, and fashions a hotel room into a work of art. Inspired by the "Japanese sense of aesthetics", the artist paints directly 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: 27<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.parkhoteltokyo.com/artcolours/en/aih.html">http://www.parkhoteltokyo.com/artcolours/en/aih.html</a> [Producer] creative unit moon











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 "An Earth of Eating" ShugoArts, Tokyo 2012 "AKI KONDO Exhibition" Enoma, Sendai 2010

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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	

#### **Award**

2008

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

"Artist-in-Residence Kanayama-machi" Yamagata

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