Yusuke Asai “Spores and Water Veins”

September 10th(Sat) - October 15th(Sat)

ARATANIURANO was relocated from Shirokane to a new contemporary art gallery complex in the Tennozu area of Tokyo. We also changed our gallery name to "URANO" along with this opportunity. We are pleased to announce the grand opening, our very first solo show by Yusuke Asai who is remarkably successful in recent years. He will present an enormous earth painting at the high-ceiling space. We are also exhibiting art works by Takahiro Iwasaki at a viewing space shared by galleries. He has been selected as a representative for the Japan Pavilion at the 57th International Art Exhibition - la Biennale di Venezia 2017 in Italy. We hope you will join us for the opening reception with the artists.

Yusuke Asai (Born 1981, Tokyo) uses various materials. He collects soils and water from the local and creates "Mud painting", pastes masking tapes like plants and draws, "masking plants" with pen. And he torches white road surface marking materials on the street, "the white line which becomes the plants". He regardlessly paints outside or indoor. Recently, he gets attentions by rapidly introducing large-scale mud paintings at Rice University Art Gallery in Houston, Museum of Contemporary Art, The Hakone Open-Air Museum, Aomori Museum of Art, Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum.

His significant solo exhibitions are, "Yusuke Asai : Seeds of Imagination, Journey of Soil" (2015), The Hakone Open-Air Museum, Kanagawa, Japan; "yamatane" (2014), Rice University Art Gallery, Houston, USA; "Countless Stories, Living Boldly, Repeat" (2012), ACAC Aomori, Japan.

He is currently participating in major group exhibitions, such as “All Living Things” (2016), Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum, Shizuoka, Japan; "Aomori EARTH 2016: Roots and Routes" (2016), Aomori Museum of Art, Aomori, Japan; "Setouchi Triennale 2016 (Inujima)” (2016), Okayama, Japan.

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He is young artist comes out big in the near future. For this exhibition, he increases not only the conventional ground images of mountains and forest but also ground water (water veins) that springing out from the ground, he will express the richness and a connection of life. We hope you will enjoy the earthy spirit that he creates.

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