

# VAN ZIJLL LANGHOUT / CONTEMPORARY ART

Van Zijll Langhout / Contemporary Art is pleased to present a solo exhibition of works of Rumiko Hagiwara during the Amsterdam Art Weekend 2017.

Within the exhibition Ghost in Silence - which refers to the literal translation of the Chinese characters describing the word humour - Rumiko Hagiwara investigates the meaning, and misreading of humour when crossing cultural boundaries, following the concept of migration, misunderstandings and the displacement of her own sense of Japanese humour within a western (art) context.

As an initial outsider to the cultural context of her daily life environment, when arriving in The Netherlands from Japan years ago, Rumiko Hagiwara started to use misreadings and misconceptions she encountered within social interaction and daily situations as an important source of reference in her art practice. She analyses cultural phenomena and daily life situations on the basis of factual and visual information, and points out the poetic of the trivial and reveals factual errors between what is there, what we see and how this visual information is translated into language.

Via a video that combines text, speech and image, Hagiwara lectures on and about moments that have a humorous component to them when seen from their Asian descent, though seem to have become 'mythical', poetic and total misread statements when gotten lost in translation into the Western context. Alongside the video Hagiwara presents a series of drawings and sculptures referring to her recent research.

Text: Jeanine Hofland

The exhibition Ghost in Silence has been made in collaboration with Jeanine Hofland, Hagiwara's former gallerist, and co-author of the book '111 (50%) copies of A4 paper & other titles by Rumiko Hagiwara' that will be launched on Sunday November 26th, during the Amsterdam Art Weekend.

Rumiko Hagiwara has recently been an artist in residence at Air Berlin Alexander Platz Berlin, and was an artist in residence at the Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten in Amsterdam between 2008 and 2009 amongst many other residencies.

Hagiwara has had solo exhibitions and was part of group exhibitions at many venues in both Europe and Asia; amongst which are Cultuurcentrum Strombeek (BE), Hall14/ Center for Contemporary Art Leipzig (DE), CEAC-Chinese European Art center, Xiamen (CN), SFEAR FAN YNSET/Beetsterzwaag's 1st Triennial (NL), Tokyo Wonder site (JP) and has been represented by Jeanine Hofland between 2010 and its closure in 2016. [www.rumikohagiwara.com/](http://www.rumikohagiwara.com/)

A special thanks to Amsterdams Fonds voor de Kunst for their generous support.

You are very welkom at the opening of the exhibition and the book launch.

Opening exhibition Ghost in Silence; Friday 24 November 17.00-21.00 hrs, during the gallery night AAW, Rumiko shows 'ghost in silence' in a performance version at 20:00 hrs. The exhibition is on view till 27 January 2018.

Book Launch & karaoke party; "111 (50%) copies of A paper & other titles by Rumiko Hagiwara' Sunday 26 November 17.00 - 20.00 hrs.

