

## DEMADO CONTEMPORARY ART PROJECT Vol. 5: Kaori Tanaka "Moonlight Mountain" (Kougetsusan)

**Date: June 23 – August 19, 2012**

**Opening Reception: June 23, 2012, Sat. from 5:00pm**

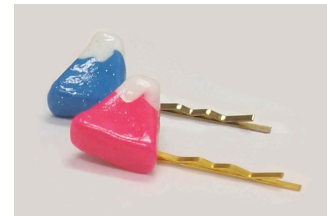
We are pleased to announce the fifth exhibition of "DEMADO PROJECT" titled "Moonlight Mountain (Kougetsusan)" by Kyoto-based painter Kaori Tanaka. Tanaka will showcase her artworks in a form of installation work, combining painting and sculptural works.

Kaori Tanaka's main source of inspiration is traditional Japanese gardens, typically seen in Zen temples. In her group of paintings called "Horaisan," Tanaka repeatedly shows a small island, or a mountain – Horaisan, a Chinese mythical mountain that is home to a hermit – floating in the middle of the pond in a Japanese garden. Using pop but subdued colors such as pink, green and yellow, she gives an eerie, unearthly feeling to her garden view. Perhaps those idealistic gardens in her creation are where she – or any one of us – doesn't really belong.



For this show at Demado Project window gallery, Tanaka draws the motif from the famous Ginkaku Temple (Silver Pavilion) in Kyoto and the moon-viewing platform in its garden, and creates a three-dimensional display within a frame of the window gallery, making the view somewhat reminiscent of a Tokonoma alcove.

The artist will be present at the opening reception on June 23rd, from 5:00pm. Handmade accessories created by the artist will also be exhibited and sold at the reception.



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Website: <http://www.hrdfineart.com/demado/05moonlight-e.html>

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## **Kaori Tanaka**

- 1982 Born in Kyoto  
2004 BFA in Western Painting, Seian University of Art and Design  
2005 Completed post-graduate course, Seian University of Art and Design

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2003 "Relax" Gallery Antenna, Kyoto  
2004 "Dream Flower" CAP HOUS, Kobe  
2005 "Luxurious scenery and things like a diamond" Gallery Antenna, Kyoto  
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2008 O Gallery eyes, Osaka  
Gallery Art Composition, Tokyo  
2009 Mitsukoshi Sapporo Store, Sapporo  
Matsuzakaya Ueno, Tokyo  
2010 "A Garden Sinking into Consciousness and Astronomical Observation" Gallery Antenna

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2003 "1/3 Three-man Exhibition" Gallery Coco, Kyoto  
"Art camp in CASO" CASO, Osaka  
2005 Gallery Antenna, Kyoto  
2006 "Art camp in kunst bau" Gallery Yamaguchi, Osaka  
2008 "Article Award" AJC Auction Gallery, Tokyo  
Kenninji Temple, Kyoto  
"Theory Art Award" Theory Aoyama, Tokyo  
"Thinking and Painting" Gallery wks, Osaka  
2009 "Tokyo Wonder Wall 2009" Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo  
2010 "Kyo-ten 2010" Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto  
"Thinking and Painting" Gallery wks, Osaka  
2011 "Kyoto Aperto 2011: Open Studio Walk" Kyoto  
"KYOTO CURRENT Vol. 3" Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art Annex, Kyoto  
2012 "Kyoto Open Studio" Kyoto