

Ayako Mogi Nomadomura

2013.7.28 Sun - 8.25 Sun * **summer holidays : 2013.8.12 - 8.16**

Opening reception: 7.28 Sun - SUNDAY BRUNCH 13:00 - 16:00

(Following the reception the gallery will remain open until 17:00)

MISAKO & ROSEN is pleased to announce Ayako Mogi's exhibition "Nomadomura" from July 28 - August 25, 2013.

Ayako Mogi was born in 1969 in Hokkaido, Japan. A selection of Mogi's recent past exhibitions includes "Kunisaki Art Project", Oita Prefecture, Japan (2012) and "Beyond Beyond" held at MISAKO & ROSEN (2010). In 2007, Mogi participated in the Natural TIFF section of the Tokyo International Film Festival, screening her film "Silent Color Silent Voice". Following her receipt of the Cannon New Cosmos of Photography award (1992), Mogi relocated to Munich, Germany and subsequently Switzerland where her focus broadened to include the production of documentary films. In 2006, Mogi, together with her husband, filmmaker Werner Penzel, opened the space Laboratoire Village Nomad in Switzerland; this non-profit arts support organization subsequently moved to the island of Awajishima in Hyogo prefecture (2009), taking the name Nomadomura serving also as a site of creation for Mogi. The exhibition title refers to the base of Mogi's practice. Nomadomura is housed in a renovated former schoolhouse in a rural part of Awajishima; the space serves both as home to Mogi's family and her working space. Mogi also oversaw the renovation of the school infirmary and faculty office creating a well-visited public cafe. The Nomadomura project is essentially a work-in-progress created jointly by Mogi and Penzel.

The tone and content of Mogi's images are directly related to the rhythm of her particular daily environment; she is not simply producing a documentary style of photography; her images of landscape, for example, picture an intangible quality - an air only reflected in her distinct vocabulary. This, Mogi's first solo exhibition

since moving to Nomadomura, is comprised of single and serial photographs whose narrative quality allude to the filmic.

At the end of August, "Traveling Tree", a photo book chronicling twelve years of Mogi's European life will be published by AKAAKA Art Publishing Inc.