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Nobuyoshi Araki “Past tense – Future, 1979 - 2040”

Dates: May 25 – June 23, 2012

Location: Taka Ishii Gallery (Kiyosumi, Tokyo)

Opening reception: Friday, May 25, 17:00 - 19:00

Taka Ishii Gallery is pleased to present “Past tense - Future, 1979 - 2040”, Nobuyoshi Araki’s 19th solo exhibition at Taka Ishii Gallery. The exhibition will be on view from May 25 (Fri) to June 23 (Sat) and feature a prodigious volume of images constituting Araki’s latest photo diary work.

Photographs are diary entries... That’s all they can be. Photographs are just documentations of a day’s event. At the same time, they drag the past into the present and also continue into the future. A day’s occurrence evokes both the past and the future. That’s why I want to clearly date my pictures. It’s actually frustrating, that’s why I now photograph the future...

- Nobuyoshi Araki

February 10, 2012

The current exhibition will comprise approximately 6,000 works representing the period between 1979 and 2040, when Araki will be 100-years-old. Araki created the images by manipulating the camera’s dating feature, which imprints dates on the bottom of the photographic print. The works will be displayed in chronological order and presented as a diary. Araki has worked previously with the fascination, which the simultaneous exhibition of mass quantities of images can produce. Shown as a diary that encompasses not only the past, but also the future, each of the approximately 6,000 images displayed appear to express the artist’s interior self and give a strong sense of the unique world that exists within the images. Araki continues to pursue new photographic possibilities while creating images that frankly communicate his emotions and also addressing memories of the recent great East Japan earthquake.

Nobuyoshi Araki new publications:

“Past tense – Future, 1979 - 2040”, published by Taka Ishii Gallery, anticipated release date: May 25, 2012

“To The Past”, published by LITTLE BIG MAN, anticipated release date: May 25, 2012

Araki received the 6th Ango Prize in February. An exhibition of 450 photography books spanning his career—from early homemade works to his latest—are currently on exhibit at the IZU PHOTO MUSEUM. The exhibition presents a body of Araki's work that brings together his unparalleled photographic and linguistic sensibilities. A solo exhibition of Araki's works will also open on May 16 at 8/, a gallery located in the new commercial complex Shibuya Hikarie, which will open in late April.

Concurrent exhibitions:

“Nobuyoshi Araki Photobook Exhibition: Arākī ”

Dates: March 11 – July 22, 2012 Location: IZU PHOTO MUSEUM, Shizuoka

For more information, please refer to the [website](#) of the museum.

Talk event: “The Mandala Universe of Araki-bon!” Nobuyoshi Araki and Kotaro Iizawa (June 10, 14:30 – 16:30)

“Flower Love”

Dates: May 16 – 28, 2012 Location: 8/ CUBE, Shibuya Hikarie

For more information, please refer to the [website](#) of the gallery.

Event: Fumio Yasuda x Araki visual concert (May 18, 20:30 – 21:30)

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Tue-Sat 12:00-19:00 Closed on Sun, Mon and National holiday



Nobuyoshi Araki

“Past tense - Future”, 1979

B & W print



Nobuyoshi Araki

“Past tense - Future”, 2040

35mm color positive film