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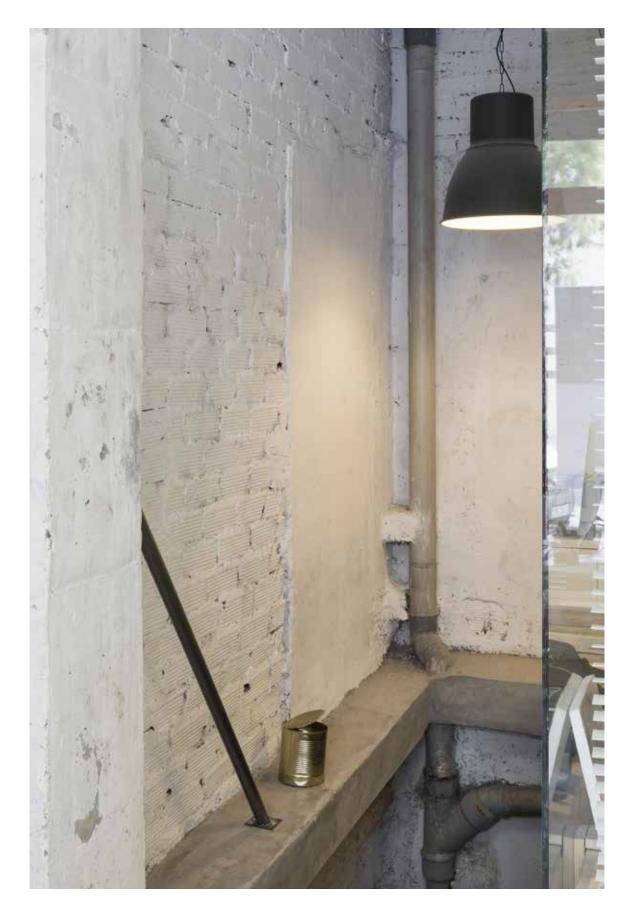
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Cuban Samba

Exhibition dates: May 7th through July 30th 2016 Opening: Saturday, May 7th from 12 to 3pm

Hours: Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 7pm, Saturday from 11am to 2.30pm

NoguerasBlanchard, Madrid

NoguerasBlanchard is pleased to announce the fourth solo exhibition in the gallery by Shimabuku (Kobe, 1969). Recently presented during the Havana Biennial the installation *Cuban Samba* was the starting point for this new multi-channel video work *Cuban Samba Remix*. Communication and engagement with the audience is a key feature of Shimabuku's artistic practice and it takes shape here through music. This exhibition points to the artist's concern with the details of everyday life and highlights the natural rhythm of our environment with an attitude of valuing coincidence and improvisation.

The site-specific installation presented in Havana¹ was inspired by a huge water leak Shimabuku encountered in the exhibition space and consisted of some old cans of different sizes placed under the leaking pipe. The rhythmic sound of the drops falling on the tin cans resembled a samba and as characteristic in his work, engages with the concept of chance through unexpected poetic associations. After recording a video of the installation as surreal as it was Duchampian, Shimabuku traveled to Rio where he invited musicians Kassin and Arto Lindsay² to make a remix. *Cuban Samba Remix* is a video installation: the smaller screen showing the cans and the other two, portraits of the musicians during the performance of this *noise pop* song.

Shimabuku first visited Brazil in 1999 at the invitation of Helmut Batista to participate in a residency programme in Rio de Janeiro. From then on the country would reappear in his work through his participation in the XXVII Bienal de São Paulo with *Asking the Repentistas -Peneira & Sonhador-to Remix my Octopus Works* (2006); in the form of a *Sakepirinha* cocktail at the Whitechapel Gallery in London; or reflecting Brazilian bossa-nova pioneer João Gilberto's music taking place in the bathroom in *Tomato Dipper* (2008). What is presented in the gallery, as suggested by the exhibition's title, is the confluence between the artist's first contact with Cuba and his ongoing relationship with Brazil.

Most of Shimabuku's artworks are inspired by chance encounters or discoveries, the journey being central to his working process. The artist's approach is based on traveling to new places and finding new ways to connect disparate groups within a community through stories, myths and local customs. Often, as seen in *Shimabuku* 's *Fish and Chips* (2012) he proposes unexpected encounters between disparate objects or like *Sunrise at Mt. Artsonje* (2008) creates a shared language between people of different countries. Shimabuku often turns art into a game where emphasis is placed on the participatory role of the viewer, often spontaneous, both inside and outside the art institution .

Cuban Samba is a reflection on communication and language based on an economy of means anchored in Conceptual art. In the artist's words: "Conceptual art is often perceived as a purely intellectual pursuit. But I became aware of the possibility of making art from my heart. I try to think with my heart. I think about conceptual art that's like music and can resonate with your feelings"

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¹ Montañas con una esquina rota (curatorial project by Wilfredo Prieto, Gretel Medina and Direlia Lazo) took place in the twelfth Havana Biennial in a former bicycle factory.

² Kassin is a Brazilian music producer, composer and multi-instrumentalist. He has produced albums of Caetano Veloso, Jorge Mautner, Gal Costa and others. Arto Lindsay is a guitarist, producer and American experimental composer who grew up in Brazil during the Tropicália movement. He has collaborated with musicians like David Byrne and Marisa Monte and artists like Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster, Phillipe Parreno and Rirkrit Tiravanija

Shimabuku's recent solo exhibitions include: When Sky Was Sea, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver (2014); Flying Me, Kunsthalle Bern, Bern (2014); City in the Sea, Air de Paris, Paris (2014); Shimabuku: Noto, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa (2013); Something that Floats/Something that Sinks, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham (2013); Souvenir from Noto, Open Work, Stockholm, curated by Stefanie Hessler and Carsten Höller (2013); Man should try to avoid contact with alien life forms, Centre international d'art et du paysage de l'île de Vassivière, Vassivière, Francia (2011); On the water, CAPC muse d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, Bordeaux (2011); Kaki and Tomato, Air de Paris, Paris (2010). He has also taken part in several group exhibitions, among which: Mountains with a Broken Edge, Havana Biennale, La Habana (2015); The Way Things Go, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, USA, curated by Rirkrit Tiravanija (2015); Taipei Biennial The Great Acceleration, Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, curated by Nicolas Bourriaud (2015); A History, Pompidou Centre, París, France (2014); Aquatopia, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham (2013); Mount Fuji does not exist, Plateau / Frac Ile-de-France, Paris (2012); Our Magic Hour. How much of the world can we know?, Yokohama Triennale 2011, Yokohama (2011).

Shimabuku lives and works in Berlin.

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SHIMABUKU

Kobe, Japan, 1969

Lives and works in Berlin

Education

1990 Graduated from Osaka College of Art, Osaka

1992 Graduated from San Francisco Art Institute (B.A.)

1997 Artist-in-residence program, ARCUS Project, Japan, with a grant from the Japan Foundation

1998 Artist-in-residence, Ateliers d'Artistes de la Ville de Marseille, with a grant from the French Government

1999 Artist-in-residence, Capacete Project, Rio de Janeiro, with a grant from the Pola Art Foundation

2002 Artist-in-residence, Banff Center, Canada, with a grant from Shiseido

2004 Invited to Berlin by DAAD Berliner Künstlerprogramm

2005 – 2006 Guest Professor at HBK: Braunschweig School of Art, Germany

2014 - 2015 Guest Lecture at ZHdk: Zurich University of the Arts, Switzerland

Solo exhibitions

- 2016 Cuban Samba, NoguerasBlanchard, Madrid
- 2015 Shimabuku: Exchange a mobile phone for a stone tool, Wilkinson Gallery, London
- 2014 When Sky Was Sea, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada Sea and Flowers, Barbara Wie, Berlin City in the sea, Air de Paris, Paris Flying Me, Kunsthalle Bern, Switzerland
- 2013 Something that Floats / Something that Sinks, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK Shimabuku: Noto, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan Souvenir from Noto, Open Work, Stockholm (curated by Stefanie Hessler and Carsten Höller)

2012	Leaves Swim, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona
2011	Shimabuku, Overbeck Gesellschaft, Lübeck, Germany Man should try to avoid contact with alien life forms, Centre international d'art et du paysage de l'île de Vassivière, Vassivière, France On the water, CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, Bordeaux My Teacher Tortoise, Wilkinson Gallery, London
2010	Kaki and Tomato, Air de Paris, Paris
2009	The Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
2008	Shimabuku's Fish & Chips, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona, Spain Album, The Street, Whitechapel Gallery, London Sea, Sky, Language and so on, DAAD galerie, Berlin New Works, Watari-Um, The Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
2007	Shimabuku's Fish & Chips, DAAD galerie, Berlin The Story So Far, Shugoarts, Tokyo, Japan Shimabuku's Fish & Chips, Wilkinson Gallery, London
2005	From high in the sky to the bottom of the sea, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona Catching octopus with self-made ceramic pots, Air de Paris, Paris
2004	Yoko on the Moon, Maejima Art Center/Yume-R, Okinawa, Japan Born as a box, Wilkinson Gallery, London
2003	Watching the River Flow, Shugoarts, Tokyo, Japan Swansea Jack Memorial Dog Swimming Competition, Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea, U.K. (artist book)
2002	Then, I Decided To Give a Tour of Tokyo To the Octopus From Akashi, Gallery Yvon Lambert, Paris, France; Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, U.K. Frog's Sky, Galerie der Stadt Schwaz, Austria
2001	The Octopus Returns, Kobe Art Village Center / Suma Rikyu Park, Kobe, Japan (artist book) Passing Through the Rubber Band, Air de Paris, France
1999	I'm Traveling with 165-metre Mermaid, DAZIBAO, Montreal, Canada (artist book) Christmas in the Southern Hemisphere, Air de Paris, France
1994	America, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan
1993	Konnichiwa, Nagoya City Art Museum, Nagoya, Japan (leaflet)

Group exhibitions

2016 Ecce Homo, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan

Echo of untouched matter, Lothringer 13, Munich, Germany

2015 Mountains with a broken edge, Havana Biennial, Cuba

The Way Things Go, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, USA (curated by Rirkrit Tiravanija)

Äppärät, The Ballroom Marfa, Texas, USA

Take Me To The River, Dojima River Biennale, Osaka, Japan

Contemporary Still-Lives, Antinori Art Project, Firenze, Italy

#catcontent, Kunstpalais, Erlangen, Germany

A Climate Fictionalism, Hong-Gah Museum, Taipei, Taiwan

2014 Imagineering, Okayama Art Project, Okayama, Japan

Supple Expansions, Freedman Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles, USA

Taipei Biennial 'The Great Acceleration', Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei (curated by Nicolas Bourriaud)

City and Nature, Sapporo International Art Festival 2014, Sapporo, Japan

Une histoire, art, architecture et design, des années 80 à aujourd'hui, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

Manners of Matter, Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg, Austria (curated by Chris Sharp)

Will Happiness Find Me?, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo

Underwater Worlds, Museum Kunst der Westküste, Föhr, Germany

2013 Aguatopia, Tate St. Ives, St. Ives, United Kingdom

Aquatopia: The Imaginary of the Ocean Deep, Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham

Re:emerge. Towards a New Cultural Cartography Sharjah Biennial 11, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

How to write 1, Wien Lukatsch, Berlin

On this planet, The Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum Collection, Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum, Shizuoka, Japan

Le Pont, Musée d'Art contemporain de Marseille, Marseille

2012 Mount Fuji does not exist, Frac Ile-de-France / Le Plateau, Paris (curated by Elodie Royer and Yoann Gourmel)

Impossible Community, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow

2011 Our Magic Hour. How much of the world can we know?, Yokohama Triennale 2011, Yokohama

Somewhere Else, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona (curated by Direlia Lazo) Kaza Ana / Air Hole: Another Conceptualism from Asia, The National Museum of Art, Osaka

Arts and Cities, Aichi Triennale, Nagoya City Art Museum, Japan

2010 Still Vast Reserves, Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, Melbourne, Australia (cat.)

Extra Ordinary, Grundy Art Gallery, Blackpool, U.K.

Eating the Universe. Food in Art, Galerie im Taxipalais, Innsbruck (cat.)

Neanderthalian Nights: The World is not home, galleria Zero, Milano

Eating the Universe. Food in Art, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf (cat.)

2009 Link- Flexible Deviation, Kobe Biennale 2009, Kobe, Japan (cat.)
Void of Memory, Platform, Kimusa, Seoul, Korea (cat.)
Hundred Stories about Love, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan

Mash Up, Artspace, Auckland, New Zealand

The Grand Illusion, National Chang Kai Shek Cultural Centre, Taipei, Taiwan

Experimenta Folklore, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt

2008 Between Art and Life, Centre d'Art Contemporain Geneve, Geneve Florescendo: Brasil- Japao O seu lugar, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Toyota, Japan (cat.)

Survival Action – Focusing on New Acquisitions, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo (MOT), Tokyo

All Our Everyday, Gallery VER, Bankok (cat.)

Laughing in a foreign language, Hayward Gallery, London (cat.)

Beautiful New World: Contemporary Visual Culture from Japan, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangdong; Long March Project, Beijing (cat.)

2007 Tracks of Okinawan Culture 1872-2007, Okinawa Prefectural Art Museum, Okinawa, Japan (cat.)

Tomorrow, Artsonje Center + Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul (cat.)

Oriente e trópico, Instituto Cultural Usiminas, Ipatinga; Palácio das Artes, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

How to live together, MAC: Museo de Arte

Contemporáneo, Santiago, Chile (cat.)

Oriente e trópico, Instituto Cultural Usiminas, Ipatinga, Brazil / Palácio das Artes, Belo Horizonte, Brazil

The Door into Summer: The Age of Micropop, Art Tower Mito, Ibaraki, Japan (cat.)

How to live together, 27th Bienal de Sao Paulo (cat.)

2006 International 06, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool (cat.)

Empieza el juego, La Casa Encendida, Madrid (cat..)

Anstoss Berlin, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin

Berlin-Tokyo Tokyo-Berlin, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin (cat.)

I love art 8, Watari-Um, The Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo

Circa Berlin, Nikolaj, Copenhagen Contemporary Art Center, Copenhagen (cat.)

2005 Le invasioni barnariche, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, Italia

MixMax, Artsonje Center, Seoul (cat.)

2004 Expat -Art Centre, ICA, London – Musee de Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon Utopia Station, Haus der Kunst, Münich Video Dictionary, La Casa Encendida, Madrid Intersection of 4 criticism, Tama Art University Museum, Tokyo

Biennale of Ceramics in Contemporary Art 2nd edition, Riviera Ligure, Italy (cat.)

2003 *U-Topos*, Tirana Biennale 2, Tirana, Albania (cat.)

Spread in Prato 2, Prato, Italy (cat.)

Utopia Station, 50th Venice Biennale, Venice (cat.)

25 Hrs, International Video Art Show, Barcelona (cat.)

Time After Time, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco

Busan Biennale, Busan, Korea

2002 Upstream, Amsterdam/Hoorn, The Netherlands (cat.)

La part de l'autre, Carre d'Art, Nime, France (cat.)

Radiodumb, Zero Arte Contemporanea, Milano

Art in the home, Edinburgh

C'est pas du cinema!, Le Fresnoy, Studio National, Tourcoing, France (cat.)

Rendez-Vous No.3, Collection Lambert, Avignon, France

2001 Facts of Life, Hayward Gallery, London (cat.)

Mega Wave, Yokohama 2001:International Triennale of Contemporary Art, Yokohama (cat.)

Traveler's Tale, (web project), Iniva (Institute of International Visual Arts), London *Ikiro-be alive*, Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, The Netherlands (cat.)

The Beginning of Things - The 6th Kitakyusyu Biennale, Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art, Kitakyushu, Japan (cat.)

Encounter, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo (cat.)

Gift of Hope, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo (cat.)

2000 Do it digital, (web project), Kassel, Germany

Transformer, Raum aktueller Kunst Martin Janda, Vienna

As it is, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, U.K. (cat.)

COUNTER-PHOTOGRAPHY, Moscow (international touring exhibition) (cat.)

Elysian Fields, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris (cat.)

Empty Garden, Watari-Um, the Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo (artist book)

1999 Extra et Ordinaire, Printemps de Cahors, Cahors, France (cat.)

Ivresse, Ateliers d'Artistes de la Ville de Marseille, Marseille

Space, Witte de With, Rotterdam

And / Or, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, Austria

Donaiyanen!, Ecole Nationale Superieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris (cat.)

1998 La Table, Air de Paris, Paris

Every Day, 11th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney (cat.)

Memorealism, Museum City Fukuoka, Fukuoka, Japan (cat.)

Place for Survival, Kurumi Kindergarten, Shizuoka, Japan

1996 The Stream from the South, Kaseda, Kagoshima, Japan

Survival Tool, Sakura City Museum of Art, Chiba, Japan (cat.)

Public Art Project - Sound Art, Iwakura, Aichi, Japan (leaflet)

Displacement-31st Today's Artist, Yokohama Citizens' Gallery, Yokohama (cat.)

From Duchamp to Duchamp, Kita Kanto Museum of Fine Arts, Gunma, Japan

1995 Rolywholyover a Circus John Cage, Art Tower Mito, Mito, Japan (cat.)

Awards and Grants

2004	DAAD kunstler program, Berlin
2002	Shiseido grant, Banff Center, Canada
1999	Pola Art Foundation grant, Capacete Project, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1998	Ateliers d'Artistes de la Ville de Marseille, France
1997	Japan Foundatiuon grant, artist in residency program, ARCUS, Japan

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