



Ken Matsubara The Sleeping Water

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The Sleeping Water - Melting Frozen Memories.

Ken Matsubara dissolves our sleeping memories just like they are frozen at the bottom of our hearts in his works made of antique objects, photographs and movies which are imprinted with people's memories.

He thinks that memories are inherited from human to human through the DNA of microorganisms and that people can reach those common memories that cross over the world's various races and generations if we can awaken our own memories. Human beings are tied together by common memories and we will cross over those boundaries by sharing our memories.

"Mekong Delta"

The movie for this work was shot at the Mekong River delta in Vietnam. 5 children are floating in the muddy river just like they are rising up to heaven. They are visible through an original,

specially crafted, translucent mirror, glass dome. This work is dedicated to and mourns for the death of children in the many wars and disasters around the world.

Ken MATSUBARA	1949	Born in Tokyo.
	1973	Graduated from Musashino Art University, Tokyo.
Solo Exhibitions	2011	Winter Dreams, MA2Gallery, Tokyo "Winter Dreams - The Story of Water" Spazio Light Box, Venice, Italy
	2009	The Portrait of Fruits, MA2Gallery, Tokyo
	2008	A Knife In the Water, eN arts, Kyoto
	2006	Sleep walker, MA2Gallery, Tokyo
	2004	Sleep walker, Windows Bergdorf Goodman, N.Y., U.S.A.
	1993	Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, N.Y., U.S.A. Hosomi Gallery, Tokyo. Art Site, Fukui.
	1997	Transmission, Congulation, Reflection, Gallery ÉøM, Tokyo.
	1992	Jayne H. Baum Gallery, N.Y., U.S.A.
	1990	Vertical and Horizontal, PS Gallery, Tokyo.
	1988	Picture Photo Space, Osaka. Twisted Perspective, PS Gallery, Tokyo. Jayne H. Baum Gallery, N.Y., U.S.A.
	1987	Light Gallery, N.Y., U.S.A. Studio 666, Paris, France Polaroid Gallery, Tokyo.
	1982	Kamakura Gallery, Tokyo. Polaroid Gallery, Tokyo. Suikatou, Tokyo.
	1981	Axis Gallery, Tokyo.
Group Exhibitions	2011	"The Tiger and the Sunflower" Schroder Romero & Shredder Gallery, NY, U.S.A. "Close Encounter" AKI Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan "Night Scented Stock" Marianne Boesky Gallery, NY, U.S.A. "THE P.2 PROJECTS" Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans, U.S.A. "Forces" 10 Chancery Lane Gallery, Hong Kong
	2010	The State Theater in Kosice, Slovakia International Theater Festival, Theater Polski in Poznan, Poland "Archetype of Photography. Froese, Matsubara, Przyborek", The "Laznia" Centre for Contemporary Art, Gdansk, Poland
	2009	6.BIENNALE FOTOGRAFII, Galeria Miejska Aersenal, Poznan, Poland
	2008	"The Story Box" MA2Gallery, Tokyo
	1999	Innovation/Imagination: 50 Years of Polaroid Photography, Ansel Adams Center for Photography, San Francisco.
	1994	INSIDE OUT: Contemporary Japanese photography, The Light Factory Photographic Arts Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A.
	1993	Breda Fotografica '93, De Beyerd Breda, the Netherlands.
	1992	Photography of Contemporary Art, Walker Hill Art Center, Seoul, Korea
	1991	Compound of The "Maniéra," Machida City Museum of Graphic Arts, Machida. The 20th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan, 1991, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum and Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art.
	1990	The Silent Dialogue, Still Life in the West and Japan, Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka. The Imprinted Ideas, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya. Les Fleurs, Studio 666, Paris, and Galerie Photographique, Toulouse. Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum and Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art.
	1989	Group Show, Maoson de La Culture, Annecy, France. Reospective des Artstes Expose entre 198 1988, Studio 666, Paris, France
	1988	Expressions in Photography and Its Related Media II, Gallery Miyazaki, Osaka.
	1987	AIPAD Show, Los Angeles, U.S.A.
	1981	The 12th Print Grand-Prix Exhibition, Nichido Salon, Tokyo. Four Stars, Kado Gallery, Tokyo.
Selected Collections		International Polaroid Collection, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. Nippon Polaroid (Polaroid Corporation of Japan), Tokyo. Newport Harbor Art Museum, Newport, California, U.S.A. Maison du Livre de L' image et du Son, La Bibliotheque de Villeurbanne, Lyon, France Bayly Art Museum, Virginia, U.S.A. Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, U.S.A. Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo. Bell Atlantic Corporation, N.Y., U.S.A. Goldman Sachs Corporation, N.Y., U.S.A. Readers Digest, N.Y., U.S.A. Marieke and Pieter Sanders Collection, Netherland
Award	1991	The 20th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan, 1991, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum Award.