# Art Collaboration Kyoto 2024 Fair Information



ACK main venue, 2023 photo by Moriya Yuki

(Kyoto, Japan, December 25, 2023) Held annually since 2021, the fourth edition of Art Collaboration Kyoto (ACK) will continue with **Yamashita Yukako** as Program Director, and will be held from **Friday, November 1 to Sunday, November 3, 2024** in the Kyoto International Conference Center.

Art Collaboration Kyoto presents a new model of art fair that is rooted in the spirit of collaboration, as well as Kyoto's welcoming ethos and rich history of art and culture. Its **Gallery Collaborations** section pairs a local Japanese gallery with its international peer in a shared booth to co-present a unique and thoughtful exhibition, while **Kyoto Meetings** features artists with distinct connections to Kyoto. Driven by a commitment to enriching and developing the art ecosystem in Kyoto and beyond, the fair also hosts additional programs, including the fair's **Public Program**, **ACK Talks**, **ACK Kids' Programs**.

Following its 2022 edition, Art Collaboration Kyoto obtained bonded status for the second time in the 2023 edition, allowing international exhibitors to be exempt from the 10% sales tax that otherwise would have been imposed pre-sale. The fair plans to re-apply for bonded status for its 2024 edition in November.

# Message from Yamashita Yukako (ACK Program Director)



I am very pleased to be able to continue as ACK Program Director in 2024.

With the trust ACK has gained over the past three years, I will maintain ACK's identity as an art fair focused on Kyoto and collaboration, while bringing something fresh and surprising to all.

ACK is committed to creating something that can only be experienced here in Kyoto in this era, together with the power of art and culture. By hosting an international art fair, we aim to raise awareness of Kyoto as an important city in the global art world, in addition to enriching the art ecosystem in Japan and beyond. While continuing to pursue these goals, we will continue to work with galleries, artists, visitors, and all of ACK's partners with the aim of further strengthening ACK's mission.

Together with you, I hope ACK and its community here in Kyoto can make a positive impact on the international art world and society through art.

#### **ACK 2024 Overview**

Dates:

Preview (by invitation only): Thursday, October 31, 2024

Public opening dates: Friday, November 1 - Sunday, November 3, 2024

Venue: Kyoto International Conference Center (Takaragaike, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto City) and others

Organizer: ACK Executive Committee and others

Program Director: Yamashita Yukako

URL: a-c-k.jp

#### **Notes to Editors**

#### **Images**

Please see images from Art Collaboration Kyoto 2023 here.

# **About Art Collaboration Kyoto**

Art Collaboration Kyoto is an art fair held in Kyoto with collaboration at its core. One of the leading art fairs in Japan specializing in contemporary art, Art Collaboration Kyoto presents unique collaborations forged between Japanese and international galleries; government and private sectors; and fine arts and other cultural spheres in Kyoto. Hosted in the Kyoto International Conference Center, the fair consists of two sections: "Gallery Collaborations", which pairs a local Japanese gallery with its international peer in a shared booth; and "Kyoto Meetings", which features artists with distinct connections to Kyoto. Beyond the fair, special exhibitions and public programs are held in Kyoto City.

Art Collaboration Kyoto is organized by the ACK Executive Committee, which includes the Kyoto Prefecture; Association for the Promotion of Contemporary Art in Japan; Contemporary Art Dealers Association Nippon; Culture Vision Japan Foundation Inc.; Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and the Kyoto Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For more information, please visit a-c-k.ip.

## About Yukako Yamashita, ACK Program Director

Born in 1988 in Tokyo to a family that runs a tea ceremony utensils business in Kyoto, Yukako Yamashita completed an MA in Art Business at Sotheby's Institute of Art in London, then joining Sotheby's Japan where she oversaw the sales of contemporary art. From 2017 to 2022, Yamashita was the managing director of THE CLUB, a contemporary art gallery in Tokyo, Japan. She has served as a visiting professor at Kyoto University of Arts since 2020 and was appointed Program Director of Art Collaboration Kyoto and Kyoto City Growth Strategy Promotion Advisor in 2022.

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