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HIROKI TSUKUDA

Enter the O

January 14 – February 20, 2016

Opening reception: Thursday, January 14th, 6-8pm

Petzel Gallery is pleased to announce *Enter the O*, a solo exhibition of new works on paper, sculpture, and installation by Japanese artist Hiroki Tsukuda. This is Tsukuda's first exhibition at Petzel Gallery and his first time exhibiting in the States. The show will be on view from January 14 – February 20, 2016 at the gallery's Chelsea location.

Enter the O is derived from Tsukuda's primary experience with the physical world. During his youth on Japan's Shikoku Island, Tsukuda often envisioned the landscapes and possible alternate dimensions that lay beyond the Sanuki Mountains to the South and the Seto Inland Sea to the North. Later in Tokyo, these conjured terrains—which Tsukuda deems “outer worlds”—became imbued with the bold, dynamic architecture of Japan's capital city. The artist's ink drawings explore the turbulent, futuristic cityscapes of his imaginings. Created with meticulous detail these intricate, symmetrically fantastic works illustrate collapsed spaces, in which mechanized worlds merge with sci-fi mythos.

Two separate installations, materialized directly from the drawings that circumscribe them, recall the origin of Tsukuda's monochromatic landscapes while augmenting the point of entry into the “O.” Unveiled in this exhibition is a new freestanding mask sculpture that investigates the artist's own perception within his ulterior realms.

Hiroki Tsukuda was born in 1978 in Kagawa, Japan. He graduated from the Department of Imaging Arts & Sciences at Musashino Art University in 2001. Hiroki Tsukuda lives and works in Tokyo, Japan.

Petzel Gallery is located at 456 West 18th Street New York, NY 10011 and 35 East 67th Street New York, NY 10065. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. For press inquiries, please contact Andrew Black at andrew@petzel.com, or call (212) 680-9467.