

Flower Project Exhibition / will be held by Fuzuki Arai,
At the Japan Information Center Gallery of the Consulate General of Japan in New York



Location:

Japan Information Center Gallery
Consulate General of Japan in New York
299 Park Avenue, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10171

Date & Time:

6/4(Wed) to 6/27 (Fri), 2014
9:30 am – 4:00 pm (**closed on weekends & holidays)

**Please bring photo IDs.

◆Exhibition Summary

Flower Project is a volunteer group that supports areas affected by disaster through art. Many people in Japan lost their homes in the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011. Mr. Arai began his support for survivors of the earthquake and tsunami by volunteering to paint portraits of people living in temporary housing. He has since gone on to lead a team of volunteers that offers support through artistic activities.

The survivors of the disaster who lost their photo albums in the tsunami deeply appreciate the chance to have their portraits drawn. In another project to empower the survivors through art, in 2012 Mr. Arai used the

wall of a temporary housing complex as a canvas on which he painted a 70-m mural of a dragon together with volunteers and temporary housing residents.

The *Flower Project* exhibition details these volunteer activities through the artwork that has been created and features other works of art by Fuzuki Arai.

◆Artist Biography

FUZUKI ARAI

Artist. Representative of Flower Project, a volunteer group that supports people through art. His mission is to create art that provides moving experiences with a focus on the ties people have to each other. Following his intuition, he creates these works in impromptu bursts of spiritual expression. Dance is another artistic pursuit he enjoys, and his travels around the world and ongoing connection to dance also inspire his artwork. Reading 300 books a year, his reviews of art books are published on Yahoo! Japan.

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