

THE DROP

Urban Art Infill

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Exhibition Title:

2012+

Date: Opening and Arts Festival: Saturday, October 3rd, 2009

From Noon-5PM

The special exhibition 2012+ will be open through October 17, 2009.

Location: The Drop Pop Up Gallery, 4th Floor

531 W. 25th Street

Between 10th and 11th Aves

New York, NY

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The Drop: Urban Art Infill presents the special exhibition **2012+** curated by Alexandra Chang and Mie Iwatsuki. The title is partly coined from the Mayan calendar, indicating an upcoming shift from one phase of life to something new about to take shape. As the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012, a certain sense of impending urgency is represented by this number when coupled with the current global realities of climate change. And what is felt locally and individually can potentially highlight our participation within a global society. Yet the symbol "+" is also a call to contemplate and seek possibilities to envision what can be.

The **2012+** exhibition investigates the relationship of the urban-based artist and city dweller to their environs, from the city, to how they situate themselves in relationship to the environment on a global level. Each artist presented in the show contemplates their link to their notion of the environment in a unique way. By including both urban space as well as the natural environment within this realm, these artists take into account a point of view specific to the city dweller.

Some art may take on the urgency of a last warning, or contemplation of the politics that results in dystopias of environmental and societal disaster. Some may seek to present elements of harmony, an ideal state of nature, and coexistence, ushering in ideas of optimism or a possible utopia. While others may be meditative on the closeness or elusiveness of these ideas in everyday urban existence.

The special exhibition 2012+ is situated within the frameworks of the daylong art festival **THE DROP: URBAN ART INFILL**, a series of planned indoor and outdoor art projects, including the best in New York's independent music, fashion, art and design, creating

dialogue in the New York community about our relationship to art, the city and the greater global environment.

Artists participating in the 2012+ exhibition are:

Yoko Ono
Ryuichi Sakamoto
Paul D. Miller
Mamoru Oshii
ON Megumi Akiyoshi
John Ahearn
Rainer Ganahl
Luis Mallo
Chen Ching-Yao
Ali Hossaini
Jing Ai
Nayia Frangouli
Raquel Rabinovich
Julian Montague
Julia Chiang
Mary Ting
Adrian Kondratowicz
Peter Garfield
Sungmi Lee
Robert Peretti
Mimmo Roselli
Seth Carnes
Manuel Acevedo
Fred Fleisher and Marguerite Day
Saya Woolfalk
Zhou Yi
Hiroshi Sunairi
Ula Einstein
Midori Harima

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