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であるシ 日本人作家倉貫徹氏と有馬晋平氏の立体作品も設置 ることを試みます。 本展では、マカオ出身の 、それらを山水と見立て、静謐なインスタレーション 通してひとつの 来する美意識の一つである「余白」の美を考察す アジアに古来より見られる自然思想と、これに 風景を構築 会場では、ラオ氏と親交がある オ氏に 国際的に活躍する よる作品

作品世界と反省的に一体となるからではないだろうか 補足として自己の体験や心的世界を投げ入れることで、 観者がその「余白」に対して何らかの解釈を試みる際、 た違う、非常な深みと安らぎが感じられる。これは、 **予感させる。この余白の美からは単純な風景とはま** ラオ氏の に描かれているモティ 最たる特徴の 現している。余白 品は東洋的 想に基 づいた「余白」による美 「の美は、 「余白」とい 霧や雪、または虚空 東洋に えた事物を観者に おける美意 一間は、

に定位した美ではなく、常に観者側に開かれた美と 「理想郷」に招き入れる なり、観る者を許容し、 また「余白」がもたらす空気感は、主観主義的 中の主 えば幸田露伴の著書に「観画談」というものがあ る体験か ているが、このような 神仙的世界観はまさしく 人公はこのプロ セスにより画中の人物に である。芸術においては 賞する と一体となる様が 私たちを桃源郷 判断

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In this exhibition, we focus on the artworks of Season Lao, an artist from Macao, successful worldwide. And we try to inquire into the idea of nature, which we can see since time immemorial in East Asia, and the beauty of blank spaces, which is one of the senses of beauty based on this idea of nature. At the venue, three-dimensional artworks by Kuranuki Toru and Arima Shimpei, friends of Season Lao, have also been installed. These works are likened to mountains and water, and through these installation artworks of peace and tranquility, they form a single landscape.

Season Lao's work strives to express the aesthetic concept of "blank white space" based on the concept of "the unification of man with the nature" that could be described as central to Eastern philosophy. The beauty of blank white space is one of the most important aspects of aesthetic awareness in Eastern thought. These blank white spaces, often depicted using fog, snow, or simple emptiness, provide the onlooker with a feeling that there is something that extends far beyond the motifs that are frequently depicted. From the beauty of these empty spaces, one can gain a great sense of depth and comfort different from that conveyed by simple landscape art. Perhaps because the person viewing the art always tries to interpret these blank white spaces in some way, filling in the void with personal experiences and his or her own internal world, such are offers opportunities to become one with the artwork through personal involvement.

In addition, the impression of open air conveyed by the empty spaces is not a localized beauty based in subjective judgment, but rather a beauty always available and open to the viewer, inviting the person viewing the artwork to appreciate its hidden paradise (utopia).

One example is Kouda Rohan's "Kangadan." The book describes the protagonist's experience of being called by a character in a painting and becoming one with the painting. This kind of mystical worldview is based on "the unification of man with the nature." In art, this is not an aesthetic revolving around the one to one relationship between the work in question and the viewer, but rather an aesthetic of the spectator becoming one with the world of the artwork, and it is understood to have been conceived by the ancient Taoists.

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① Hokkaido, Japan | SEASON LAO handmade-paper, Mino paper, ink, photography W2002×H770(mm) 2021

### Exploring Season Lao

Season Lao's two dimensional works include a series of images around the motif of snow scenes. Despite these being taken in places the viewer has never visited, it still somehow engenders a sense of nostalgia as if arriving in one's own hometown. The actual gathering and selection of materials is done with respect and consideration for the background of things, as though transcribing excerpts from paintings and calligraphic works from various times and places to create a collection of writings.

When gathering materials to create a piece, what Season Lao regards the most highly is the fated connections with people and places that are woven together on the journey, eventualities like snowfall, and the temporal elements of nature that can't be

recreated, such as the time until the snow melts. Perhaps these elements of "fate" and "nature" reflect part of the Eastern philosophy of searching for truth in holistic, objective connections.

Season Lao's artistic philosophy is linked closely and deeply to the truth of nature that transcends human control and conveys this sublime impression to human beings. Even if such an impression is conveyed using light snow that soon melts and disappears, some sort of ideal is transmitted, the sort of hidden paradise previously mentioned. It is from the impression of this hidden paradise through a transient natural moment that creates nostalgia within us due an aesthetic sense of disappearance.

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①HOKKAIDO This piece features the snowy landscape of Hokkaido, the origin of Season Lao's work in Japan.

②KYUSHU Thanks to being featured in the Itakura House "Sai" collection in Asakura, Fukuoka, Lao found trees that had been damaged by the 2017 Northern Kyushu floods. Then the people of Kyushu who had been protecting these damaged trees handed them over to Lao. 3The work of Arima Shimpei in Oita was also done with a sincere attitude toward the background of the cedar trees used. These cedar and cypress trees have a very special significance in Kyushu, a region with deep connections to Japanese myth, and have been protected there for generations.

NARA Lao's good friend Kuranuki Toru is based in Nara, where the ancient megalithic culture still remains. With a perspective on minerals and nature, Kuranuki's series of crystal pieces receives these impressions from historical human predecessors and creates a world that lives in harmony with Lao's blank white space concepts.

①北海道 | シーズン・ラオ氏の日本での活動の原点である、北海道の雪の原風景をモティーフとした一枚。

②九州 | ラオ氏は、福岡朝倉にある方丈板倉「斎」コレクションの縁により、平成二十九年七月九 州北部豪雨にみまわれた木と出会った。そして今までこの被災木を大切に守ってきた九州の人 々から、ラオ氏に譲り渡されることとなった。③また、大分在住の有馬晋平氏の作品は杉木のもつ 背景に対して、真摯な姿勢により削り出されたものである。これらの杉や檜は日本神話に関わり の深い九州地方において、代々守り受け継がれてきたものであり、特別な意味を持つ存在となっ

④奈良 | ラオ氏と親交のある倉貫徹氏は、古代より巨石文化などが残る奈良を拠点としている。 **倉貫氏の鉱物に対する自然観からは、このような史先人類的な印象を受け、こと水晶の作品シリ** ーズは、ラオ氏の余白の概念と共に響き合い存在する世界を構築する。



② 虚室生白 An Empty Room Turns White For Enlightenment | SEASON LAO 2022



④ 無題、または硝子に梱包された水晶 **KURANUKI TORU 2015** 



③ codama こだま | ARIMA SHIMPEI L1240×W700×H820(mm) 2021



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