

## Yuko Mohri Wins Grand Prix at Nissan Art Award 2015

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Yuko Mohri, *Moré Moré (Leaky): The Falling Water Given #1-3*, 2015, Wood, umbrella, hose, PET bottles, rubber glove, bucket, wheel, duster, sponge, pump, acrylic resin, etc. Installation view at Nissan Art Award 2015 Exhibition  
(Photo: Keizo Kioku)

Yuko Mohri has won the Grand Prix at the Nissan Art Award 2015, the second installment of a biennial competition that recognizes and supports the work of emerging Japanese artists.

The Grand Prix, which has a total value of ¥5 million, including a cash prize of ¥3 million and the opportunity to live in London in association with the Camden Arts Center in the spring of 2016, was made in recognition of Mohri's innovative new media installation works. Her piece "Moré Moré (Leaky): The Falling Water Given #1-3" (2015), a whimsical assemblage made out of wood, umbrellas, hoses, plastic bottles, and other everyday objects, is currently on view at BankART Studio NYK in Yokohama.

In addition, the Audience Award was given to Tsuyoshi Hisakado, who is known for his immersive multimedia sound installations.

Besides Hisakado, the other five finalists were also awarded ¥1 million each, in addition to a production fee of ¥1 million to make new works, which are currently on exhibition at BankART Studio NYK in Yokohama through December 27, 2015. They are Sayaka Akiyama, Takashi Ishida, Takahiro Iwasaki, Futoshi Miyagi, and Tomoko Yoneda.

Mohri was last seen winning an honorary mention at the inaugural Jaguar Asia Tech Art Prize at Art Taipei last month for her installation "Urban Mining," made of used street light poles perched on a platform of compressed empty cans that light up and turn off in a seemingly random fashion. She is currently working on a series of new works based on her research into the city of Nagoya that also incorporate works by Swiss artists Fischli/Weiss, to be shown at the newly opened Minatomachi Art Table starting in late February 2016.

Established in 2013 on the occasion of Nissan's 80th anniversary, the Nissan Art Award is based on a vision of "enriching people's lives" by providing a platform for Japanese artists to take their practices to the next level.

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