

Live On: Mr.'s Japanese Neo-Pop Opening
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Thank you, Ms. Ishikawa, for your introduction, and good evening, everyone.

Following the wildly successful Future Beauty and Deco Japan exhibits, the Consulate General of Japan sincerely thanks SAM, the Seattle Art Museum, and SAAM, the Seattle Asian Art Museum, for bringing another groundbreaking Japanese art to the Pacific Northwest. I would especially like to recognize its curator, Xiaojin, and her team, for her initiative and their hard work.

Adversity inspires creativity. “Live On” is a perfect example of this. The massive installation “Give Me Your Wings – Think Different” is truly singular, while the paintings here also shine. With his masterful use of vibrant colors and forms, the artist deftly draws us the viewers into mind boggling and thought-provoking complex worlds. The imagery may be profoundly Japanese, but I believe these works speak a global language.

As we learn from Mr.'s unique but universal art, let us all embark on our journey and look to the future.