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Biennials / Triennials: Today's Questions
Symposium for the Yokohama Triennale 2008

The Yokohama Triennale will hold a symposium titled "Biennials / Triennials: Today's Questions." The symposium will be led by Tsutomu Mizusawa, artistic director of the Yokohama Triennale 2008, and members of his curatorial team. Mr. Mizusawa will explain the overall orientation of the Yokohama Triennale 2008 and report on the current status of its preparations. The panel will then examine the circumstances of the many biennials, triennials, and other international art exhibitions held throughout the world today, and discuss the problems and potentials such events raise. All interested persons are cordially invited to participate in the symposium, which is also one of the Triennale's official preliminary events.

Date and Time: Sunday, November 18, 2007, 14:00 to 16:00

Place: Japan Foundation Conference Hall (20th floor, Ark Mori Building East)

Organizers: The Japan Foundation, City of Yokohama, NHK, Asahi Shimbun, the Organizing Committee for the Yokohama Triennale

Capacity: 150 (free admission; reservations required; simultaneous Japanese-English interpretation)

Panelists:

Artistic Director

Tsutomu Mizusawa (Chief Curator of the Museum of Modern Art, Kamakura & Hayama)

Curators

Daniel Birnbaum (Rector of the Städelschule Art Academy and Director of the Portikus, Frankfurt am Main)

Hu Fang (Artistic Director of the Vitamin Creative Space, Guangzhou)

Akiko Miyake (Program Director, Center for Contemporary Art (CCA) Kitakyushu)

Hans Ulrich Obrist (Co-Director of Exhibitions and Programs and Director of International Projects, Serpentine Gallery, London)

Beatrix Ruf (Director, Kunsthalle Zürich)

Members of the public who wish to attend should send their name, affiliation, e-mail address, and telephone and fax numbers to the organizing committee by fax (03-5562-3528) or by using the "Contact" form on the Triennale website <www.yokohamatriennale.jp> by November 5, 2007. A drawing will be held in case the number of applicants exceeds the available number of seats.

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