

Norio Imai 今井 祝雄





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Two Heartbeats of Mine

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スピーカー、心臓音

Speaker, heartbeat

Installation size (speaker: φ 20.2 x 19.5 cm)

1976

The artist's own heartbeat recordred in 1975 and 1976 are played simultaneously from the two speakers suspended from the celling at heart level, and the two sounds resonate in the space. The work consists of two speakers. Their cone papers are faced with each other and vibrating. Imai has often incorporated the sound of heart ticking away time into his work in 1970s. Since the 1970s "time" and "sound" have carried more weight in his work; the concept of "time" has been incorporated into his photographic and video works, and "sound" has been treated as a kind of materials for his experimental performance and installation.





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Silent

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カセットテープ、アクリルボックス

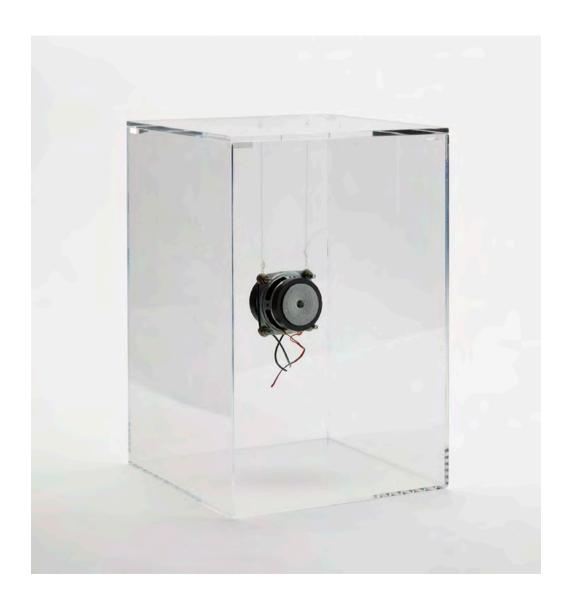
Cassette tape, acrylic box

25 x 25 x 5.7 cm

2023

In conversation, our voices produce many sounds. The vast majority fade outside the scope of recollection, and some penetrate the depths of our memory. When those sounds are captured, there is an intent to record for the purpose of reproduction. While some of those sounds might be played back once, most will never be played back at all and are sealed as data in some media but, in many cases, are discarded. Since the autumn of 2022, Imai recorded individual conversations with 12 different people onto cassette tapes under the premise that they would not be replayed.

Cassette tapes = sounds were "replayed" as they're installation and documentation.



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音臓

Onzo

スピーカー、アクリルボックス

Speaker, acrylic box

30 x 20 x 20 cm

2023



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八分の六拍子

6/8 Time

アナログレコード12inch 45rpm Vinyl Dubplate Cutting/片面のみ/9分53秒

Vinyl Record 12inch, 45rpm, Vinyl Dubplate Cutting / Single / 9'53"

31.5 x 31.5 cm

1976 / 2023

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On October 23, 1976, in a dark dome-like space, Imai executed a performance titled 6/8 Time, in which the sound of his heartbeat transitions to the sound of a metronome ticking at six eighth note beats per measure, as he photographed the audience using a strobe light in sync with the rhythm in 6/8 Time.

The original sound source for this performance was digitized and released as a vinyl record. Each record sleeve is a unique art work by Imai. A sheet of contact print of 34 photographs of the audience taken by Imai in the performance and a liner note containing the texts written by Norio Imai and Yukio Fujimoto (in Japanese) are included.



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白マンダラ 1 -3

White Mandala I-3

木製パネル、布、 プラスチック型、アクリル

Wooden panel, cloth, plastic mold, acrylic

41.1 x 41.1 x 6.4 cm

2019



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白マンダラ Ⅱ -1

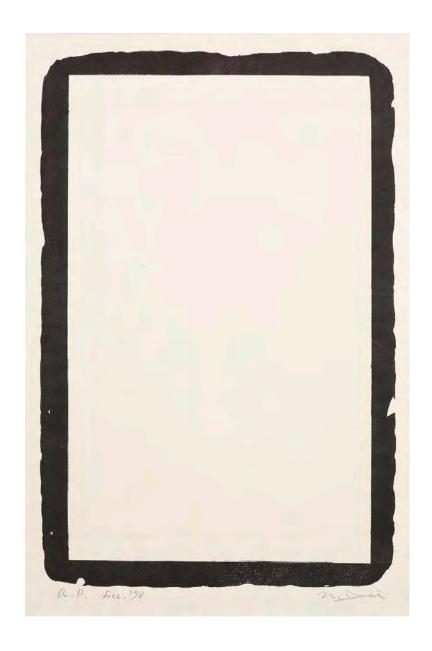
White Mandala II-1

木製パネル、布、 プラスチック型、アクリル

Wooden panel, cloth, plastic mold, acrylic

41.1 x 41.1 x 6.4 cm

2019



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空(から)の四角

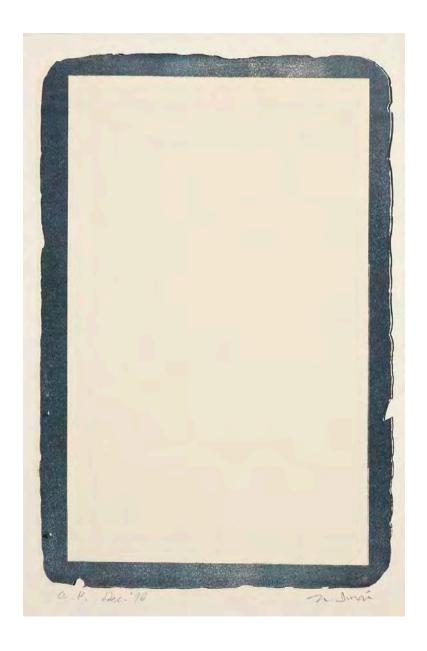
A Square from Emptiness

リトグラフ/モノプリント

Lithograph, monoprint

54.4 x 38.5 cm

1970



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白・黒・四角

White, Black, Square

リトグラフ/モノプリント

Lithograph, monoprint

54.4 x 38.5 cm

1970



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F氏との1時間

An hour with Mr. F

写真(ゼラチンシルバープリント) Photograph (gelatin silver print)

26 x 19.2 cm Vintage print ed. 1/3

1979



Temporal Landscape / Abenosuji 1



Norio Imai

時間の風景/阿倍野筋

Temporal Landscape / Abenosuji

写真

(ゼラチンシルバープリント、 モノクロに一部彩彩色) Photo

(gelatin silver print, partial shading added)

4.8 x 53 cm each, set of 7

1977

横断歩道周辺の地点、シグナルの赤と青それぞれの眺めを二重露光し、時間のずれ を可視化する7点組の写真作品。

白の立体的な造形から出発した今井祝雄は、1970年代はじめから80年代にかけて、さまざまな映像メディアを駆使し、「時間」という不可視な存在をとらえる一連の実験に挑み続けた。

歩行者や車が通過中の横断歩道付近の眺めを写した《時間の風景/阿倍野筋》は、信号の赤と青のタイミングで二重露光し、ワンショットごとに時間の厚みをパッケージする連作となった。それまでも兆していた"時間"というテーマが、この頃よりいっそう明確に焦点化され、作品に打ち出されるようになる。

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