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## Mori Yoshiko

Chairperson of Mori Art Museum and a member of the Board of Mori Building Co., Ltd.  
**Awarded Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur** by the French Republic

On Tuesday March 26, Mori Yoshiko, Chairperson of the Mori Art Museum and a member of the Board of Directors of Mori Building Co., Ltd. (Minato-ku, Tokyo), was awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur by the French Republic for her significant contribution to the promotion of Franco-Japanese cultural exchange. Cited were the staging of such exhibitions as "Annette Messenger: The Messengers" (2008) and "French Window: Looking at Contemporary Art through the Marcel Duchamp Prize" (2011) exhibitions, and her work in setting up The Japanese Friends of the Centre Pompidou.

In addition to serving as Chairperson of the Mori Art Museum, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, and her duties as a member of the Board of Directors of the Mori Building Co., Ltd., she has also been hosting a number of other artistic and cultural roles in Japan and overseas, including Trustee of the Royal Academy of Arts, London, Member of International Advisory Board of The State Russian Museum, Saint-Petersburg, Council Member of Tokyo Council for the Arts, and External Counselor of La Maison Franco-Japonaise.



Ambassador, Christian Masset made the following statement about the award: "With the relationships among the cultural facilities in France including Centre Pompidou developed extensively, periodical introduction of French artists in Japan has been made possible due to Mme. Mori's significant achievement and contribution to the promotion, as well as the globalization of the contemporary art in Japan. She was instrumental in deepening of cultural exchanges between Japan and France."

This year, Mori Building is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the opening of Roppongi Hills, a cultural heart of Tokyo, and the iconic Mori Art Museum. We intend to continue promoting the creation of a city that attracts people from all over the world for its culture and its arts and is expansively open to the rest of the world.

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She has continued to assume a number of duties such as; Trustee of The Royal Academy of Arts, London (1999-), Trustee of The Obayashi Foundation (2004-), Councilor of Nippon Television Kobato Cultural Foundation (2007-), Council Member of Tokyo Council for the Arts (2007-), International Council member of Asia Society NY (2008-), Member of International Advisory Board of The State Russian Museum, Saint-Petersburg (2009-), Trustee of Odawara Art Foundation (2009-), and External Counselor of La Maison Franco-Japonaise (2012-).



## "Annette Messager: The Messengers"

Saturday August 9 to Monday November 3, 2008

Visitor number: 420,067

The first large-scale exhibition in Japan to present one of France's most representative female artists, Annette Messager.



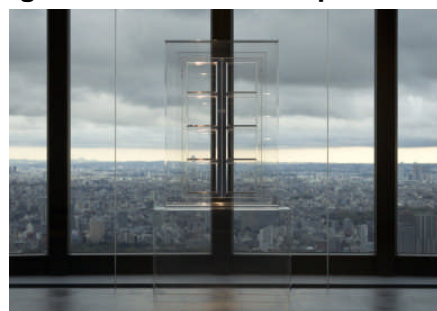
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"Annette Messager The Messenger" Mori Art Museum Tokyo  
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## "French Window: Looking at Contemporary Art through the Marcel Duchamp Prize"

Saturday March 26 – Sunday August 28, 2011

Visitor number: 425,240

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Prix Marcel Duchamp created by ADIAF (France's most prestigious group of contemporary art collectors), this exhibition presented the work of 28 artists including that of Marcel Duchamp himself and winners of the Prix Marcel Duchamp.



Mathieu Mercier *Untitled 2007*  
"French Window: Looking at Contemporary Art through the Marcel Duchamp Prize" Mori Art Museum, Tokyo  
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## Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur

The order was created on May 19, 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, its purpose being the reward of "eminent merit" in military or civil life in fields such as culture, science, industry, commerce, and art.

Among Japanese recipients of the award are Shirakawa Masaaki (former Governor of the Bank of Japan) and Santo Akiko (a member of the House of Councillors). The order has three ranks : Chevalier (Knight), Officier (Officer), Commandeur (Commander), and two dignities: Grand Officier (Grand Officer) and Grand-Croix (Grand Cross). The Legion d'Honneur is awarded to persons who contribute to the advancement of the Franco-Japanese economic relationship and to cultural exchange between the two countries.