

LET THE WOLVES LOOSE IN ROPPONGI! "ROPPONGI/MORI FUTURE MAP" PROJECT CONCLUDED

New Book Documenting the stories from three workshops held in Roppongi by artist Konoike Tomoko

As a part of the community program (*1), the Mori Art Museum started the "Roppongi/Mori Future Map" Project in April, 2007, which is a result of collaboration with artist Konoike Tomoko. In this project, participants joined Konoike in heading out into the fast-changing urban landscape of Roppongi and visualizing their own imaginary forests, or "Rokumori."(*2)

The "Roppongi/Mori Future Map" Project has been held three times over the last two years. Participants discovered in the "forests" of the city imaginary mountains, rivers, caves and dark corners, and in the process reawakened their long-forgotten sixth animalistic sense. A total of 60 people took part in the three workshops, and each created their own original tales about their forest. This unique project concluded with Konoike creating a drawing of the future of Roppongi, as the "Roppongi/Mori Future Map."

All is revealed in a new book offering complete documentation of this most unique project, which will be on sale from 28, March. The book brings together dozens of stories as imagined by workshop participants. Also, the drawing of "Roppongi/Mori Future Map" by Konoike will be exhibited publicly for the first time on the day.

Where did they discover the wolf tracks? What stories did they tell?

One thing is for certain: You've never seen Roppongi like this before.

(*1) Community Programs: Activities held in conjunction with the local community, centered around the minato-ward.

(*2) Rokumori: "Roku" means six in Japanese, referring to the "six trees" in the word Roppongi and the sixth sense. Mori means forest.

<Workshop dates>

Chapter 1: 2007/4/28, Chapter 2: 2007/11/17, Final Chapter: 2008/5/31

Organizer: Mori Art Museum

Lecturer: Konoike Tomoko (artist)

Administration: Support Staff, Public Programs, Mori Art Museum

<Documentation Book>

Size: A5, 52 pages (includes B4 poster)

Price: ¥1,300 (incl. tax)

*Autograph book signing by Konoike Tomoko will be held from 18:00-19:00 on 28, March at the Art+ Design Store (Roppongi Hills Mori Tower 3F)

*Inkjet print edition of "Roku Mori Mirai-zu" by Konoike Tomoko will be on sale (TBC)



Book cover

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