

Bass & Reiner

Gallery

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Kaori Yamashita: Remote Ancestors

Saturday, June 3 - Saturday, July 8

Reception: Saturday, June 3, 5-8PM

In [*Remote Ancestors*](#) Bass & Reiner presents works by **Kaori Yamashita**, the artist's first exhibition in the Bay Area. Yamashita builds installations that consist primarily of drawings and sculptures, constructed of plaster, mortar, and ceramics, which are presented along with architectural elements such as walls, bricks, and shelves. Conflating the material languages of art, architecture, and archeology, she allows the juxtapositions to construct meaning as the resulting ambiguous forms vacillate between *mono* (the physical thing) and *koto* (the idea of a thing.)

Yamashita has conceived of the exhibition as an archaeological ruin. The works reference simple tools humans have used since ancient times which are imbued with their ancestral histories. Following the Japanese practice of *kintsugi*, in which broken objects are repaired with gold or platinum joinery, the sculptures are simultaneously newly made, repaired, and remade.

Working contingently and primarily with the outlines of objects, Yamashita's works are at once things and the ideas of things.

Based in the Bay Area, Yamashita has exhibited internationally including solo exhibitions at **FEMTE**, Tokyo, Japan; **Shionoe Museum of Art**, Kagawa, Japan; **Künstlerhaus Bethanien**, Berlin, Germany, and group exhibitions at **Nanmoncho 323**, Taipei, Taiwan; **Seventeen**, Aberdeen, Scotland; and **Galerie Kritiku**, Prague, Czech Republic, among others.

kaoriyamashita.com/

About Bass & Reiner:

[Bass & Reiner](#) is a gallery and curatorial collective with a mission to foster dynamic dialogues in the Bay Area while creating access to other emergent art worlds in order to promote, stimulate, and encourage a communal exchange. Our goal is to introduce local artists to a broader audience and bring artwork from elsewhere to the Bay to expand beyond traditional regional boundaries.

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Gallery Hours:

Wednesday – Friday: 1PM - 6PM
Saturday: 11AM - 6PM

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