BARCELONA GALLERY WEEKEND 2020

TASNEEM GALLERY YOICHI TANABE Biography

Yoichi Tanabe (1949, Kumamoto, Japan) has exhibited his work at various international events such as the 6th and 7th Florence Biennale, the First Ural Industrial Biennial of Contemporary Art in 2010, organized by the National Center for Contemporary Art in Ekaterinburg, Russia. It was a finalist in the 12th edition of the Ricard Camí Painting Prize, Barcelona 2011. He graduated from Waseda University in 1972 with a degree in Political Science, and in 1974 he completed a Master's degree in Human Anatomy at the University of Fine Arts in Tokyo. He is a well-known artist who has exhibited his work in Japan, Spain, Italy and Belgium, among other countries.

In Catalonia, Tanabe was not inspired by the blue skies or the Mediterranean, but by its industrial history. Yoichi chose the industrial landscape as a centre for reflection. Through his technical skills and the combination of different procedures he expresses his fascination for forms, textures, lights and shadows. His paintings of abandoned and disused factories are ghostly and disturbing, they are a reflection on the harmonious relationship between industrial landscapes and the passage of time.

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