

Takayuki Daikoku

Land Art project in Schlosspark Wagenitz,
commissioned by the county Havelland

in collaboration with the artist and Semjon Contemporary

Parallel to the Federal Horticultural Show
BUGA Havelland 2015

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Land Art Schlosspark Wagenitz by Takayuki Daikoku

The art project Land Art Schlosspark Wagenitz by the artist Takayuki Daikoku is an accompanying project of BUGA 2015 (Federal Horticultural Exhibition), commissioned by the county Havelland in collaboration with the Department Friesack. Mr. Bruno Kämmerling, commissioner of the county Havelland and his assistant, Mrs. Frau Jessika Hupke, have promoted unrelentingly this art project. Without the professional support of Mrs. Manuela Loge (LEB Friesack) and her team the installation of the artworks wouldn't have been realised that smoothly. Our thank is due to them. A special thank goes to the director of the department Friesack, Mr. Christian Pust, and to the mayor of the community Mühlenberge, Mr. Matthias Rehder, and to the citizens of the village Wagenitz, especially to Mr. Wilhelm Breitenbücher, who all were committed to the project from the very beginning.

In the midst of the enchanted grove and natural beauty of Schlosspark Wagenitz Takayuki Daikoku has further enhanced this idyllic space with various sculptural ensembles. The Japanese artist who lives in Havelland has the capacity to connect two cultural areas – the Japanese and the European/German. The imprint of his native country in terms of art and (garden) culture, the encounter with and the experience of the European and international contemporary art world, as well as the traditions of the local garden- and landscape art have led the artist to a unique language of forms. It is no coincidence, that his sensitive, somewhat vegetable like, yet abstract artworks integrate effectively within the landscape park in Wagenitz. It is a uniquely successful example of how contemporary art can symbiotically interact with a landscape park and nature.

The artist recently has exhibited at nearby Schloss Ribbeck with the Berlin based painter Susanne Knaack in *Landscapes and Gardens*, an exhibition which I did curate. It was focusing on the artist's indoor sculptures and tried to communicate this Land Art project to wider audience.

Semjon H. N. Semjon, April 2015

Patronage

This art project takes place under the patronage of His Excellency the ambassador of Japan, Mr. Takeshi Nakane.

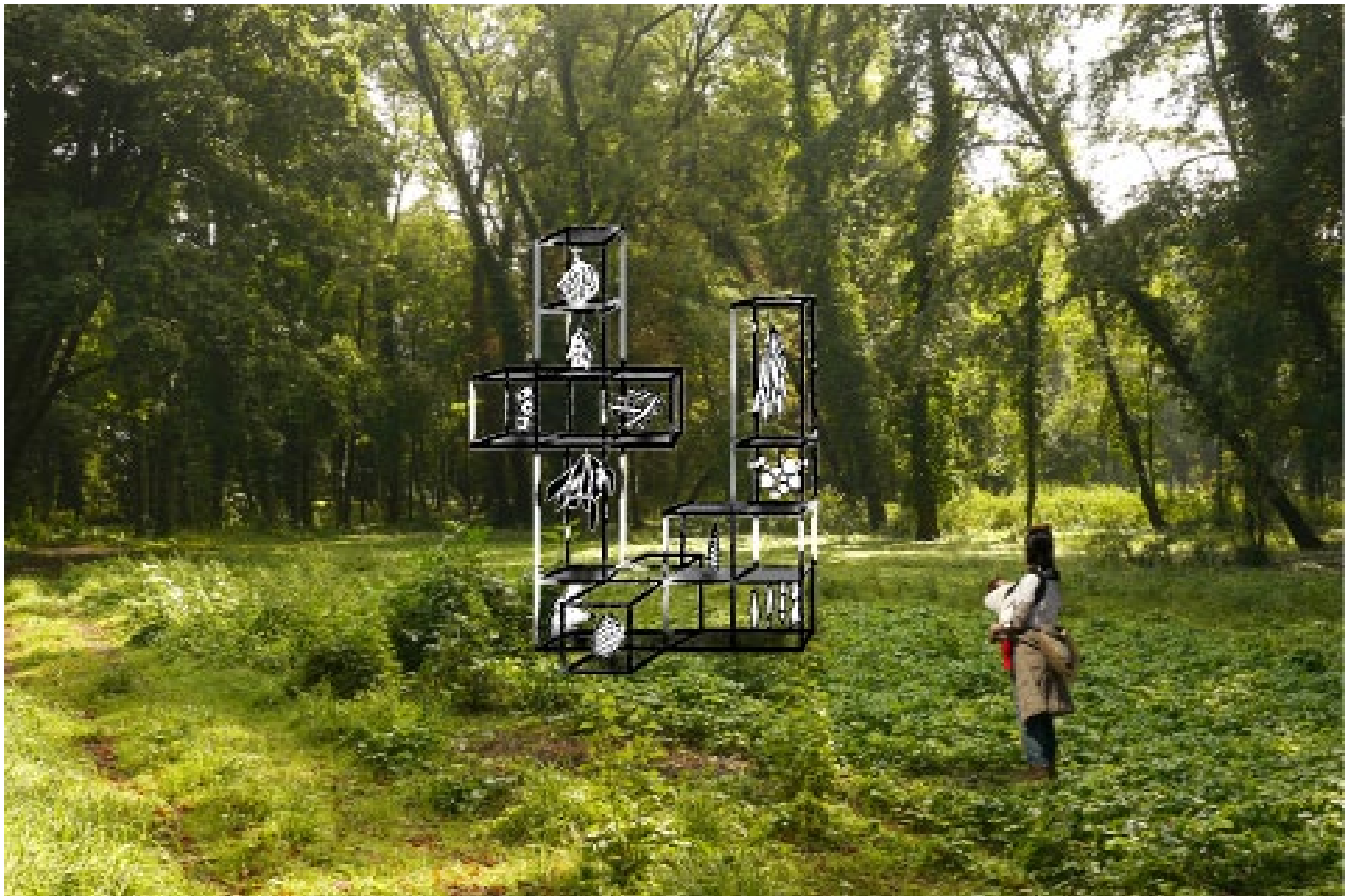
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Land Art Schlosspark Wagenitz is also official part of the *Asian Pacific Weeks 2015* of the Asien-Pazifik-Forum Berlin.

For more information on the artist, please visit: www.semjoncontemporary.com



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Cosmos (outdoor)

With *Cosmos* the artist has brought together differing vegetable like forms to compose a large ensemble-artwork. Thus, the diversity of his creative process can be comprehended and how the artist has been inspired by nature. Takayuki Daikoku is not imitating nature, but has succeeded through his artistic approach in interpreting essential characteristics of nature (form and construction, growth and decay, as well as movement) in order to create something new. His own cosmos has been created and consequently he has given this artwork this title.



Takayuki Daikoku
Design of a freestanding ensemble of outdoor sculptures at Schlosspark
Wagenitz, 2013
Photo and digital collage: 2013 Takayuki Daikoku



Land Art Schlosspark Wagenitz

renmen-Ensemble (outdoor)

Each 2014/2015, 300 x 72 x 72 cm, varnished steel, newspaper, cord, Japanese paper, various varnishes; photo: Takayuki Daikoku

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Image from the provisional installation of 2 *renmen* (outdoor) sculptures at Schlosspark Wagenitz in October 2014, each 300 x 72 x 72 cm, varnished steel, newspaper, cord, Japanese paper, various varnishes

Photo: Takayuki Daikoku

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renmen-Ensemble (outdoor)

As was the case with the creators of historic parks, who created a fascinating experience via axes with vanishing points, eye-catching solitaire sculptures and small singular pieces of architecture, the artist has used the ensemble of five sculptures to achieve an additional artistic focus within in the park. Takayuki Daikoku has taken advantage of the principle of the series, which has since postwar modernism become a solid component of contemporary art. By crossing through the park the perspectives change permanently and thus the constellation of this ensemble. The walker is given a particularly intensive space (nature)time experience.



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renmen (outdoor)

300 x 72 x 72 cm, varnished steel, newspaper, cord, Japanese paper, various varnishes, 300 x 72 x 72 cm

Photo: Takayuki Daikoku

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Artist's Photography from the provisional installation of a *renmen* (out-door) sculpture at Schlosspark Wagenitz in October 2014, each 300 x 72 x 72 cm, varnished steel, newspaper, cord, Japanese paper, various enamel varnishes; photo: Takayuki Daikoku

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Takayuki Daikoku
Photography (*) *renmen (outdoor) – 1*
2014, 100 x 70 cm, Fine Art Print (pigment print) on Hahnemühle Photo
Rag 188 g, laminated on Kappafix, edition of 3 (+1)
(*) from the provisional installation at Schlosspark Wagenitz in fall 2014

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Photography (*) *renmen (outdoor)* – 2
2014, 100 x 70 cm, Fine Art Print (pigment print) on Hahnemühle Photo
Rag 188 g, laminated on Kappafix, edition of 3 (+1)
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renmen (outdoor)

Also in the detail of Daikoku's composite-sculptures it appears that the artist has fused the traditions of his cultural homeland with his experiences of his life in Europe/ Germany. Wrapping with Japanese paper and tying with strings and cords belongs distinctively to Japanese cultural tradition, whereas the multiplication of the single element towards a whole points out the characteristics of the serial, which has proliferated, among others, since international Pop Art in Contemporary Art.

A smaller indoor version, which can be understood as a draft, was first realised by the artist in 2013 for his solo exhibition at Semjon Contemporary. Please refer to the gallery homepage.



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Design for *woodcell* (visualisation) in front of the Schwedenturm in Wagenitz, 2013, size approx. 3,00 x 2,20 x 2,20 m, oak, stainless steel and concrete base (aprox. 25 cm)

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Takayuki Daikoku
Studio view during production process with *woodcell* for the village
green of Wagenitz. In the rear: an almost finished *renmen* (outdoor)
sculpture.
Photo: Semjon H. N. Semjon, January 2015



Takayuki Daikoku
Studio view during production process of *woodcell* for the village green
of Wagenitz. In the rear: all 6 *renmen* (*outdoor*) sculptures, also in w.i.p.
Photo: Semjon H. N. Semjon, January 2015



Takayuki Daikoku
Detailed view of *woodcell* (production process), oak
In the background: oak wood blocs from the region for the single elements of the sculpture; photo: Semjon H. N. Semjon, Januar 2015



Takayuki Daikoku
Installation of the permanent sculpture *woodcell* for the village Wagenitz.
On view in the background is the so-called Schwedenturm.
Foto: Takayuki Daikoku, April 2015



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