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Tama Art University Graduate School of Art and Design

Symposium:  
The Literary Art of

**YAYOI  
KUSAMA**

**草間彌生の文学  
シンポジウム**

Date: **Saturday, March 25, 2023, 17:00-19:40**

Venue: **Tama Art University, Kaminoge Campus,  
Cube Building 2F, Room 206**

Languages: **Japanese, English**

Free of charge (Advance registration not required)

\*The event will not be live-streamed, but a recording of the symposium will be made available to watch on YouTube at a later date.

This is the first international symposium to deal specifically with the literary works of Yayoi Kusama. Its goal is to shed light on and deepen discussion around Kusama's rich linguistic oeuvre - a body of work that, though an important part of her creative practice, has all too often been overshadowed by her artistic output. Through reference to specific literary works, it also aims to highlight Kusama's active dedication to the plight of those excluded from society.

- 16:30 Doors open
- 17:00 Opening remarks by Akira Tatehata (President of Tama Art University)  
Paweł Pachciarek (Visiting Researcher, Tama Art University)
- 17:10~17:40 Introduction to Kusama's Literature - A Socially Engaged Writer Paweł Pachciarek
- 17:40~18:00 The Language Universe of Yayoi Kusama Atsushi Tanigawa
- 18:00~18:20 Paintings in Novel Form: "The Burning of St Mark's Church" Akira Tatehata
- 18:20~18:40 Sublime Souls Dancing in the Universe: Kusama's Cosmic Vision in Art and Poetry Alexandra Monroe
- 18:40~18:50 Break (10 min.)
- 18:50~19:35 Panel Discussion
- 19:35 Closing remarks

**Speakers:**



**Akira TATEHATA**  
President of Tama Art University



**Paweł PACHCIAREK**  
Visiting Researcher, Tama Art University



**Alexandra MUNROE**  
Senior Curator, Asian Art and Senior Advisor, Global Arts, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum  
Director of Curatorial Affairs, Guggenheim Abu Dhabi



**Atsushi TANIGAWA**  
Aesthetist and Critic

**Cooperation:** Suzanne Mooney (Assistant Professor, Tama Art University)  
Sachiko Suzuki (Tama Art University, Research Assistant)

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**Access:**  
Transfer at Oimachi to Tokyu Oimachi Line bound for Mizunokuchi and get off at Kaminoge (23 min.)  
The venue is a 3-minute walk from Kaminoge station.

