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## **Oh Yong Seok's Work Screened At Federation Square**

World of art reaching beyond the present and future, reality and imagination

Oh Yong Seok has been working at Artspace in Sydney for the past three months as an artist-in-residence through a reciprocal exchange program between Asialink at Melbourne University and the National Museum of Contemporary Art in Korea. His work is currently being screened in Federation Square. Five of his creations will be displayed, including **Drama Variations, Memory of Future, Classic No. 1978, Classic No. 1915** and **Duet**. Oh is well known for adopting image collage techniques that reach beyond the time and space, and in the current exhibition used a screenshot from a Spanish film as well as from a classic SF film, photograph of a well known Austrian artist Egon Schiele and photos of twin sisters. "I wanted to show films and reality, fiction and fabrication, circulation of time, revival of memory as well as differences in points of view, by combining (photographs)" explained Oh, in an email interview with the paper. Oh said that his experiences in Australia were very positive and that "it was great to see the work of world-famous Australian artists such as Tracey Moffat in various art studios and galleries". "The Art Gallery NSW where the traditional and modern art co-exist was a very beautiful place", he added.

Oh was in full praise of Artspace, rating it as 'the best out of all studios I've used so far' and revealed that "having an easy access to other artists and their work" was an added bonus.

Oh participated in the 'Australia-Korea Video, Photo and New Media Art Fair' held in the Gyunggido Art Gallery last year and began to develop ties with Australia.

Oh, a resident artist at Changdong Creative Studio run by the National Museum of Contemporary Art, came to Australia through an artist exchange program organized by Asialink. Performance and installation artist Guy Benfield is currently undertaking the residency program at Changdong studio. Asialink has been running the exchange residency program in collaboration with the National Museum of Contemporary Art since 2010 and Oh is the second Korean artist to reside at Artspace followed by an installation artist Lee Jung Hu.

Asialink runs exchange programs with Japan, Taiwan and Korea while Museum of Art at Monash University is exchanging artists with Tokyo Wonder Site. Through its program, Asialink also sends over 30 artists to various Asian countries as artists-in-residence.

Reporter Park Eun Jin

Title: Square and Square

Time: 17 September- 2 October 2011

Place: The Atrium, Federation Square, Melbourne

Screening times

- Federation Square Atrium: At noon, 2 pm, 9 pm everyday
- Federation Square Big Screen: 5:30 pm, 10:30 pm