

Yuji Kobayashi

"NEW MATANGO"

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Born in 1973 in the Aichi prefecture, Yuji Kobayashi currently lives and works in Tokyo. After graduating from high school and working as a stage designer and illustrator, Kobayashi currently works as a bartender at his own bar "NEW MATANGO" situated in Hatsudai in Tokyo's Shinjuku district. Drawing from his rare and distinguished modeling skills, he has continued to produce masks made of paper clay as means to decorate his bar's interior. There are many admirers of such masks on display, selling out all his three works exhibited last year at the exhibition "Morning Star #01" curated by Hiroki Tsukuda to raise charity funds for the Kumamoto Earthquake. Kobayashi's works convey the strength of his creative activities in which he has continued to unflinchingly engage and pursue his fond ideas and interests. The exhibition will feature approximately five new mask works by Kobayashi.