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JUNKO OKI: TRULY INDISPENSABLE

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Opening Preview: Wednesday 24 April, 18-21h

Bloemenhofplein 5 Place du Jardin aux Fleurs  
1000 Brussels

Office Baroque is pleased to announce the second solo exhibition of Junko Oki at our gallery on Bloemenhofplein in Brussels.

Junko Oki started her artistic practice in the year 2002 right before turning 40. Her work consists of embroidery on old fabrics, often several centuries old, collected by her late mother. The material used by Ms. Oki is referred to as *Boro*, a term that may include textiles from various origins, clothing, weavings used for candle making, tatami trimmings, as well as old bags.

Ms. Oki's textile compositions are rich and dense. They consist of abstract colored thread drawings implanted like vertiginous, spiraling memories into fabric. The contrast between old and new textile strata signifies an elegiac distance from past ways of living, yet her palimpsest approach can equally evoke proximity. Her aesthetics are shaped by childhood memories as well as a multitude of subliminal experiences. The repetitive manual labor of stitching and sewing, in the words of Oki, is propelled by two gravitational forces, love and death. Her work focuses primarily on human relationships, particularly those of her family and while exploring these themes, her work ranges out into automatist drawing, surrealism, poetry, art brut as well as feminist art. Oki is known for her two and three dimensional stitched and embroidered works on fabric as well as for a series of artist books.

Junko Oki is based in Kanagawa, Japan and had solo exhibitions at Kosaku Kanechica, Shiseido Gallery, Dee's Hall and Morioka Shoten, Tokyo. Major group exhibitions include *7 Artists* at Kosaku Kanechica, Tokyo (2019), *Yamagata Biennale*, Yamagata (2018), *Nous sewing and living* at 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa (2016). Her works are included in the permanent collection of the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa.

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Gallery hours:

Wednesday — Saturday, 13 — 17 h  
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