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Masako Miki: "NO. 718: MASAOKO MIKI, KATHERINE SIMÓNE REYNOLDS"

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Episode No. 718 of The Modern Art Notes Podcast features artist **Masako Miki** and artist/curator **Katherine Simóne Reynolds**.



Masako Miki, *Descending Cloud Seeing a Path Forward*, 2025.

The Institute of Contemporary Art San Francisco is presenting "Midnight March," a far-ranging presentation of Miki's two-dimensional and three-dimensional practice. It's on view through December 7.

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The Japanese-born Miki's paintings, sculptures, and installations live between the sacred and the secular. Her often exuberant sculptures are rooted in the blending of Japanese and US cultures. Her previous solo shows have been at museums such as the de Young Museum, San Francisco, the Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, University of California, Berkeley, and the ICA San José. Her work is in the permanent collections of BAMPFA, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and more.

Reynolds is the curator of "Held Impermanence (Artists Select: Katherine Simone Reynolds)" at the Clyfford Still Museum, Denver through September 14. The exhibition uses the museum's art collection and archive to consider multiple competing desires, including Still's and the desires of art institutions, such as the unknown future museum to which he directed his art and archive be entrusted. Reynolds is an artist and curator who investigates emotional dialects and psychogeographies of Blackness. Her previous exhibitions have been at venues such as SculptureCenter, New York, Counterpublic 2023, St. Louis, and the Stanley Museum of Art, University of Iowa.



Masako Miki, this could be the best thing that ever happend to her, 2011.

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Masako Miki, Message from Ghost, 2016.



Installation view, Masako Miki at Cult Aimee Freiberg, 2016.

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Masako Miki, Animated Pine Tree, 2021.



Masako Miki, Kagami-mochi yokai (animated mirror sticky rice cakes), 2021.

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Masako Miki, Animated Gourd, 2022



Masako Miki, Animated Sky Blue Ox, 2022.

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Masako Miki, Mirror Sticky Rice Shapeshifter, 2022.



Masako Miki, Rising Prayer Beads (Blue), 2022.

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Masako Miki, Rising Prayer Beads (Pink), 2024.



Misako Miki, Animated Pine Tree, 2022.

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