

Henk Visch

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April 2 - May 22, 2010

Reception for the artist: Friday, April 2, 6PM-8PM

Artist's talk: Saturday, April 3, 3PM-4PM



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2010, metal, h.210cm

Opening Friday, April 2, 2010, Wako Works of Art is very pleased to present an exhibition of new works by Dutch sculptor Henk Visch. This will be the artist's sixth solo show at the gallery, and will feature his latest sculptures and drawings. An artist's talk with Mami Kataoka, chief curator at Mori Art Museum, will be held in conjunction to this show on Saturday, April 3, from 3pm to 4pm.

Visch's sculptures are figurations of man's vast emotions, psyche and intentions. Through his unique sense of the uncanny and humour, the bronze and aluminium casts are rendered devoid of the characteristic qualities of the material.

The artist's newest and title work of this exhibition, *I have seen real happiness nowhere, but it is doubtless here*, is a three-dimensional piece that stands more than 2 meters high. Reminiscent of a cave painting, the familiar amorphous forms are composed by a configuration of straight and contour lines in poetic rhythm that allows for the gaze to explore the work. The title bears reference to a line from Voltaire's science fiction *Micromégas*, and advocates the notion of living and seizing the moment.

Henk Visch was born in Eindhoven, Netherlands in 1950, and studied at Akademie voor Kunst en Vormgeving. He is renowned for his large-scale public art projects, and his work has been included in exhibitions such as Venice Biennale (Dutch Pavilion, 1988) and Documenta 9 (1992). He has recently exhibited at the Ryue Nishizawa (SANAA) designed Moriyama House (2006), and C-Space in Beijing (2008). Visch currently resides and works in Eindhoven, and holds position as professor at Art Academy Münster.

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