

Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo

MOT Collection: Art for Starters

Tuesday, April 28 – Sunday, August 16, 2026



The Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo is home to around 6,100 predominantly postwar artworks. The MOT Collection exhibitions are designed to showcase these works, and exhibits are refreshed several times a year in order to present as much of the collection as possible, from different angles.

“Art for Starters” features a range of works—including a number of new acquisitions—chosen for their connection to “firsts and beginnings” as these play out in an art context, and explores art in terms of where to begin engaging with it, via inquiries that include starting with the familiar, what it is to see a work of art for the first time, and where artworks arise from. For both first-time visitors, and those who have already viewed multiple MOT collection exhibitions, “Art for Starters” offers an opportunity to “start art,” or perhaps, to start it anew.

Artists

ISHIDA Takashi, ITO Makoto, USUI Ryohei, Oscar OIWA, KANEUJI Teppei, KOBAYASHI Masato, SATOH Keiji, SHIRAKAWA Yoshio, NAGAI Tomoko, NAKANISHI Natsuyuki, YAGI Lyota, David HOCKNEY, Roy LICHTENSTEIN, Gabriel OROZCO, Tom WESSELMANN and more

Information

Exhibition Period:	Tuesday, April 28 – Sunday, August 16, 2026
Closed:	Mondays (except May 4 and July 20), May 7 and July 21
Opening Hours:	10 AM – 6 PM (Tickets available until 30 minutes before closing) *Open until 9 PM on August 7 and 14
Admission:	Adults – 500 yen / University & College Students – 400 yen / High School Students, Over 65 – 250 yen / Junior High School Students & Younger – free
Venue:	Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo, Collection Gallery
Organized by	Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo operated by Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture
Curated by	ISHIKAWA Tatsuhiko, CHINZEI Yoshimi, FUJII Aki, MIZUTA Yuko (MOT)

Also on view

• *mission ∞ infinity / space + quantum + art*

January 31 – May 6, 2026

• *Eric Carle: Art, Books, and the Caterpillar*

April 25 – July 26, 2026

• *(UN)KNOWN HIROKO KOSHINO*

May 26 – July 26, 2026

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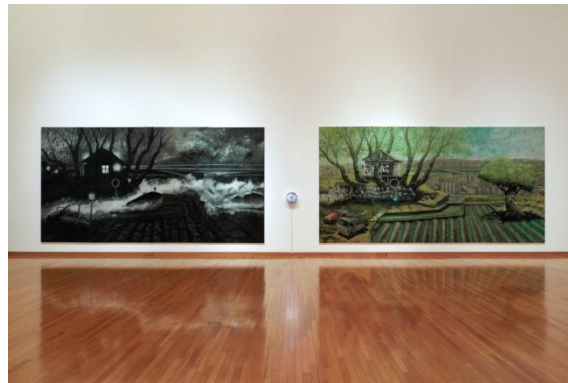
Left: **01**
USUI Ryohei, *Fence*, 2024/2026 [detail]
Photo: Kazuo Fukunaga

Right: **02**
ITO Makoto, *BOAT:K-13*, 2013
Photo: Ken Kato



03 KANEUJI Teppei, *white heat*, 1997-2009/2013
Photo: Shizune Shiigi

04 SHIRAKAWA Yoshio, *Tomoko & Light*, 2014
Photo: Keizo Kioku



Left: **05**
NAGAI Tomoko,
*with a white recorder, play flowers,
yellow, ocher and stuff*, 2007

Right: **06**
Oscar OIWA,
Peace and War, 2001
Photo: Shizune Shiigi



Left: **07**
NAKANISHI Natsuyuki,
G/Z Summer Solstice – On the Bridge IV,
1993
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Right: **08**
ISHIDA Takashi, *UNASAKA*, 2007
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