

KENSUKE KOIKE: *RE-COMPOSED* **23 APR– 27 JUN 2021**

The Photographers' Gallery presents *Re-Composed*, a solo exhibition of by Venice-based artist Kensuke Koike.

Kensuke Koike (b.1980, Japan) de-constructs and re-configures vintage photographs and postcards to create playful new surrealist works, bringing new meaning to found photography.

His practice is centred around a philosophy of 'no more, no less' and explores the possibilities of creating a new image made up only of itself. This involves using only the existing assets found within an image to create a contemporary visual with a new narrative – a process he has coined as 'single image processing'. Using found objects in this way creates a more dynamic way of working, as although Koike experiments with many prototypes initially, there is only one chance to work with the original photograph.

The use of found images in combination with the handcrafted formation of the works feels nostalgic for a vintage era, whilst the moving image works also displayed show his interest in contemporary ways of working. Koike also introduces a performative element to his practice through his exhibiting of both the processes and final works, which is important to understand both the humour and reverence with which he creates his vision.

Kensuke Koike was born in 1980 in Nagoya, Japan. He studied at the Academy of Fine Arts and then the IUAV University in Venice, where he now lives and works. Since 2005 he has actively exhibited his works, mainly in Italy, but also across Europe, USA, and Canada, first as a part of group shows, and later having

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his own successful solo shows. Koike also lectures and runs workshops on photography in Italy.

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Full artist bio available on request

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Image 1
Kensuke Koike
Homework, 2020
Unique altered postcard, plastic
16.7 x 12.2 cm
Courtesy of The Photographers' Gallery



Image 2
Kensuke Koike
Judo, 2018
Unique altered postcard
14.7 x 10.3 cm
Courtesy of The Photographers' Gallery



Image 3
Kensuke Koike
Mula Meme 1943, 2020
Unique switched vintage photograph
13.1 x 10.9 cm
Courtesy of The Photographers' Gallery



Image 4
Kensuke Koike
VS, 2017
Unique cut postcard
14.8 x 10.4 cm
Courtesy of The Photographers' Gallery



Image 5
Kensuke Koike
Out of Sight, Out of Mind, 2016
Unique switched vintage photograph
14 x 9.1 cm
Courtesy of The Photographers' Gallery



Image 6
Kensuke Koike
Hard Times, 2021
Unique altered postcard
14.9 x 10.5 cm
Courtesy of The Photographers' Gallery

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