

Victoria Miro

Yayoi Kusama to exhibit new paintings from her iconic *My Eternal Soul* series in London, Tokyo, and New York this summer



Yayoi Kusama, 2020. Photo by Yusuke Miyazaki. © YAYOI KUSAMA. Courtesy Ota Fine Arts, David Zwirner, and Victoria Miro

Victoria Miro, Ota Fine Arts, and David Zwirner are pleased to announce that they will jointly present new *My Eternal Soul* paintings by Yayoi Kusama in London, Tokyo, and New York this summer. A dynamic installation of canvases will be unveiled at Victoria Miro in London on 4 June as part of a major exhibition of new paintings and sculptures. Later in June, exhibitions of *My Eternal Soul* paintings will be presented at David Zwirner, New York, on 17 June and Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo, on 19 June.

The paintings that will be on view are new examples drawn from the artist's highly celebrated, ongoing *My Eternal Soul* series, which she commenced in 2009 and has worked on in a more intimate format since 2019. At once bold and intensely detailed and conveying extraordinary vitality, these works are joyfully improvisatory, fluid and highly instinctual. They abound with imagery including eyes, faces in profile, and other more indeterminate forms, including the dots with which the artist is synonymous, to offer impressions of worlds both abstract and figurative, microscopic and macroscopic. Their use of minute details and repetition – in terms of both shapes and brushwork – reflects the history of the obsessive gesture within Kusama's practice, positioning this body of work as an important link between her past and present.

In April 2020, Kusama released a message to the world in the form of a poem of resilience and hope. It included the words, 'In the midst of this historic menace, a brief burst of light points to the future. Let us joyfully sing this song of a splendid future. Let's go ...' A full year later and Kusama wishes to share with the world these personal and poignant paintings that she has created throughout this most historic of times.

KUSAMA: Cosmic Nature is currently on view at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York, until 31 October 2021.

Yayoi Kusama: A Retrospective opens at the Gropius Bau in Berlin on 23 April 2021 and will be presented until 15 August 2021.

Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirror Rooms opens this spring at Tate Modern in London.

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