

CHRIS
 FIST OF BASEBALL
 August 26 - October 1, 2022



YUKIKOMIZUTANI is pleased to present CHRIS' s solo exhibition "FIST OF BASEBALL" from August 25 to October 1. With a vast array of magazines and hobby collectibles, CHRIS has always looked to his collection as a source of creativity. Celebrating his 10th year as an artist, the exhibition will feature works that re-examine the act of collecting, which has played a significant role in his understanding and creation of art works.

– Collecting something can be a creative act, and such collections can fuel creative ideas. – CHRIS

In this exhibition, titled "FIST OF BASEBALL," a baseball league in a fictional universe is materialized by CHRIS in the form baseball stars, mascots, and fans on shaped canvas and jumbo trading cards.

In a time when we are seeing unprecedented levels of individuality and creativity in society, versatile quality of the trading card makes it an item representative of the collector' s culture today. Trading cards can be enjoyed by the viewer as a single card uniquely rich with story independent from its deck and universe it resides, whilst trading cards also have the power of re-creating new stories as they are put together by a collector with intent.

The practice of collecting trading cards creates new value, as a collector becomes engaged in creative world-building. CHRIS' s work reveals how creativity is realized in the form of new values born in the process of collecting

Throughout the exhibition, CHRIS makes an iteration of the trading card where the act of collecting leads to world-building, hinting of potential creativity in the act of collecting. The appeal of collecting comes from the act of reconstructing a fragmented story in the collector' s own way, like a jigsaw puzzle. Through his works, when individual pieces link in unexpected ways to show a greater picture, he shares a fulfilling feeling with us. This joy is what makes us a collector with a desire to takes on new creative challenges.

CHRIS

Born in San Francisco and raised in Tokyo. He mixes his vast collection of stickers, cards, video games, manga, and magazines with his unique world view and elevates them into his artworks.

Since 2022, he has been presenting "FIST OF BASEBALL," a new series of works inspired by trading cards.