

**“Aoitori”, the photographer of the Snot bubble cat/Island cat, decided to stop activity!  
The last individual exhibition with 200 artworks from the past to the latest will be from  
January 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>**

BACON CO. LTD., will host “Whole Aoitori Exhibition”, an individual exhibition of the photographer, Aoitori, as the second spin-off project of “Neko Break exhibition” (joint photo & goods sales exhibition of popular cat creators with more than 300,000 visitors so far) in “TODAYS GALLERY STUDIO” (Asakusabashi, Tokyo) from Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. Since Aoitori will stop photo activity, this will be his last individual exhibition and “Neko-Break exhibition winter 2018” from Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 will be his last joint exhibition.

■ “Aoitori”, a salaried worker and a cat photographer, will take charging break

In this compilation exhibition, there will be more than 200 artworks from the passed to the latest. There will also be a video corner. For goods sales, there will be the collaboration with creators of “Neko-Break Exhibition”.

Comment from the creator Aoitori: Greeting (December 13<sup>rd</sup> 2017)

I decided to stop activity of cat photo after the individual exhibition in January 2018 and take charging break for a while. Though there are many reasons, if I were to express in one phrase, it is “in order for me to fall in love with photograph again”.

This year, I had various occasions with magazine, TV, photo exhibition etc. and though I was very happy, I realized that I couldn't keep the motivation for photo shooting like before. Also, it's only a pretext but with my work as salaried worker being busy, I had to refuse some invitations.

I'm a poor loser and I can't stand myself continuing cat photo with such feeling/situation. I don't think it's “cool”. So I decided to stop cat photo activity and reset. When I could find the theme “I want to take truly” again, I want to restart my activity.

Thanks to “TODAYS GALLERY STUDIO”, with whom I work with at Neko-Break exhibition, I'm going to have the last individual exhibition. If you have time, please come visit. All the photos I've taken so far are the proof of cats' lives as well as my life. I'll be glad if you could enjoy them in this occasion.

■Creator will be present on...

Scheduled on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

When he is present, there will be occasion to ask for signature in photo book or speak directly!

■The 4<sup>th</sup> in illusion!? There will be only 300 official booklets

There will be an official booklet (only 300) limited to on site sales. There will be artworks strictly selected by the creator himself and unpublished photos, last greeting and comment to Neko-Break Exhibition.

■Creator's profile

Under the theme of "Nyanpotore", continues to take photo of cats in natural but somewhat human-like portrait. His 3 cat photo-books are on sale: "Cats can make Snot bubble", "Island Cat", "Capricious Cat" (Seiseisha).

Fuji film X Photographer. Regular in Oha!4 NEWS LIVE "Ohanyan" corener in Japan TV (every 6 weeks). More than 80,000 followers in total of SNS. Participates to "Neko-Break Exhibition", the largest cat joint photo & goods sales exhibition in Japan .

#### 【Project overview】

Exhibition Name: "Whole Aoitori Exhibition"  
Date: Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 – 19:00  
Closed: No closed date  
Site: TODAYS GALLERY STUDIO  
5-27-6-5F Asakusabashi, Taitoku, Tokyo 〒111-0053  
Fee: 500 JPY/free for children of 3 year old and under  
Host: BACON CO. LTD.,  
URL: <http://tgs.jp.net/event/neko-break-aoitori>

■Wha`t TODAYS GALLERY STUDIO

Opened in July 2014 in Asakusabashi. With the objective to transfer Art, done numerous projects such as "Ambiguous☆Beauty Girl Art Exhibition", "Changing Ruins VS Factory Night View where you can actually visit Exhibition" and "Snub Nose Exhibition". "The World of Thigh Photos Exhibition" in Golden Week 2016 had more

than 15,000 visitors in total. Its representative exhibition "Neko-Break Exhibition" gained more than 300,000 visitors in total including local visiting exhibitions within 2 years after opening. One of the best galleries in Tokyo making news. Opening new gallery in Nagoya in September 2017. Projects and planning are all done by Yuki Asaoka, the creative director.