## frostbite NORITOSHI HIRAKAWA




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Model: Saiko Kurokawa Place: Ginza Motokobikibashigiwa public toilet Time: 2:30p.m. August 25, 1989 $150 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$


Model: Hitomi Kitamura Place: Yurakucho Sanshin-bldg. (2 floor) Time: 3:20p.m. September 2, 1989
$150 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$


Model: Miyuki Ito Place: Ikebukuro Sunshine-city Mitsukoshi (2 floor) Time: 3:05p.m. September 27, 1989 $150 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$



Model: Naho Eno Place: Sophia University (bldg. 2,2 floor)
Time: 2:20p.m. September 30, 1989
$150 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$


Model: Alisa Nishihata Place: Meiji-jingu(shrine)-gyoen's toilet Time: 11:55a.m. October 14, 1989 $150 \times 100 \mathrm{~cm}$
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The moment communication is established，we strive to remove all distances with whom we are communicating．However，since we must unconsciously use some form of media to communicate，we cannot avoid creating a minute distance between us．

Noritoshi Hirakawa has presented this theme－the unconscios crisis brought about by the minute communication gap；discommunication within communication－in various ways，in various cities．

In his work，the visual elements create a labyrinthine world of communi－ cation，and the words that support the elements provide us a map that tells us where in that field crises are hidden．His work reveals itself only when the viewer shares the critical experience of journeying through the labyrinth guided by this map．

Likewise，in＂Frostbite＂，the work does not lie solely in the blank－faced female figure nor solely in Hirakawa＇s words．Our own experience of crisis completes his work and names it＂Frostbite＂．Although well thought－out and intellectually composed his works are，the visual ele－ ments alone，with their unique beauty，are sometimes appreciated as his creation．But this is a strong proof that he has the rare gift of being both a thinker and an artist．

From the uniqueness of his work and the conceptual coherency that binds them together，I believe Noritoshi Hirakawa is one of the rare modern artists who possess a truly new process of creation．

## Noritoshi Hirakawa

1960 Born in Fukuoka．Japan 1979－85 Studied Sociology（Media，Psychoanalysis）at Toyo University，Tokyo 1983－87 Travaled over 20 countries as field－work for Sociology．
Solo exhibitions： 1988 Jan．15－22 PASSING MOMENTS Gallery Tamaya，Tokyo Nov．28－Dec． 3 OUT OF BREATH Gallery Parergon II，Tokyo 1989 Mar． 27－Apr． 28 ENTROPAIA Citicorp Citibank Shinjuku，Tokyo May 20－Jun． 11 YEARNINGS OF MONTEZUMA Taipei Fine Arts Museum，Taipei Jul．15－29 INFLUENZA Art Gallery of the Faculty of Painting，Sculpture and Graphic Arts in Silpakorn University，Bangkok 1990 Jan．8－20 FROSTBITE Gallery Surge，Tokyo Book： 1990 NO MORE PAINS OF ISAAC NEWTON Youbi－sha，Tokyo

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昭和35年，福岡県生まれ。幼少の頃，家には2頭の山羊がいた。17韯の時からヒッチハイクを始め，現在まで20力国以上を放浪してきた。現在，自身の経験を伴った知覚の認識を通して，作品づくりをおこなっている

