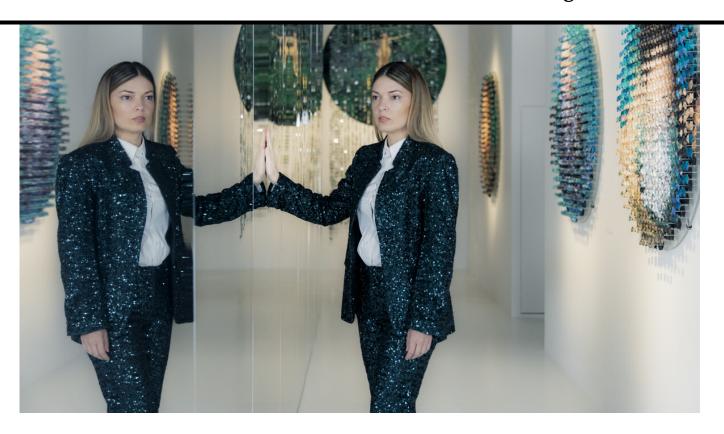


# What are Mabel Poblet's vision of "awe" and "hope" for the sea?

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Cuban artist Mabel Poblet is holding her first solo exhibition in Japan at Chanel Nexus Hall until April 2nd. What is her view of the world that confines the "sea" and the realities of Cuba and the world?

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Mabel Poblet / Born in Cuba in 1986. As one of the leading young artists in Cuba's contemporary art scene, she creates in a variety of ways, including photography, video, kinetic art, performance, and public art. In 2017 she exhibited an installation at the Cuban Pavilion at the Venice Biennale. Her work is in the collections of the Tampa Museum of Art, the Museum of Latin American Art, and the Chrysler Museum of Art.

The sea symbolizes the country of Cuba. She felt it acutely when she visited Havana, the capital, five years ago. For many years after the



isolation both geopolitically and globally economically. Even now, immigrants who try to cross the sea on their own in search of a new land to escape from poverty are dying out. There is no However, many of them disappear into the sea without ever reaching their destination, even though they can see the Florida Gulf as close as they can be seen with the naked eye.

Cuban artist Mabel Poblet, born in 1986, continues his creative activities based on his own experiences and thoughts on identity and connection with the world as a young generation who grew up in Cuba under the Fidel Castro regime. there is

In his first solo exhibition in Japan, "WHERE OCEANS MEET," his diverse collection of works,



art, and performance-based video, was scattered in an intricate exhibition space that resembled an undersea labyrinth. And through various expressions, you can experience "water" and "sea", which are important themes for poblet.

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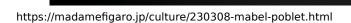
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