

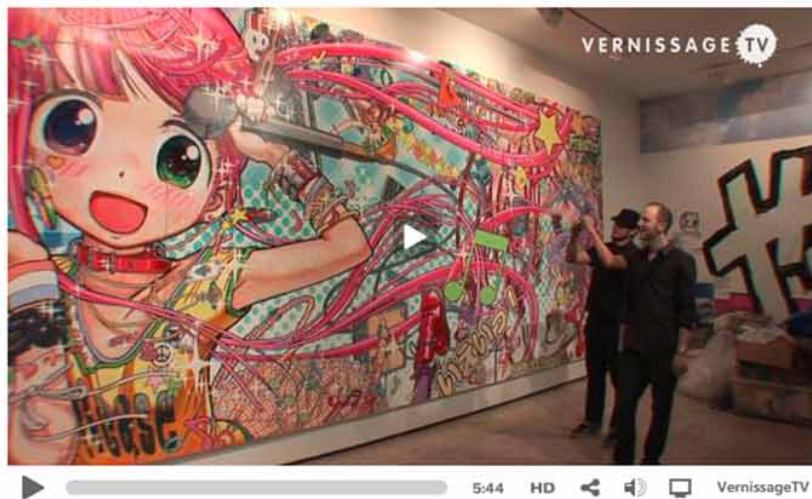
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Mr. 'Metamorphosis: Give Me Your Wings' at Lehmann Maupin Gallery (Video)

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The current exhibition "[Metamorphosis: Give Me Your Wings](#)" at [Lehmann Maupin Gallery](#) in New York presents new works by Japanese artist [Mr.](#) The centerpiece is a huge, complex installation composed of garbage and everyday objects from Japanese life. The piece deals with the devastation and nuclear disaster in Eastern Japan following the earthquakes and tsunami in March 2011. A counterpoint to this thoughtful installation is the colorful and uplifting paintings the artist has created for the exhibition. The new paintings are part of Mr.'s ongoing exploration of *otaku*, the Japanese subculture that is characterized by the obsession with manga, animé, video games, and sci-fi literature.



Mr. was born in 1969 in Cupa, Japan. He lives and works in Saitama. Mr. graduated from the Department of Fine Arts, Sokei Art School, in Tokyo, in 1996. As former protégé of Takashi Murakami has been closely involved with Murakami's studio and his enterprise, Kaikai Kiki Co. Mr. has been participating in exhibitions such as "[Krazy: the Delirious World of Anime + Comics + Video Games + Art](#)" at the Vancouver Art Gallery, and "[Little Boy: The Arts of Japan's Exploding Subculture](#)" at Japan Society, in New York.