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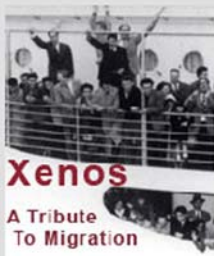
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ATOPOS IN JAPAN WITH OP, THE CYCLOP



ATOPOS has been invited to participate in the Bulls Eye Special, 2008 exhibition, at the 21_21 DESIGN SIGHT of the Miyake Issey Foundation in Tokyo (www.2121designsight.jp). This first exhibition for 2008 has been conceived and developed by 21_21 DESIGN SIGHT and its Corporate Partners; it is based upon the concept of eyesight and vision. According to the organizers, "Discerning taste and a superlative eye are essential components for successful design; they are the 'eye' through which 21_21 hopes to offer new perspectives." Eleven artists and designers are participating in Bulls Eye Special, 2008 - among them Katsuhiko Hibino and Tokujin Yoshioka from Japan, Tony Oursler and Tim Hawkinson from the US, Francis Jacobetti from France, and James Auger from the UK. The exhibition is curated and directed by Midori Kitamura, Katsuhiko Hibino and Kazumi Oguro. Vassilis Zidianakis - who was personally invited to participate in this exhibition by Midori Kitamura - has created Op, the Cyclops; a free rendition of a giant one-eyed doll that wards off evil. The doll's name, Op, is inspired by the ancient Greek pre-fix on, as in optic, op-art etc. This protector from evil has been specially designed for the exhibition; he is a character-talisman and his mission is to protect the exhibition space. "Look deeply into his large eye and this will bring you Good Luck!" The exhibition opens on January 25, 2008 and runs until March 16, 2008. On January 27, at 2:00 p.m. Vassilis Zidianakis will present a lecture/workshop at the museum with the title: 'Look me in the eye - I am OP, the Cyclops'.

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