

**The Contemporary Art Foundation grant system, established by the Contemporary Art Foundation for the purpose of providing grants and assistance to support the activities of young artists and young musicians. We will give grants to the applicants as follows.**

**Artists**

**Masashi ECHIGO (34)**  
**Tatsuma TAKEDA (27)**  
**Nei HASEGAWA (35)**  
**Nana HIROSE (35)**

**Musicians**

**Kazunari OKADA (25)**  
**Hirokazu SUYAMA (29)**  
**Kazuhiro TANIZAKI (28)**  
**Ryuhei MATSUYAMA (28)**

**Contemporary Art Foundation grant system**

The "Contemporary Art Foundation grant system," established by the Contemporary Art Foundation for the purpose of providing grants and assistance to support the activities of young artists and young musicians, is a system that aims to contribute to the promotion of contemporary art by encouraging lively creative activities.

**About Contemporary Art Foundation and Yusaku Maezawa**

Contemporary Art Foundation was established in 2012 by Yusaku Maezawa, the Founder and President of Start Today Co., Ltd., which runs Japan's biggest online fashion mall, "ZOZOTOWN". The foundation aims to contribute to the promotion of contemporary art by helping young artists and young musicians improve their skills. It also carries out activities such as holding contemporary art exhibitions, etc., to popularize and improve knowledge and education of contemporary art.

Yusaku Maezawa was born in 1975 in Chiba. After graduating from Waseda Jitsugyo he left for the United States to play in a band. After returning to Japan, he established Start Today Co., Ltd. in 1998 which engaged in catalog sales of imported CDs and records. In 2004 he founded "ZOZOTOWN"; an online fashion shopping site. The company was listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (3092) in February 2012, and in November, the Contemporary Art Foundation was established. He is a collector, mainly of contemporary art, and also works hard to support young artists.

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