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Tokyo meets Southwestern US in unique and exciting solo exhibition this summer

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO - April 17, 2017 - Santa Fe-based contemporary painter, Anri Tsutsumi, is preparing for a solo exhibition to be held at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe, from June 2 to July 30, 2017. Her exhibition, *Wasabi Salsa Rhapsody*, will overlap for two weeks with the yearly *Currents New Media* installation, also at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe.

A kaleidoscope of color, Tsutsumi's work is a joyful jumble of Eastern and Western influences – which she describes as a “wasabi salsa”. Raised in Tokyo, Japan, and residing in the US for much of her adult life, it was only upon settling in the desert Southwest, and Santa Fe specifically, that she felt she had truly come home - both to herself and the distinctive beauty and culture of Santa Fe. Over time, the two defining cultures in her life have melded together to inspire a unique, riotous and whimsical group of contemporary offerings.

Deeply tuned to the natural world around her, Tsutsumi's senses instinctively pull in visual, olfactory, and auditory information and translate it into fantastical, radiant creations on canvas.

The Anri Tsutsumi Studio Facebook Page reveals a smattering of photographic images that allow followers to see the world through her artists' eyes. Tar-filled cracks in cement, underwater bubbles, and a close up view of colorful knobs and levers on a fire truck are just some of the things that serve as inspiration for her contemporary paintings (www.facebook.com/anritsutsumistudio).

The community of Santa Fe and guests to the area are cordially invited to an Opening Reception for *Wasabi Salsa Rhapsody* on June 16, 2017 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. It will be held at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe, 555 Camino de la Familia, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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