

Ryo HIRANO

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A man works as a part-time janitor in a graveyard inside a space station. One day, he finds a “human tooth” floating in space. Later, he meets a female bear searching for her chopped off nose... Mystery invites more mystery in a realm where odd characters, such as a Japanese soldier during WWII or an ancient man ape wriggle about, as they transcend time and space. A strange, curious work that lures all viewers into a maze.

COMMENT

Various time periods and places intermingle in Ryo HIRANO's works, starting with ghosts, or “nearly human” characters, from the far off ancient times to the heartthrob standing beside you right now. Ryo HIRANO is a unique creator with the talent to dissect and explore human individuality.

by **Nobuaki DOI**

Ryo HIRANO is a dedicated artist whose animations embody individualistic world views and charming characters. He creates unique textures in his drawings and produces many exceptional works with his talent for unconventional storytelling.
by **Masashi KAWAMURA**

Ryo HIRANO

Short animation filmmaker, manga artist, and illustrator affiliated with FOGHORN. Born in 1988 in Kasukabe, Saitama, HIRANO is a graduate of the Department of Information Design, Tama Art University. His works are popping, deep, and bizarre. Using motifs based on his hungry sensibility, his work covers a wide range of genres, such as anthropology, folklore, and subculture. They can manifest as animations, illustrations, manga, picture-story shows, VJs, or music, which might confuse others, but his basic angle is rooted in daily life. He loves romance and inhuman beings. The manga *FANTASTIC WORLD* (LEED Pub.) and *Warashi-chan* GIFs (Casa BRUTUS WEB) are published serially.



OTHER WORKS

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