

teamLab: Resonating Life in the Acorn Forest



A digitized forest draws links between people and time



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It is midnight in a forest in the north of Tokyo and the trees are shining brightly. Across this dense woodland, hundreds of multicolored lights illuminate the leaves and branches, slowly changing from warm to bright. Every time a light goes on, it is accompanied by a sound. This is *teamLab: Resonating Life in the Acorn Forest*, a dreamscape woodland world created by teamLab, an international art collective based in Tokyo.

teamLab was founded in 2001 by Toshiyuki Inoko, who wanted to create an interdisciplinary laboratory that would help people experience the world through art. Transforming everyday environments into digital art is teamLab's trademark. Over the past 20 years, they have turned waterfalls into digital fields of flowers, and nightclubs into immersive art spaces.

teamLab: Resonating Life in the Acorn Forest is in the town of Sakura Town Shin Tokorozawa, which is itself something of a marvel. Located in the north of Tokyo, just an hour's train ride from the city center, this new art destination is a collaboration between the Japanese publishing house Kadokawa and the city of Tokorozawa, with the aim of contributing to the promotion of culture and art and the development of a vibrant and unique community.

1 Shining ovoids populate this dense Japanese forest, reflecting sunlight and shining in 'liquified light colors' once the sun sets all-year round.

2 The exhibition is a collaboration between teamLab and Kadokawa Culture Promotion Foundation.