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“MERIDIAN (GOLD)”

SculptureCenter | Hunter's Point South Park, Long Island City



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“Meridian (Gold)” is a new project by the New York artist Mika Tajima, produced by SculptureCenter, at Hunter's Point South Park, in Long Island City. Visitors can sit in the sculpture—it looks like a hot tub, from which a geyser of vapor is rising. The mist changes color based on the fluctuating value of gold; computerized lights are fed data, in real time, from global markets. Maybe this is what Marx and Engels envisioned when they wrote, about capitalism, “All that is solid melts into air.”