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**Clear for takeoff:** Hiraki Sawa imagines tiny toy planes flying around his bathroom. In another short video, a cup takes a walk around his apartment.

#### ART

**IF YOU FIND** Oscar-style movies a little tame, check out a new space at the Hirshhorn Museum called Black Box. It's dedicated to displaying the most inventive work in fine-art film and video. The space has been launched with the peculiar art of Hiraki Sawa, a young Japanese artist who recently completed his studies in London. His short videos take footage of his low-end apartment, then superimpose on them strange snippets of animation. In one piece, his apartment becomes a landing strip for tiny toy planes; in another, his tableware grows legs and parades around the kitchen.

— Blake Gopnik

At the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Independence Avenue at Seventh Street SW. Free. Exhibition continues through March 30. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 202-633-1000 or visit [www.hirshhorn.si.edu](http://www.hirshhorn.si.edu).

