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Born and working in Tokyo, Japan

Educations

Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons), 2008
Chelsea College of Art and Design, Foundation Course, 2005
Tama Art University, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Printmaking, 2004
Tokyo High School of Art and Music, Oil Painting, 2000

Solo Exhibitions

2025 *Paper of FuDo*, Merian Gärten, Basel, Switzerland
2019 *HIKARINOHITOTSU*, Viento Arts Gallery, Takasaki
2018 *Study Tour*, GÉODÉSIQUE, Tokyo and Kobe
2016 S.Y.P Art Space, Tokyo
2015 Art gallery FABulous, Tokyo
2014 Youkobo Artspace, Tokyo
2012 Youkobo Artspace, Tokyo
2010 LOOP HOLE, Tokyo
2009 Gallery Q, Tokyo

Duo exhibitions

2024 *Beyond Existence*, Walls Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
2017 *Nakanajo Biennale 2017, Preview show*, Seibu-Shibuya, Tokyo

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 *LOOP HOLE Pavilion*, Fuchu Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
2024 *COSMIC HABITAT*, 8/ Shibuya Hikarie, Tokyo, Japan
Kobe Rokko Meets Art Beyond 2024, Arts Center in Mt.Rokko, Hyogo, Japan
2023 *Nakanajo Biennale 2023*, Kyu-Baigetsu, Gunma Japan
2021 *Still Life*, La Chartreuse, Villeneuve lez Avignon, France
Nakanajo Biennale 2021, Kataya, Gunma Japan
2019 *Kamiyama Artist in Residence*, Yorii-za, Tokushima, Japan
2018 対流風景 / *Convective Scenery*, 53 Art Museum, Guangzhou China
2017 *Kitasando Alternative Final*, Kitasando Alternative, Tokyo
Touching the light, akibatamabi21 in 3331, Tokyo
Nakanajo Biennale 2017, Isama School, Gunma Japan
2016 *ALT★TERA*, Myouzen-temple, Tokyo
New Artists' the second assessment, Art Gallery ATLIA, Saitama
2015 *The first decade of LOOP HOLE*, LOOP HOLE, Tokyo
Nakanajo Biennale 2015, Former Daisan Elementary School, Gunma Japan
2014 *Yoru-No-Garou*, Youkobo art space, Tokyo
Artist in Residence? Singapore! From the scene of Project 6581, Youkobo art space, Tokyo
Project6581, Japan Creative Center, Singapore

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- 2013 *TOROLLES IN THE PARK*, Zenpukuzi Park, Tokyo
Project6581: Mosaic Triangle, INSTINC, Singapore
Chocolate De Fucyu, LOOP HOLE, Tokyo
- 2012 *TOROLLES IN THE PARK*, Zenpukuzi Park, Tokyo
YADOKARI TOKYO Projected Exhibition, Gloria Building, Tokyo
Unknown Life No.3, UNDERGROUND, Tokyo
- 2011 *Skin and Map II*, Shinjuku Ganka Garou, Tokyo
- 2010 *TAMA VIVANT II*, Tama Art University and 2 other spaces, Tokyo
- 2009 *The Heartwarming Exhibition*, Gallery Q, Tokyo
Workspace at Local behaviour, Vacant, Tokyo
- 2008 *Other Asias – InFormation*, Nolias Gallery, London
Gunma Youth Biennale, Modern Art Museum, Gunma
Presentation&Exhibition, Art Court Gallery, Osaka
CMS Degree Show, Central Saint Martins College, London
Salon Locale 08, gallery: space, London
- 2006 *I've been showing a lot lately*, Central Saint Martins College, London
- 2004 *Studio Show*, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London
27th Joint Graduation Exhibition of Five Art University, Tokyo Art Museum, Tokyo

Bibliography

- Kobe Rokko Meets Art Beyond 2024 Catalogue*, 2024
ART WORKS 2023, *Nakanojo Biennale 2023 Catalogue*, 2024
ART WORKS 2021, *Nakanojo Biennale 2021 Catalogue*, 2022
Nakanojo Biennale International Art Exchange Program 2018, *Catalogue*, 2020
ART WORKS 2017, *Nakanojo Biennale 2017 Catalogue*, 2018
STEAMPUNK ORIENTAL LABORATORY 01, *Thematic catalogue*, 2018
ART WORKS 2015, *Nakanojo Biennale 2015 Catalogue*, 2016
Interview, Singapore Architecture vol.278, 2014
Interview, Catalogue for Unknown exhibition, 2013
LESS COMMON MORE SENSE, Second cover and Third cover, vol.13, Sep 17, 2009

Comission / Collections

- Comisson work for Katsurao village, *Sankaku of Katsurao*.
Private collections are in Japan, Singapore, the United States, and Australia.

Curatorial projects

- 2017 *'Touching the light'* at AKIBA-TAMABI 21 in 3331, Tokyo
2015 *'Dark Matters'* Collaborative performance with Dominique Baron Bonarjee
2014 *'KUBO-CHI'* I was a member of the artist collective, and we projected 11 exhibitions at Youkobo Artspace.

Residencies

- 2025 APRIL - JUNE, *Exchange Residency Program*, TOKAS, Basel, Switzerland
2023 NOVEMBER, *Katsurao AIR*, Katsurao collective, Fukushima, Japan
2015, 2017, 2021, 2023 Nakanojo city, Gunma, Japan
2021 SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER, *MOBILITY*, Echangeur 22, Saint-Laurent-des-Arbres, France
2019 SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER, *Kamiyama Artist in Residence*, Tokushima, Japan

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2018 NOVEMBER, 対流風景 / *Convective Scenery*, Guangzhou, China

2017 APRIL-SEPTEMBER, Nakanajo city, Gunma, Japan

2016 JUNE, *AiR Nordland*, Bodo, Norway

2013 AUGUST, INSTINC, Singapore

Award

2024 'Kobe Rokko Meets Art Beyond 2024', Mayor of Kobe Award.

2017 'akibatamabi 21' Exhibition project adopted and subsidised.

2016 '6th Open Call for New Artists Exhibition' Selected, Kawaguchi Art Gallery ATLIA.

2008 'Gunma Biennale for Young Artists' Selected, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma.

2007 'Celeste Art Prize' Selected.

Workshops

2024 September, Origami workshop, Impact Hub Tokyo, Tokyo.

2023 November, Origami workshop, Katsurao village, Fukushima.

2019 October, Monster-making workshop, Kamiyama Junior High School, Tokushima.