

NORIKO KURAFUJI



Noriko Kurafuji was born in Tokyo and attended kindergarten and elementary school at JIYU GAKUEN (Liberty School), founded in 1921 by Motoko Hani and her husband with the vision of reforming education away from rote learning. The school's architecturally innovative buildings, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and his successors, left a lasting impression on Kurafuji, fostering a deep appreciation for the arts from an early age.

Despite having no famous artists in her family, Kurafuji attributes much of her artistic inspiration to the creative environment of JIYU GAKUEN. During her teenage years, she developed a keen interest in music but later turned her focus to painting after a period of illness.

Kurafuji pursued a comprehensive education in art, studying oil painting, printmaking, Japanese traditional painting, and art preservation science at Joshibi University of Art and Design, specializing in oil painting during graduate school. Her master's work is now held in a personal collection.

After completing her studies, Kurafuji conducted research at the Institute of Medical Science at the University of Tokyo, where she explored various cell samples and the intricate micro-world imperceptible to the naked eye. These scientific experiences continue to profoundly influence her artistic expression.

Presently, Kurafuji dedicates herself to daily painting in her studio and regularly shares her expertise through art lectures. Her efforts to cultivate interest in art extend to teaching painting on television programs and conducting children's art workshops at festivals. She has collaborated with composers, creating paintings inspired by their music, and organized concerts featuring compositions based on her artwork. Furthermore, Kurafuji actively engages in interdisciplinary collaborations with artists from diverse fields, enriching her creative journey.

1994

Graduated from Joshibi University of Art and Design -Best Graduation Work Award-

1996

Graduated from Graduate School of Joshibi University of Art and Design

Solo Exhibitions

2022

·Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition 'SAKURA', Art Thema • HÉYĪ Belgium
plan : Gallery G-77 / Kyoto Japan

2021

·Noriko KURAFUJI art cooperation, special floor exhibition
high rise condo Tsukishima / Tokyo Japan

2018

·KURAFUJI Exhibition -Spring Obsession- Gallery G-77 / Kyoto Japan Netherlands

2013

· Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition -Let it Flow- Sixty One Gallery / Amsterdam Netherlands

2012

· Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition Ginza Inoue Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan
· Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition -Nagare- Galerie Karin Sutter / Basel Switzerland

2009

· Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition -GRANCE- gallery art point / Ginza Tokyo Japan
· Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition -Frieze of Spring- Gallery Regalo / Ogikubo Tokyo Japan
· Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition Gallery IZUMI no SATO / Karuizawa Nagano Japan
· Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition MITSUI no MORI House / Karuizawa Nagano Japan

2008

- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition gallery art point / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition Sanbancho Gallery / Saitama Japan

2005

- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition gallery art point / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition KwanHoon Gallery / Seoul Korea

2003

- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition O Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan

2001

- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition O Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition Caribi Short Gallery / Tokyo Japan

1999

- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition Inoue Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan

1995

- Noriko KURAFUJI Exhibition Inoue Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan

Group Exhibitions

2022

- London Art Fair G-77 Gallery London England
- Affordable Art Fair Brussels G-77Gallery, Art Thema HeYi Gallery Brussels, Belgium
- Contemporary Art Festival Nebula, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art Saitama Japan
- 'Aoi-Uma' Isumi rural Art Museum Chiba Japan
- 'Fuji exhibition' Isumi rural Art Museum Kunkou-do gallery Gunma Japan

2021

- Art Up Lille Fair Art Thema HeYi Gallery France
- 'Blooming' exhibition Art Thema HeYi Gallery Brussels, Belgium
- the exhibition 'Blue Swallows' SHINSEIDO GALLERY Tokyo Japan
- Contemporary Art Festival Nebula, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art Saitama Japan

2019

- London Art Fair G-77Gallery England
- Art Market San Francisco Gallery Repost San Francisco USA
- Seattle Art Fair G-77Gallery Seattle USA
- Affordable Art Fair Brussels G-77Gallery Brussels Belgium
- Affordable Art Fair Battersea G-77Gallery London England
- Contemporary Art Festival Nebula, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art Saitama Japan

2018

- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland
- Affordable Art Fair Battersea G-77Gallery London England
- Ifsowhat Art Fair G-77Gallery San Francisco USA
- Contemporary Art Festival Nebula, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art Saitama Japan
- The Uiwang International Placard Art ('03-'18) Baekun Lake Plaza / Korea

2017

- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland
- Affordable Art Fair Battersea G-77Gallery London England
- Weltraum 2017 Das Esszimmer / Basel Switzerland
- Contemporary Art Festival Nebula, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art Saitama Japan

2016

- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland
- Affordable Art Fair Battersea Akart London England
- The Uiwang International Placard Art ('03-'16) Baekun Lake Plaza / Korea
- Contemporary Art Festival Nebula, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art Saitama Japan

2015

- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland
- Affordable art fair Hampstead Sixty one gallery London England
- New York "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / NY U.S.A.
- The Uiwang International Placard Art ('03-'15) Baekun Lake Plaza / Korea

2014

- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland
- Miami Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Miami U.S.A.
- December Exhibition "Perspective" G-77Gallery / Kyoto Japan
- The Uiwang International Placard Art ('03-'14) Baekun Lake Plaza / Korea
- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland

2013

- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" G-77Gallery SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland
- Le Salon Comparaisons Groupe Japon Grand Parais /Paris France
- Summer Pause Exhibition Galerie Karin Sutter / Basel Switzerland
- The Uiwang International Placard Art ('03-'13) Baekun Lake Plaza / Korea

2012

- Basel Art Fair "Selection" G-77Gallery Basel Arts Center / Basel Switzerland
- Basel Art Fair "SCOPE" Galerie Karin Sutter SOPE Pavilion / Basel Switzerland
- Art Asia Miami Art Fair G-77Gallery Art Asia Pavilion / Miami U.S.A. Dec.-
- Le Salon Comparaisons Groupe Japon Grand Parais / Paris France Nov.-
- Summer Pause Exhibition Galerie Karin Sutter / Basel Switzerland
- Yosu EXPO International Exposition Yeosu Culture &Arts Hall / Yeosu Korea
- Modern Art Association Exhibition ('94-'12) Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum / Tokyo Japan
- Contemporary Arts of Korea and Japan ('03-'12) Seoul Korea -Ginza Tokyo Japan
- BLUE BLUE Exhibition ('10-'12) Gallery Shiramizu Bijyutsu / Ginza Japan
- Adachi Art Exhibition Adachi-ku exhibition ('06-'12)
THEATRE 1010 Gallery / Kitasennjyu Tokyo Japan
- Exhibitions by regional artists ('10-'12) Cultural Center of Tama region / Tokyo Japan

2011

- Basel Art Fair "Selection" G-77Gallery Contemporary Arts Center / Switzerland
- Art Asia Miami Art Fair G-77Gallery Art Asia Pavilion / Miami U.S.A.
- Le Salon Comparaisons Groupe Japon Grand Parais / Paris France
- Exposition entre le Japon et la Coree Galerie SATELLITE / Paris France

2010

- Art Asia Miami Art Fair G-77 Gallery Art Asia Pavilion / Miami U.S.A.
- Le Salon Comparaisons Groupe Japon Grand Parais / Paris France
- The contemporary art Tashkent exhibition
Art Gallery of Uzbekistan Museum Tashkent/Tashkent, UZBEKISTAN
- Contemporary Art Festival Nebula ('05-'10) Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art / Saitama Japan
- 2010 NEW MODERN ART FESTIVAL Seongnam Arts Center / Seongnam, Korea
- Hands across the Pacific ('07-'10) Gimcheon-si Art & Cultural Center / Korea, Chiliwack Museum / Canada etc.,
- Ushiku Biennale Ushiku Cultural Center / Ibaragi Japan
- Art Wave Exhibition Fukuoka Asian Art Museum etc. / Japan

2009

- The 27th Ueno Royal Museum grand prix exhibition -Candidate prize-
The Ueno Royal Museum / Tokyo Japan, Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art / Fukuoka Japan
- The 3th Japan Art Center grand prix exhibition Art Center of Tokyo / Tokyo Japan, Art Center of Kobe / Hyogo Japan
- Modern Art Association -Perspective for Tomorrow Exhibition- ('96-'99-'09) -'96, Superior Artist Award-
Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Yokohama Civic Art Gallery / Japan
- Fuji Exhibition in HINDHI All India Fine Arts and Craft Society / New Delhi India
- Singapore International Art Fair 2009 (SIAF2009) Singapore Expo Hall4 B-Booth no B19 / Singapore
- Taoyame Exhibition G2 Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- Brightness exhibition of the flower Toho Art Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan, Gallery Espas / Nagoya Japan, etc
- ORIENT2009, ASIA KAWAII in Singapore The Arts House, Singapore, Arty Art Gallery / Singapore
- A new century contemporary art exhibition ('07-'09) Garakucity exhibition room / Tokyo Japan
- Departure from Tokyo Station ('05-'09) Yaesu Gallery / Tokyo Japan

2008

- The 26th Ueno Royal Museum grand prix exhibition -Candidate prize-
The Ueno Royal Museum / Tokyo Japan, Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art / Fukuoka Japan
- Introduction to a Collector 'Japanese OUGI' O Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- Karuizawa French revolution's day exhibition gallery Izuminosato of the art / Karuizawa Nagano Japan
- Asahi A Exhibition ('06-'08) Asahi Art Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- Art Shower in Yokohama ('06-'08) Yokohama Civic Art Gallery, Yokohama Japan
- Orient exhibition ('04-'08) ASEAN Center / Ginza Tokyo Japan, Embassy of Lao Democratic Republic etc.,

2007

- Mt. Fuji Exhibition in Armenia Armenia National Museum / Erivan, Republic of Armenia
- Japanese Art in Canada & Korea Gimcheon-si Art & Cultural Center / Korea, Chiliwack Museum / Canada
- The first Asahi-Ginza exhibition Asahi Art Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- The 21th Tama excellent work art exhibition Oume municipal institution Museum/Tokyo Japan
- The 25th Ueno Royal Museum grand prix exhibition -Candidate prize-
The Ueno Royal Museum / Tokyo Japan, Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art / Fukuoka Japan
- The sixth modern art exhibition 2007 Wakimizu Gallery etc., / Shiga Japan
- Selected 9 artists Exhibition - Contemporary Arts of Korea and Japan Yamawaki Gallery / Ichigaya Tokyo Japan
- Allumage exhibition of the summer K's Gallery / Ginza Tokyo Japan
- 15 people exhibition Gallery Jingu-en / Tokyo Japan

2006

- Exhibition in st. Petersburg G-77, st. Petersburg / Russia
- exhibition of Eve ('04-'06) Gallery Jingu-en / Tokyo Japan

2005

- Introduction to a Collector ('02-'05) O Gallery, Ginza Tokyo Japan

2004

- Global Art 2004 in N.Y. World Trade Art Gallery / New York U.S.A.

2003

- ACT Exhibition Tenshin Memorial Museum / Ibaraki
- 10 lines Exhibition Gallery Rutan / Ginza Tokyo Japan Japan

2001

- Project works 2001 Bokushin Annex Gallery / Tokyo Japan

2000

- 5 Artist Show Gallery Klammer / Tokyo Japan
- Art Communication Exhibition Gallery Klammer / Tokyo Japan

1996

- Selected Completion Works Arai Gallery / Shizuoka Japan
- Space Art Exhibition Roppongi Tokyo Japan

1995

- 4 Artists Show Regalo Art Plaza / Kanagawa Japan
- Quotation of the Painting Show Regalo Art Plaza Japan
- Root of Form ('93-'95) Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art / Saitama Japan

1994

- Hibiki -no-kai Show Shibuya Denki-Onsuiki Gallery / Shibuya Tokyo Japan