



Akiko Sumiyoshi Solo Exhibition
 “Piece of a mountain”

Open
 2023.3.24fri - 4.22 sat

Venue
 TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY / MAIN GALLERY

TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY is pleased to present the solo exhibition 'Piece of a mountain' by Akiko Sumiyoshi.

Sumiyoshi was born in Chiba Prefecture in 1981 and graduated from Bunsei University of Arts and started her career as an artist in 2005. She has been actively creating and presenting her work since then. She has created forest scenes in which lovable animals live with a consistent world view using paintings, sculptures, and installations. Sumiyoshi's stoic attitude toward her work can be seen behind the process of creating animals with soft and adorable expressions. She is able to create new creatures brimming with vitality because she studies the habits and physiques of animals from various sources and illustrated books.

This is her first TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY exhibition in three years, and she will be showing mainly paintings in the Main Gallery. The works, created by dividing a large painting into smaller sections, show Sumiyoshi's perspective on life, which includes flowers and plants that bloom casually alongside small animals. In an environment of rapidly changing fashions and trends, Sumiyoshi's exhibition offers a sense of calm and healing, in an environment of rapidly changing fashions and trends, as she maintains her unwavering stance and gathers even the smallest details.

Artist Statement

One Sunday I had the opportunity to view the mountains from a moving car. The mountains resembled a single mass, a jumble of many trees and creatures. Whether we have goals or not, we idly live minute by minute for the world every day. It is like just carrying on, as if you put out your right foot, your left foot will follow.

I sense plants touching my feet, I am encouraged by birds flying in the sky, living with the creatures I pass by. Sometimes you take detours, sometimes you fall, and then get back up.

Like a story, we meet various characters and move forward step by step, passing them by. Even if it's a heavy rainy day, a night of awful weather, or a dizzying sunny day.

I am a piece of a large mountain, I am a particle of this big world.

□ Biography

Akiko Sumiyoshi

Lives in Chiba Prefecture, Japan

1981 Born in Chiba, Japan

2004 Bunsei University of Art, B.F.A

2005 Started her artistic career / Studied under the painter Nobuto Fukutsu

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Little Garden | Little Darling Coffee Roasters, Tokyo
- 2020 Parade | Shinjuku Takashimaya, Tokyo
- 2020 Re-Horizon and meandering | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- 2017 ART OSAKA 2017 | Hotel Granvia Osaka, Osaka
- 2011 ‘Something Like It – It is Clear’ | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- 2009 ‘Hello Good-Bye Hello’ | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- 2008 ‘Shirokumori’ | Artlantino Gallery, Tokyo
- 2007 ‘Garden of One Day’ | Gallery Grand Cafe, Tokyo
- 2005 ‘Zip Mind’ | Design Festa Gallery, Tokyo
- ‘Zip Mind / Gas’ | Arcuate, Tokyo

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS, ART FAIRS

- 2022 ‘KINDA MOOD RIGHT NOW’ | YOD TOKYO, Tokyo
- 2021 ‘ART OSAKA 2021’ | OSAKA CITY CENTRAL PUBLIC HALL, Osaka
- 2020 ‘Adventures of f’ | A-Lab, Hyogo
- 2018 ‘RE: FOCUS vol.3’ | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- 2017 ‘-RIN- Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi Art Market’ | Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi Tokyo
- 2016 ‘MITSUKOSHI ART CUBE’ | Mitsukoshi Main Store, Tokyo
- 2015 ‘Winter Zoo’ | Park Hotel Tokyo
- 2014 ‘7TYPES×2 -Japanese Contemporay Art-’ | Matsuzakaya, Nagoya
- 2012 ‘Miniature Exhibition’ | JR Osaka Mitsukoshi Isetan
- ART FAIR TOKYO 2012 | Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
- Art Show Busan 2012 | BEXCO, Korea
- 2011 ASIA TOP GALLERY HOTEL ART FAIR 2011 | Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong
- ‘3 Dimensional Art Show by Contemporary Artists’ | Bunkamura Gallery, Tokyo
- Gyosho- The Gallery Circus | Spiral, Tokyo, Japan
- ‘BUA6.22’ | Bunsei University of Art’s Gallery, Tochigi
- ART FAIR TOKYO 2011 | Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
- ART TAIPEI 2011 | Taipei World Trade Center, Taiwan
- ‘2 Dimensional Gallery Artists’ | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- ‘3 Dimensional Gallery Artists’ | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- 2010 ART FAIR TOKYO 2010 | Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo
- ‘Osaka Art Now’ | Hillside Terrace, A Gallery, Tokyo
- ART FAIR KYOTO 2010 | Hotel Monterey Kyoto, Kyoto
- ‘Gallery’s Recommended Young Artists’ | TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY
- ART TAIPEI 2010 | Taipei World Trade Center, Taiwan
- Korea International Art Fair 2010 | COEX, Korea
- ‘Tasting Art Exhibition’ | Hankyu Men’s, Osaka
- 2009 ‘3 Dimensional Art Show by Contemporary Artists’ | Bunkamura Gallery, Tokyo

Artworks



Solo Exhibition "Re-Horizon and meandering" at TEZUKAYAMA GALLERY, Osaka



fu, rai
2020
acryli, golden leaf paper on folding screen
H1750 x W1460 mm



One tree
2020
Acrylic on canvas
H220 x W273 x D20 mm *each size

Parade grid(Badger)
2022
acryli, golden leaf paper on folding screen
H450 x W900 x W22 mm
(H150 x W150 x W22 mm x 18piece)

Exhibition Info

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OPEN: Tue - Sat 12:00 - 19:00 | CLOSED: Sunday, Monday and Holiday
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