

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 GALELRY 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.

\square 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' Artlantico 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

$\ \square$ Artworks







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

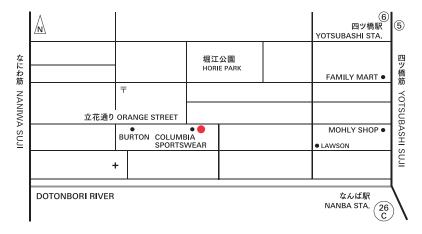
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