

YAMAMOTO MASAO

Born in 1957 in Gamagori, in the Japanese prefecture of Aichi, Masao Yamamoto is a photographer who began his art studies as an oil painter under the supervision of Goro Saito in his hometown. Masao subsequently discovered that photography was the ideal medium for the theme that most interested him: images with the ability to evoke memories.

The photographs by Yamamoto Masao seem as if they were fallen out of time. The small formats often show signs of usage, cracks, discoloration and look like universal memories manifested in the symbolic language of the Japanese art and spirituality. Like meditative objects they oppose the image flood of the digital era. Yamamoto Masao is worldwide represented in museums, like the Victoria & Albert Museum in London or the International Center of Photography in New York.

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Harvard University Art Museums, Cambridge, USA

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA

The International Center of Photography, New York, USA

Center for Creative Photography, CCP, Tucson, USA

Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, USA

Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, USA

Portland Art Museum, Portland, USA

Victoria&Albert Museum, London, U.K.

Meison Europeenne de la Photographie, Paris, France

Quinzaine photographique Nantes, France

Musei Civici Comune di Reggio Emilia, Italy

Forum für Fotografie, Köln, Germany

Fondation d'entreprise Hermès, Paris, France

Art at Swiss Re, Zurich, Swiss

Rollins Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Florida, USA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018

Tori, VALID FOTO, Barcelona, Spain

Microcosms Macrocosms, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto, Canada

Microcosm Macrocosm, Alfred Ehrhardt Stiftung, Berlin, Germany

A Box of Ku, Multimedia Art Museum, Moscow, Russia

Yamamoto Masao, Instituto Figueiredo Ferraz, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil

Tori, Craig Krull Gallery, L.A. USA

2017

Yamamoto Masao, Museo Oscar Niemeyer, Curitiba, Brazil

Tori, Galerie Camera Obscura, Paris, France

Tori, Gallery Fifty one, Antwerp, Belgium

Yamamoto Masao, Schloss Bonndorf, Germany

Tori, PDX Contemporary Art, Portland, USA

Tori, Stefan Vogdt/ Galerie der Moderne, Germany

Tori, Tsutaya, Tokyo, Japan

2016

Tori, Yancey Richardson Gallery, NY, USA

Small Things in Silence, Centro Nimeyer, Avilés, Spain

Yamamoto Masao, Galeria Marcelo Guanieri, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Small Things in Silence Fundació Toni Catany, Mallorca, Spain

2015

Small Things in Silence, GALLERY FIFTY ONE, Antwerp, Belgium

Small Things in Silence, espacio foto, Madrid, Spain

Kawa=Flow, JACKSON FINE ART, Atlanta, USA

Silence, GALERIE CAMERA OBSCURA, Paris, France

Small Things in Silence, VALID FOTO, Barcelona, Spain

Small Things in Silence, 「小さきもの、沈黙の中で」 MIZUMA ART GALERY, Tokyo,
Japan

2014

Small Things in Silence, semina rerum, Zurich, Swiss
Shizuka=Cleanse , GALLERY OUT OF PLACE, Nara, Japan
Space of Serenity, Time for Prayers , Daegu Photo Biennale 2014,
KoreaShizuka=Cleanse Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, USA

2013

Kawa-Flow, Stefan Vogdt/ Galerie de Moderne, München, Germany
Yamamoto Masao, Etherton Gallery, Tucson, USA
Yamamoto Masao, Gallery Kochuten, Nagoya , Japan
one-day exhibition by Jeff Cowen and Yamamoto Masao, PUG, Oslo
Yamamoto Masao, Gallery Albert Baumgarten, Freiburg, Germany
KAWA=FLOW Städt. Galerie im Schloss, Isny Allgäu, Germany

2012

KAWA=FLOW Installations , BREDA PHOTO, Breda, The Netherlands
Yamamoto Masao , VALID FOTO GALLERY, Barcelona, Spain
Shizuka=Cleanse , Galeria Massimo Minini, Brescia , Italy
Magic Mountain, YANCEY RICHARDSON GALLERY, New York

2011

Yamamoto Masao , Gallery MOMOGUSA, Tajimi, Japan
Yamamoto Masao , GALERIA MARCELO GUANIERI, Sao Paulo, Brazil
KAWA=FLOW, Mugaen Museum, Hekinan , Japan
KAWA=FLOW , MIZUMA & ONE GALLERY , CAOCHANGDI PHOTOSPRING 2011,
Beijing, China
KAWA=FLOW , PDX Contemporary Art, Portland, USA
KAWA=FLOW , Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, USA
KAWA=FLOW , Yancey Richardson Gallery, New York, USA
KAWA=FLOW , Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, USA
KAWA=FLOW, Maerz Galerie, Leipzig, Germany

2010

KAWA=FLOW, Maerz Galerie, Berlin, Germany
KAWA=FLOW part II, Semina rerum, Zurich, Swiss
Yamamoto Masao, Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, USA
KAWA=FLOW, Galleria Alesso Nobilli & C., Milano, Italy
KAWA, GALERIE CAMERA OBSCURA, Paris, France
KAWA=FLOW , WOOLRICH WOOLEN MILLS, Milano, Italy

2009

KAWA=FLOW, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, USA
KAWA=FLOW, JACKSON FINE ART, ATLANTA, USA
KAWA=FLOW, MICAMERA, Milano, Italy
KAWA=FLOW, Semina rerum, Zurich, Swiss
KAWA=FLOW, FIFTY ONE FINE PHOTOGRAPHY, Antwerp, Belgium
KAWA=FLOW, Photomonth in Krakow 2009, Krakow, Poland
KAWA=FLOW, MIZUMA ART GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan
KAWA=FLOW, FORUM FOTOGRAFIE, Köln , Germany
KAWA=FLOW, GALLERY SINCERITE, Toyohashi, Japan
KAWA=FLOW, Gallery Albert Baumgarten , Freiburg, Germany
KAWA=FLOW, POBEDA GALLERY, Moscow, Russia

2008

Yamamoto Masao, CRAIG KRULL GALLERY, Santa Monica, USA
Nakazora, GALLERY BIENIO, Nagoya
KAWA=FLOW, YANCEY RICHARDSON GALLERY, New York, USA
Nakazora, The Print Center, Philadelphia, USA
KAWA=FLOW, Gallery la-condition-japonaise, Berlin, Germany
Yamamoto Masao, GALLERY OUT OF PLACE, Nara, Japan

2007

Yamamoto Masao, Center for Photographic Art, Carmel, USA
Yamamoto Masao, PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, USA
Yamamoto Masao, GALLERIA CARLA SOZZANI, Milano, Italy

Nakazora Quinzaine photographique Nantes, France, France
Nakazora GALERIE GABRIEL ROLT, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2006

Nakazora, GALERIE CAMERA OBSCURA, Paris, France
Installations, HACKELBURY FINE ART, London, UK
[é], MIZUMA ART GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan
[é], GALLERY SINCERITE, Tyohashi, Japan

2005

[é], JACKSON FINE ART, Atlanta, USA
[é], PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, USA
[é], CRAIG KRULL GALLERY, Santa Monica, USA

2004

[é], STEPHEN WIRTZ GALLERY, San Francisco, USA
Nakazora valiantly-that too, pitifully-that too, white boxes,
PDX CONTEMPORARY ART, Portland, USA
Nakazora, CRAIG KRULL GALLERY, Santa Monica, USA

2003

Nakazora Corridor of Consider, Chiesa dei SS.Jacopo e Filippo, Certaldo, Italy
Nakazora, DANIELA FACCHINATO IMAGE GALLERY, Bologna, Italy
Omizuaao, YANCEY RICHARDSON GALLERY, New York, USA
Nakazora, JACKSON FINE ART, Atlanta, USA
Santoka, GALLERY SINCERITE, Toyohashi, Japan

2002

Nakazora, S.K.JOSEFSBERG STUDIO, Portland, USA
Nakazora, CRAIG KRULL GALLERY, Santa Monica, USA

2001

Nakazora, YANCEY RICHARDSON GALLERY, New York, USA

2000

A Box of Ku XI, SEPIA INTERNATIONAL, New York, USA

A Box of Ku XI, SPIRAL GALLERY, Tokyo, Japan

1999

A Box of Ku X, GALLERY SINCERITE, Toyohashi, Japan

A Box of Ku X, JACKSON FINE ART, Atlanta, USA

1998

A Box of Ku X, STEPHEN WIRTZ GALLERY, San Francisco, USA
SINCERITE, Toyohashi, Japan

FAIRS:

2005-2018 AIPAD, New York, USA

2005-2018 PARIS PHOTO, Paris, France

2007-2016 Photo l.a., Los Angeles, USA

2010- 2012 Art Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany

2010-2012 Art PARIS, Paris, France

2010 ART FAIR 21, Köln, Germany

2010 TOKYO PHOTO, Tokyo, Japan

2010 PULSE MIAMI, Miami, USA

2011 Classic Photos LA, Los Angeles, USA

2011 Sp-arte, São Paulo, Brazil

2011 MILAN IMAGE ART FAIR, Milano, Italy