

Tomokazu Matsuyama

Born 1976, Takayama, Gifu, Japan
Lives and works in Brooklyn, NY, USA

EDUCATION

- 2004 MFA, Communications Design, Pratt Institute, New York, USA
2000 BEcon, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Liberation Back Home*, SCAD Museum of Art, Georgia, USA
Tomokazu Matsuyama: Morning Sun, Edward Hopper House Museum, Nyak, USA
Tomokazu Matsuyama: FIRST LAST, Azabudai Hills Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2024 *Mythologiques*, 60th Venice Biennale, Hosted by the Contemporary Istanbul Foundation, Arsenale, Venice, Italy.
- 2023 *MATSUYAMA Tomokazu: Fictional Landscape*, Shanghai Powerlong Museum, Shanghai, China
MATSUYAMA Tomokazu: Fictional Landscape, Hirosaki Museum of Contemporary Art, Hirosaki, Japan
Episodes Far From Home, Almine Rech Gallery, London, UK
- 2022 Solo presentation, 17th Istanbul Biennial, Istanbul, Turkey
Dancer, Armory Off-Site, New York, NY, USA
Harmless Charm, Sotheby's Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
The Best Part About Us, Kavi Gupta, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2021 *Accountable Nature*, Long Museum, Chongqing, China
Boom Bye Bye Pain, Kotaro Nukaga, Tokyo, Japan
- 2020 *Accountable Nature*, Long Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2018 *No Place Like Home*, Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
Same Same, Different, Lumine Zero, Shinjuku, Japan
- 2017 *Oh Magic Night*, Hong Kong Contemporary Art, Hong Kong
- 2015 *Somewhere Here*, Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
17 Hours, Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney, Australia
Come with me, Gallery Wendi Norris, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2014 *Sky is the Limit*, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong
Out Side Looking In, Lesley Kehoe Galleries, Melbourne, Australia
The Standard Rendez-vous, Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
- 2013 *Palimpsest*, Rauchauer Institute at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
- 2012 *New Works*, Mark Moore Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
The Future Is Always Bright, Gallery Wendi Norris, San Francisco, CA, USA
Thousand Regards, Katzen Art Center at American University Museum, Washington DC, USA
- 2011 *East Weets Mest*, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2010 *In Case You're Lost*, Frey Norris Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2009 *Glancing at the Twin Peak*, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2007 *Between the Polar*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Chiba, Japan

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Pop Forever, Tom Wesselmann &..., Louis Vuitton Foundation, Paris, France
Blossom: The Tenth Anniversary of the Long Museum, The Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China
The 4th Crosswaves in Art Belonging: Achievements of Artists from Gifu, The Museum of Fine Arts, Gifu, Japan
Go For Kogei!, Iwase, Toyama, Japan
- 2023 *Permanent Collection Exhibition*, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, USA
A Leisurely Stroll - The Tenth Anniversary of The Long Museum, The Long Museum West Bund, Shanghai, China

- New Horizon: Vision of the Future*, ARTS MAEBASHI, Maebashi, Japan
 Permanent Collection Exhibition, Pérez Art Museum Miami, Miami, USA
Sugoi! 200 Years of Japanese Art, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Michigan, USA
Die Young, Stay Pretty, Curated by Tomokazu Matsuyama + Carlos Rolon, KOTARO NUKAGA, Tokyo, Japan
Sugoi! 200 Years of Japanese Art, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Michigan, USA
- 2021 *The Pulse of Modernity*, Powerlong Museum, Shanghai, China
Realms of Refuge, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
- 2020 *The World: From The OKETA COLLECTION*, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan
We Used To Gather, Library Street Collective, Detroit, MI, USA
- 2019 *Fixed Contained*, Kotaro Nukaga, Tokyo, Japan
- 2018 *Pardon My Language*, Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
- 2017 *Re:define*, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, Texas, USA
Forms and Effects: Ukiyo-e to Anime, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ, USA
- 2013 *Messin' with the Masters*, Mesa Contemporary Arts Center, Mesa, AZ
Edo-Pop: The Graphic Impact of Japanese Prints, Japan Society, New York, NY, USA
Changing World through Art, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2012 *Re:define*, Goss Foundation, Dallas, TX, USA
- 2011 Museum of Tibet House, New York, NY, USA
Joy Ride, Spencer Brownstone Gallery, New York, NY, USA
We Are All One, New York Institute of Technology, New York, NY, USA
Changing the World through Art 2, Haunch of Venison Gallery, New York, NY, USA
The Open Day Book Exhibition, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibition, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2010 *Sugi-Pop! The Influence of Anime and Manga on Contemporary Art*, Portsmouth Museum of Art, New Hampshire, PA, USA
Summer Group Exhibition, Frey Norris Gallery, San Francisco, CA
DRAW, Museo De La Ciudad De Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico
Changing the World through Art, Haunch of Venison Gallery, New York, NY, USA
- 2009 *Lost in Mutation: The Surreal in Contemporary Japanese Art*, Aidekman Arts Center at Tufts University, Cambridge, MA, USA
UNFRAMED 2009, 15 Union Square, New York, NY, USA
- 2008 *Winter Group Show*, Frey Norris Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
Eyes and Curiosity vol. 4, Mizuma Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Night Watch, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Chiba, Japan
Piece of Peace, Parco Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2007 *U Can't Touch This: The New Asian Art*, Zone: Chelsea Center for the Art, New York, NY, USA
Bunkamura Art Show/BAS2007, Bunkamura Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Project To Surface, M127, New York, NY, USA
Natural Drift, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Chiba, Japan

PUBLIC WORKS & COMMISSIONS

- 2025 TCL Chinese Theatre, Los Angeles, USA
- 2024 Chicago Public Library, Chicago, USA
Infinity Trinity, Chunichi Building, Nagoya, Japan, Mural installation
The Runner, US Open Armory Off-Site, New York, NY
- 2023 *Solitude Aqua Amore*, SUNY Upstate Medical Institute, New York, USA, Mural installation
- 2022 K11 Foundation, K11 MUSEA Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Digital LED Billboard Installation, K11 MUSEA Hong Kong
JING Vision: The Mild Right, Tokyo, Japan, LED Billboard installation/ jing, Harajuku 5
 Yuzu 25th Anniversary Arena Tour, Multiple Cities, Japan, stage art visuals, sculpture and animated painting.
- 2021 *Glory Slowly/ Immortality Morality*, Tipstar Dome Chiba, Chiba, Japan, installation of large-scale sculptures and mural.
 Ivy Station, Culver City, Los Angeles, USA, Permanent mural and sculpture installation, commissioned by Culver City, Los Angeles

- Guo Hua Financial Center, Chongqing, China, LED billboard installation, commissioned by Long Museum
- 2020 Shinjuku East Square, Tokyo, Japan, 24-foot-tall sculpture and land art installation
- Meiji Jingu Forest Festival of Art, Tokyo, Japan, 14-foot-wide sculpture outdoor installation
- 2019 Beverly Hills Mural, LA, USA
- Bowery Mural, NY, USA
- 2018 Wynwood Walls, Miami, FL, USA
- 2015 Toshiba Australia, *Made in 17 Hours* project
- 2014 Harbour City, Hong Kong, outdoor installation
- 2012 The Standard Hotel, *Snow Globe* limited edition
- 2010 Nike Sportswear, premium collection for *Nike Far East Collaboration Series*
- 2009 Nike Asia, Hong Kong, CO + LAB project
- Nike, Air Max LeBron VII Custom project for *More than a Game Artist Series*
- LeSportsac, Artist in Residence project
- 2007 Levi Strauss & Co. Japan, project for *NY Artist Series*

SELECT PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

The British Museum (UK)
 The ALBERTINA Museum Vienna (Austria)
 Centre Pompidou (France)
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) (USA)
 Asian Art Museum of San Francisco (USA)
 Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art (USA)
 Institute of Contemporary Art, Miami (USA)
 de Young Museum | Legion of Honor Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco (USA)
 San Jose Museum of Art (USA)
 Pérez Art Museum Miami (USA)
 Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) (USA)
 Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields (USA)
 Savannah College of Art and Design (USA)
 Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center (USA)
 Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (USA)
 Peabody Essex Museum (USA)
 The Bruce Museum (USA)
 Thyssen - Bornemisza National Museum (Spain)
 Fundación Amparo y Manuel (AMMA) (Mexico)
 Hirosaki MOCA (Japan)
 Arts Maebashi (Japan)
 Yokohama Museum of Art (Japan)
 The Museum of Fine Arts, Gifu (Japan)
 Museum of Modern Art Shiga (Japan)
 Kirishima Open-Air Museum (Japan)
 Long Museum (China)
 Powerlong Museum (Shanghai, China)
 DEJI ART MUSEUM (China)
 K11 Art Foundation (Hong Kong)
 Space K SEOUL (Korea)
 The Fisher Collection (USA)
 The Dean Collection (USA)
 Fundación La Nave Salinas (Spain)
 Microsoft Collection (USA)
 Toyota Motor Corporation (USA)
 Bank of Sharjah Collection (UAE)
 The Royal Family Collection (UAE)

Pt. Leo Estate Sculpture Park, Melbourne (Australia)
NIKE Japan (Japan)
Levi Strauss & Co. (Japan)
JR East Japan Railway/LUMINE (Japan)
CHUNICHI BUILDING (Japan)

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Cheng, Zaneta. "Collision of Style and Colors in NFT Paintings by Japanese Artist." *#Legend*, August 1.
Su, Sammy. "Tomokazu Matsuyama Magnifies an Optimistic View of Reality, Full of Hope and 'Harmless Charm.'" *HypeArt*, June 16.
Wong, Kayan. "Conversation With Tomokazu Matsuyama about his Paintings and Debut NFT Collection." *The Value*, June 15.
Dozier, Ayanna. "Tomokazu Matsuyama Blends Pop Culture and Art History to Explore his Global Identity." *Artsy*, May 12.
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- 2021 Zhiming, Yu. "Don't miss this: Tomokazu Matsuyama's exhibit is a little Nirvana." *Time Out Shanghai*, January 19.
Paik, Sherry. "Tomokazu Matsuyama's Fragmented Harmonies at Long Museum." *Ocula*, January 20.
Estiller, Keith. "Tomokazu Matsuyama Navigates Abstract Atmospheres in 'Accountable Nature' Exhibition." *Hypebeast*, March 19.
- 2020 Soo, Nathalie. "Tomokazu Matsuyama at Meiji Jingu Forest Festival of Art." *The Artling*, May 17.
Leung, Gabrielle. "Tomokazu Matsuyama Installs Art Park With 26-Foot Tall Sculpture in Tokyo." *Hypebeast*, July 20.
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- 2019 Halle, Howard. "Bowery wall's newest street art mural celebrates global culture in NYC." *Time Out New York*, September 24.
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Treaster, Joseph. "In Miami, the Murals Are the Message." *New York Times*, October 23.
- 2018 Chow, Andrew R. "Good Grief, Charlie Brown! You're Graffiti." *New York Times*, April 2.
- 2017 Ainley, Nathaniel. "Ancient Dragons and Pop Art Play on These Colorful Canvases." *Vice*, February 2.
- 2015 Lorgé, Marie-Anne. "Monde Flottant." *La Jeudi*, October.
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- 2014 Kim, Jim Yob. "Interview." *The Quiet Leaf 1*, December.
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- 2013 "East weets Mest." *Opus Kulturemagazine*, no. 39.
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- 2025 MATSUYAMA TOMOKAZU FIRST LAST, Tokyo, KOTARO NUKAGA
- 2024 Tomokazu Matsuyama Mythologiques, Vienna, VFMK
- MATSUYAMA Tomokazu: Fictional Landscape, Hirosaki: Hirosaki MOCA
- 2023 Boom Bye Bye Pain, Tokyo: KOTARO NUKAGA
- Die Young Stay Pretty, Tokyo: KOTARO NUKAGA
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- 2019 *Fixed Contained*. Text by Yuji Akimoto. Tokyo: Kotaro Nukaga.
- 2018 *No Place Like Home*. Essay by Hollis Goodall. Luxembourg: Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery.
- 2017 *Tomokazu Matsuyama*. Text by Rory Padekenand and Lauren Every-Wortman. Hong Kong: HOCA Foundation.
- 2016 *Tomokazu Matsuyama: A Floating World Redux*. Text by Eric Shiner. Luxembourg: Zidoun-Bossuyt Gallery.
- 2013 *Palimpsest*. Text by David L. Howell. Cambridge: Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University.
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- 2007 *Found Modern Library*. Text by Alexandra Chang. Berkeley: Gingko Press.

LECTURES

- 2023 The Era of Cultural Entrepreneurship, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
- 2013 Artist Presentation, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2012 Artist Presentation, Katzen Arts Center, Museum for America University, Washington DC
- 2011 Artist Presentation, Asia Society and Museum, New York, NY
- 2007 APMT, BankART, Yokohama, Japan
- 2003 Asian America Arts Centre, New York, NY