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Kenjiro Okazaki (born in 1955 in Tokyo) is an Artist, Critic and Visiting Professor of Musashino Art University. He lives and works in Tokyo.

Kenjiro Okazaki is a Japanese visual artist whose works span over several genres, including painting, sculpture, as well as landscape and architecture. Many of his works has been featured in public collections throughout Japan and in various exhibitions around the world. In 2002, Okazaki was selected as the director of the Japanese pavilion of the International Architecture Exhibition in Venice Biennale. His works include a collaborative performance 'I Love my Robot' with choreographer Trisha Brown. He received Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship at Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden (HMSG) in 2014.

Okazaki is also extremely active as a theoretician and critic, and is the author or co-author of several books, including Renaissance: Condition of Experience (Bunshun Gakugei Library, 2015) featuring his analysis of Filippo Brunelleschi, and Abstract Art as Impact: The Concrete Genealogy of Abstract Art (Akishobo, 2018), which received the Minister of Education Award for Fine Arts in 2019.







*Time Unfolding Here, 2025*  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan





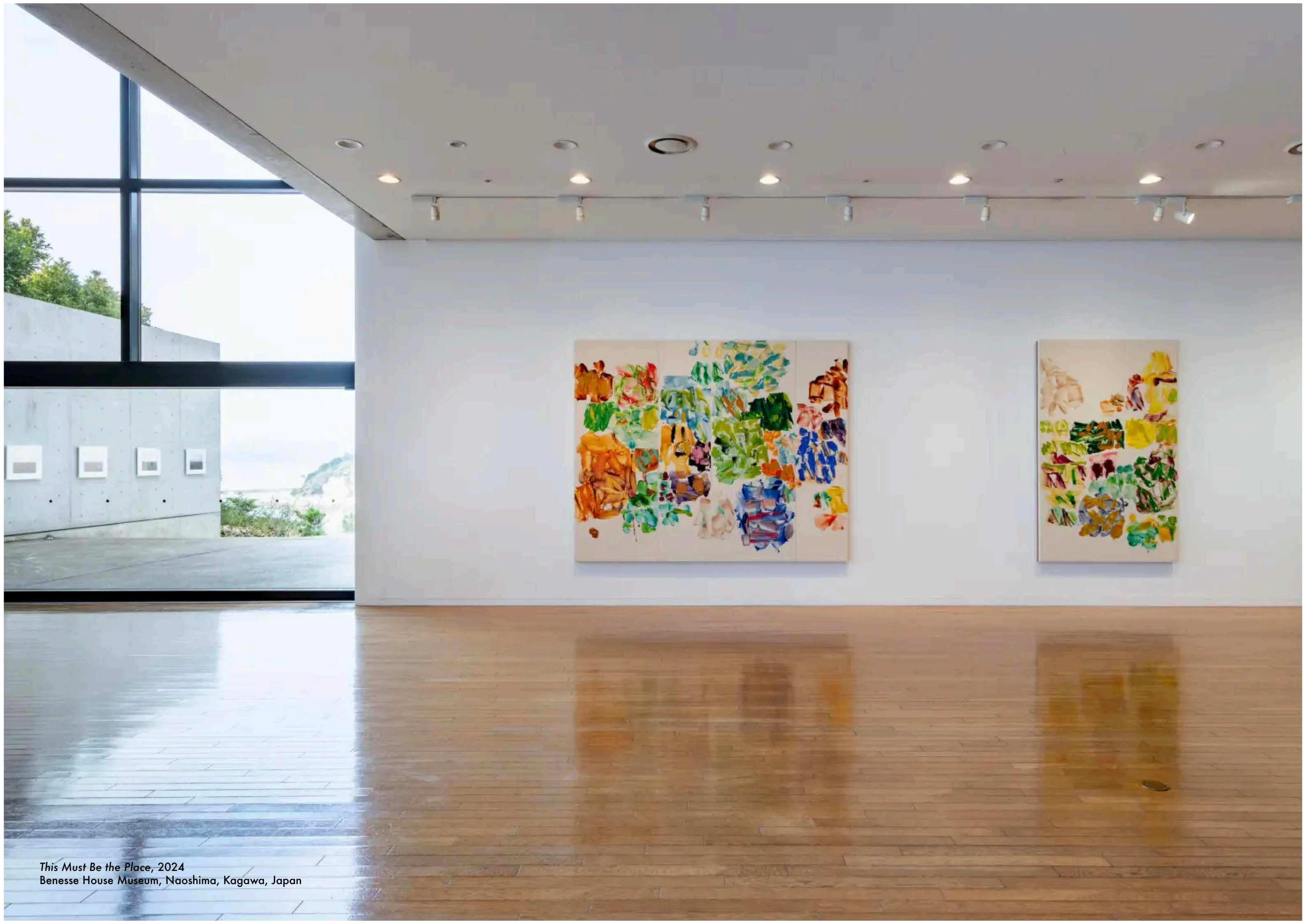
Time Unfolding Here, 2025  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan





*Mettere a Nudo / Aeon Muttered, 2024*  
galerie frank elbaz, Paris, France





*This Must Be the Place, 2024*  
Benesse House Museum, Naoshima, Kagawa, Japan



Two rectangle tableaus with the same aspect ratio, one of which is rotated 90 degrees, are connected. T-SHAPE is created with just this operation.

Hang a tableau on a wall, which automatically has an up-and-down direction. However, if the tableau were hung on the ceiling, no up-and-down direction would be created in this tableau. That is, the four sides of the ceiling painting do not have an up-down distinction.

What is the difference between a tableau hung on a wall and a tableau on the ceiling? It is the body of the person looking at it and the direction of the gravity that restrains the viewer's body that determines the up and down direction of the tableau (as opposed to that up and down order treated as inherent to the tableau).

In short, if our body were in a zero gravity space (whether the tableau is on a wall or a ceiling), it would lose its up and down order.



Kenjiro Okazaki  
*The startled moths scurry around the flickering candles.  
With their long eyebrows furrowed, silently, they passed from flower to flower of weeping autumn grasses, Tartarian aster,  
Gooseneck loosestrife, and Eastern valerian. I saw them as more noble than all the stars in the heavens, eternally circling  
from east to west. Two hinges align like peacocks' tail feathers in full bloom. An intricate layer is worn by cowrie, a night of  
rainbow ripples. cella-na and spider conch, saucer scallop, the lucky child. Crimson morning sun, pale yellow moon. The  
noble father, cradled by the poised mother, rests in the southern sea., 2023*  
Acrylic on canvas  
208 x 117 cm (81 7/8 x 46 1/8 in.)  
OKA2023-3327





In principle, 3-dimensional space can consist of at least two planes.

When there are two planes, the only clue to spatial orientation will be the relationship between the two planes. The observer comprehends=constructs, and positions themselves in space according to the relationship between the two planes. Then, they define their point of view.

When two identical planes are connected, but one has a 90° turn, the two planes will not be observed to follow the same spatial order. The observer comprehends=constructs, and positions themselves in space according to the relationship between the two planes. Then, they define their point of view. (It is routine on the film screen for the observer to vary their spatial position to the same plane.)

If one is a floor, one is a wall

If one is a ceiling, one is a wall

If one is a wall, one is a ceiling

The line of sight changes its spatial orientation each time it moves between the two planes.

Even though the two planes are juxtaposed on the same plane (the wall), they are understood as two planes with different dimensions (e.g., three dimensions); suggested by the open hinge connecting the two planes, we apprehend and construct a space of composite dimensions.

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*Many footprints lead into the cave, and none come out. The path to the cave is clear, but the path out is obscured. How do visitors find their way out? The old lion, his teeth and claws worn, not as easy to get food as in his younger days, pretended that he was sick and waited in his cave for visitors., 2023*

Acrylic on canvas

164 x 91 cm (64 5/8 x 35 7/8 in.)

OKA2023-3379





Kenjiro Okazaki, Retrospective Strata, 2020  
Exhibition view, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Tokyo





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クルは道に迷ってしまった。どちらを向いても荒っぽい岩山ばかり。ひもじくて水が飲みたくて(カツテモ老人が水ヲ飲ミタクテ若イトキノ島ニ来タママ五十年モ井戸ヲ見守ッタトイウ)、クルは疲れ、うたた寝をする。その間に井戸から水、誰も見ていないけれど、落葉が濡れている。茨の生えたところには薔薇が。不毛の荒地には蜜蜂、危険な道にも草木、断崖には川が流れ、正しきヒトは怒りの声をあげる。痩せ土からも泉は湧く。Kur lost his way. Jagged mountains in all directions. Hungry and thirsty, (like the elderly man who came to this island searching for a drink of water as a young man and ended up staying for 50 years, looking after the well) Kur grew tired and snoozed. Meanwhile, water from the well, though no one watched, wet the fallen leaves. Roses where the bramble grew. Honey bees on barren wasteland, vegetation along dangerous paths, rivers below cliffs, and righteous humans raise their angry voice. And the spring flows out of infertile soil., 2019

Acrylic on canvas

160 x 260 x 6,7 cm (63 x 102 3/8 x 2 5/8 in.)



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"一人でいるときは裸で過ごした。「ここには魚がいっぱいいるんです、たぶん」。自分自身を含め人間の姿などしばらく見ていない。多孔質の皮膚を剥き出しにした岩場まで泳いだ。見えるものすべてが裸だった。世界そして海とは仏陀の裸の体なのだ。私たち魚はその体に包まれている。When I was alone, I spent most of my time naked. ""There's a lot of fish here, I guess"" For a while, I hadn't seen anyone, including myself. I swam to the rocks, which are bared porous skin. Everything I saw was naked. The world's oceans were the Buddha's naked body as it was, and we fish were wrapped in his body.", 2021

Acrylic on canvas

210 x 130 cm (82 5/8 x 51 1/8 in.)



Kenjiro Okazaki

A small boat floats like leaves on the water. Ravens in the sky, crows descending to catch food on the shore. The fish dance and sparkle on the crests of the waves, again and again. When the wind blows a little, you can see the patterns of the waves. The sun is setting, the mountains are purple, and Awaji Island is nowhere to be seen. 木葉のよう小舟みだれ浮かぶ。空にはどこに帰るか鴉、渚に餌を捕ろうと降りたつ鶇。満汐の波頭にきらきら光る踊る魚、幾たびも。風いささか吹けば波の綾も見極められ。日が暮れ繞る山は紫、さすがに淡路島は見えず。 , 2023

Acrylic on canvas

160 x 130 cm (63 x 51 1/8 in.)





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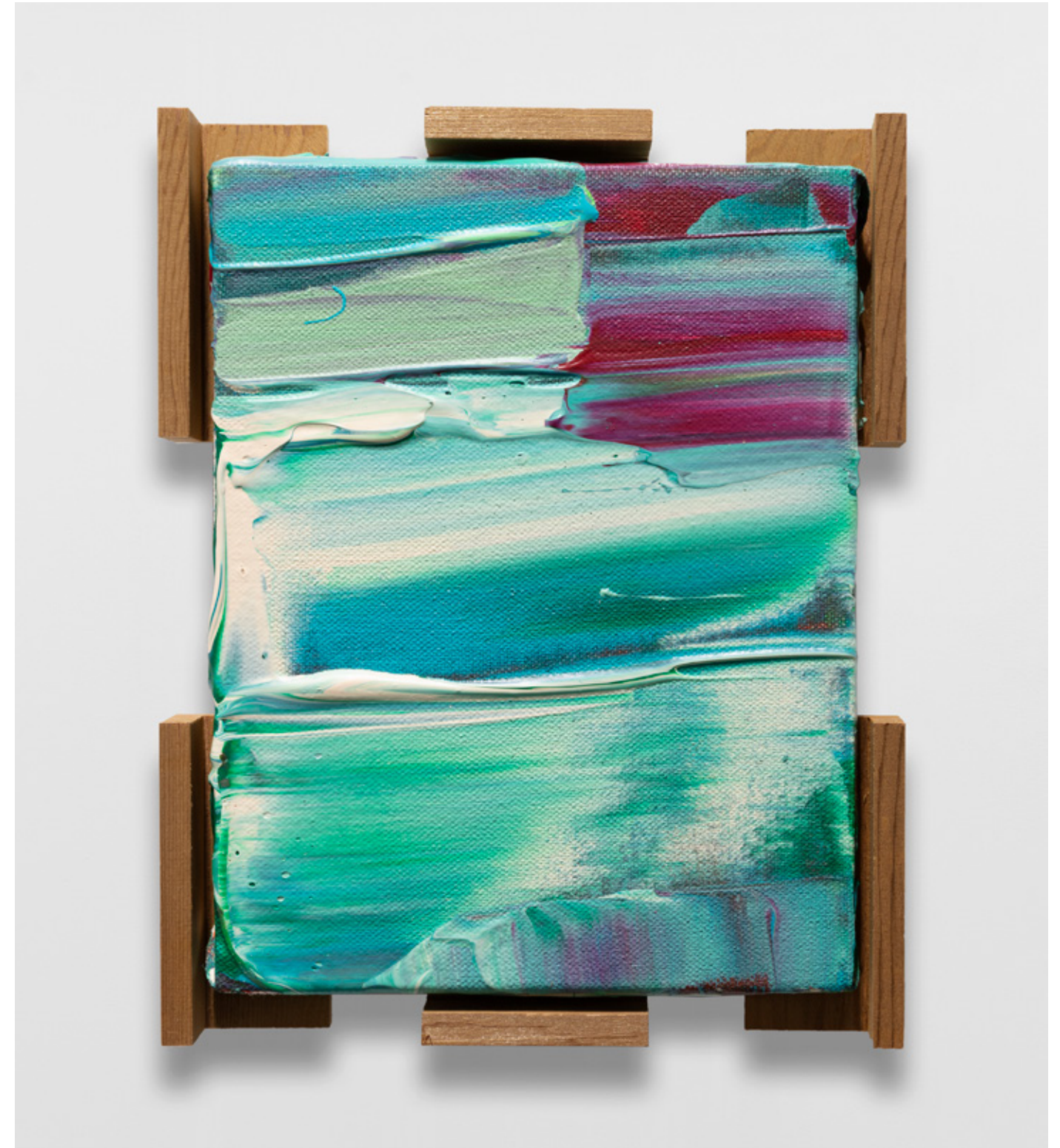


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*TOPICA PICTUS* is a suite of abstract paintings, each paired with a short essay and reference image(s), which function as key components to provide multi-layered experiences to audiences.

In this ongoing series that now comprises over 150 works since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the works were made in response to the unprecedented condition of isolated co-existence, the suspension of time and space, and the perceived loss of tactile or concrete experience, which has significantly impacted our social reality. For the artist, this condition has provided the "possibility of going everywhere because we cannot go anywhere," an opportunity to go on a solitary journey. In the process of making these paintings, Okazaki finds that the multitude of issues that historically face painting is akin to the discovery of a place. Namely, each painting confronts a unique issue and allows for a unique topos (place) to emerge. The term *topica* in *TOPICA PICTUS* is derived from Aristotle's *Ars Topica* (The Topics) on the art of the dialectic, and is associated with *topos*, which indicates a place. In the course of his work, Okazaki recalled not only art historical objects such as African masks, decorative and colored manuscripts, Kamakura-era picture scrolls, Momoyama-era Japanese paintings, Renaissance, Impressionist, and Modernist art, but also medieval maps, images of Dumbo, Pearl Harbor, and Google Earth.



Kenjiro Okazaki  
*Because the Jewels in Their Fore-Paws Shone Like Lamps, the Island Was Bright as Day / Bulkiya's Forepaws (left)*, 2023  
Acrylic on canvas  
20,1 x 16,6 x 3 cm (7 7/8 x 6 1/2 x 1 1/8 in.)  
OKA2023-3376



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From March to June 2020, Okazaki sheltered himself in his studio, producing over 150 works during this period of intense concentration. The *TOPICA PICTUS* series pushes the concept of the Zero Thumbnail series to a new level. The unprecedented motifs, titles, and bold compositions of these new works are full of surprises and discoveries to stimulate us to think afresh from various perspectives.

The work presented in the exhibition are acrylics on canvas in distinctive artist frames. Each is accompanied by an explanatory leaflet: a dedicated essay describing a topic, a feeling, or a framework of thought, shown alongside visuals of artworks the artist believes were created from the same problematic.

Kenjiro OKAZAKI  
*The Monkey Mind and The Idea Horse / 壁観*, 2020  
Acrylic on canvas  
25 x 18 x 3 cm (9 7/8 x 7 1/8 x 1 1/8 in.)  
OKA2020-2556



Le mur regarde de mon côté. Et ce qui est regardé par le mur, pour l'instant, c'est bien moi. Pourtant, si l'on considère que ce moi est ce mur, moi qui regarde le mur, je ne suis pas là. Ce qui est là, c'est seulement le mur. Il s'y trouve peut-être un moucheron qui s'est posé, ou bien un scolopendre qui avance, ou encore des gouttes de pluie qui s'écoulent. Il se peut aussi que le mur vacille du fait d'un tremblement de terre, que quelqu'un tende l'oreille vers un son en se tournant vers le mur. Pour finir, il est possible qu'un être humain apparaisse et regarde fixement ce mur.

Sur le corps en apparence immobile et silencieux du mur, de tels événements peuvent se produire. La conscience de ce mur est peut-être pareille à un insecte se déplaçant sur ce mur. Pour prendre un exemple, quand on parle face à un mur, celui-ci réfléchit le son émis. Ou bien encore, lorsqu'au crépuscule le jour illumine l'ouest, l'ombre projetée de la végétation oscille à la surface du mur. Dans la mesure où ce mur fait partie du monde, il n'est pas possible que rien n'y entre. Et si l'on s'approche de ce rien, le mur devient au contraire apte à tout recevoir, il n'est plus une

simple surface plane dans laquelle rien ne peut pénétrer. Le paradoxe de la méditation, c'est que si on médite au point de se transformer en miroir, ce miroir peut devenir le réceptacle de l'univers tout entier : il est agité comme la terre de la Création, et il se peut qu'il se mette à trépider. Animé du *shin'en iba*, le Roi Singe bondit ça et là, et le Lièvre rouge (un cheval à la crinière rouge, agile comme un lapin) court en tous sens. Le mur en tant que tel est le substrat de notre esprit (en langage freudien, le « ça »).

Plus de la moitié des toiles peintes par Le Caravage au soir de sa vie mettent en scène un mur rouge sombre devant lequel toutes sortes d'événements tragiques se déroulent. Le mur les observe, et tout en les recueillant, demeure inchangé. Cette impassibilité du mur, qui observe et reçoit tout, fait écho à un épisode sinistre : derrière Daruma qui médite face au mur (au point de devenir littéralement mur lui-même), Eka, qui s'est amputé d'un bras, cherche à attirer l'attention de Daruma dont il souhaite devenir le disciple. Ce que Caravage a tenté de peindre, c'est peut-être ceci : le mur, sans cesse passif, nous provoque.

→  
Edgar Degas  
*La Coiffure*  
ca 1896  
National Gallery, Londres

↘  
Le Caravage  
*L'enterrement de Sainte Lucie*  
1608  
Eglise Santa Lucia alla Badia,  
Syracuse, Sicile

L'accusant d'être chrétienne, des soldats emmenèrent de force Lucie, mais même attelée à de nombreux bœufs et soumise au supplice de l'écartèlement, elle restait fermement debout, aussi immobile qu'une montagne. Elle fut finalement mise à mort par un coup de poignard dans la gorge. A l'époque où Le Caravage peint ce récit relatant le martyre de Lucie, dont les yeux furent arrachés sans pour autant perdre la vue, il était très populaire. Telle était sainte Lucie, immuable telle une montagne et dotée de la vue même après avoir perdu ses yeux. Le Caravage la dépeint dans une attitude inébranlable tandis qu'on la porte en terre.



岡崎乾二郎  
Kenjiro Okazaki  
—  
The Monkey Mind and the Idea Horse /  
壁観  
L'esprit de singe et l'Idée de cheval /  
Contempler le mur  
—  
2020  
アクリリック・キャンバス  
acrylique sur toile  
25,0 × 18,0 × 3,0 cm

TOPICA PICTUS  
rue de turenne





Kenjiro Okazaki, TOPICA PICTUS / Rue de Turenne, 2021  
Exhibition view, galerie frank elbaz, Paris  
Photo: Claire Dorn





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Kenjiro Okazaki  
*The Lamb Who Is the Lamb/ECCE AGNUS DEI QUI TOLLIT PECCATA MUNDI/The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it*, 2021  
Acrylic on canvas  
25,4 x 18 x 3 cm (10 x 7 1/8 x 1 1/8 in.)  
OKA2021-2736



Van Eyck  
*The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (Ghent Altarpiece)*, c1432 Saint Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium





Vincent Van Gogh  
*The Yellow House (The Street)*, 1888  
 Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam



Kenjiro Okazaki  
 カタクナな人、カタクに帰る/ヨシャ、ゴシャ、ロクシャ *Stubborn Person, Returning to the Burning house / Carts pulled by goats, Carts pulled by deer, Carts pulled by oxen*, 2021  
 Acrylic on canvas  
 20,5 x 16,5 x 2,9 cm (8 1/8 x 6 1/2 x 1 1/8 in.)  
 OKA2021-2715



Kenjiro Okazaki's relief works were first presented individually in 1981, and later developed into a series between 1987 and 1989. Although the series of reliefs may appear as an iteration of the same shape, the impression felt when seeing each work becomes detached from the shape that is understood as being the same, displaying instead a unique appearance and evoking a memory of a distinct place. Such discrepancy between what is recalled and what is actually seen is a characteristic that all of Okazaki's works share. It gives rise to a strange feeling that different times and places that are supposed to be distant from one another nonetheless have emerged instantaneously right here and right now as we watch.



Kenjiro Okazaki  
おかちまち E-3 *Okachimachi E-3*, 2021  
Acrylic, pigment, polypropylene, polyethylene  
27,5 x 25 x 11,5 cm (10 7/8 x 9 7/8 x 4 1/2 in.)  
OKA1987/2021-2730



Kenjiro Okazaki  
おかちまち E-2 *Okachimachi E-2*, 2021  
Acrylic, pigment, polypropylene, polyethylene  
27,5 x 25 x 11,5 cm (10 7/8 x 9 7/8 x 4 1/2 in.)  
OKA1987/2021-2729







Kenjiro Okazaki, Retrospective Strata, 2020  
Exhibition view, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Tokyo



This series of drawings was created by Kenjiro Okazaki using a T.T.T. Bot (Turning Table Tripod Robot) developed by the artist in collaboration with robotics engineer Katsuyoshi Tsujita. The T.T.T. Bot is a rotating table tripod robot that allows the artist to re-live a painting process by simply touching the board with a pinpoint, without moving his hand as the board itself moves.

First, Okazaki draws an invisible picture on the board with his finger, and records its exact movements, which the board then reverses and reproduces. The artist's brush strokes, speed, angle, and pressure are precisely recorded, and all are completely reversed and recreated as the movement of the board.

Then, Okazaki himself touches the board with his brush and generates the image.

The artist can feel the minute movements of this moving board by just only touching it at a single point. The slight reaction that inevitably occurs at this point creates the touch of the brush. As long as the paintbrush does not touch the board, it only moves and does not produce any visual image.

These drawings are a collaboration between the artist and his past self, incarnated by the moving drawing board robot. Through this technique a painter can collaborate with past masters, but also with his past self.



Filmstill from *T.T.T.Bot (Turning Table Tripod Robot)*, 2015  
Collection of the Artist.





Kenjiro Okazaki,  
T.A.O.I.N.S.H.R.D.L / COME HEAR AT ONCE, 2019  
Acrylic on paper  
78 x 54 cm (30 3/4 x 21 1/4 in.)  
TOPICA PICTUS / Rue de Turenne, 2021  
Exhibition view, galerie frank elbaz, Paris  
Photo: Claire Dorn





Kenjiro Okazaki  
 Make subservient like SHINFUKU  
 The barbarians of JIUKIYAU, 2000  
 Ceramic  
 39,5 × 40.5 × 30 cm



Kenjiro Okazaki  
 When I cut off the earth's branches against Tae-min and Tami, and cut off  
 the earth's branches against Batsusai, 2000  
 Ceramic  
 35.5×81×41cm





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## **Kenjiro Okazaki**

Born in 1955 in Tokyo, Japan. Lives and works in Tokyo.

### **Solo exhibitions**

- 2025 *Kenjiro Okazaki*, Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo (MOT), Tokyo, Japan
- 2024 *Mettere a nudo / Aeon Muttered*, galerie frank elbaz, Paris, France  
*Form at Now and Later 形而の而今而後*, Pace, Seoul, Korea  
*Kenjiro Okazaki: Kunitsukami as Chthonius*, Yu-un, Tokyo, Japan  
*This Must Be the Place*, Benesse House Museum, Naoshima, Japan
- 2023 *Kenjiro Okazaki: One Passed Over Head*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2022 *TOPICA PICTUS Revisited: Forty Red, White, And Blue Shoestrings and a Thousand Telephones*, Blum and Poe, Tokyo, Japan
- 2021 *TOPICA PICTUS/La Cienega*, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, USA  
*TOPICA PICTUS/Rue de Turenne*, galerie frank elbaz, Paris, France
- 2020 *TOPICA PICTUS* きょうばし, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*TOPICA PICTUS Tennoz*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
岡崎乾二郎 *TOPICA PICTUS* こざかほんまち, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Aichi, Japan  
*Kenjiro Okazaki | A Decade or So Ago · As Tears Go By*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*TOPICA PICTUS* たけばし, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 2019 *Kenjiro Okazaki – Retrospective Strata*, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Aichi, Japan  
おかざき乾じろ 『ねこかしら』 ドローイング展, Seikosha, Kyoto, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*PEAKES | Kenjiro Okazaki, yang02*, Chuo Honsen Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2018 *Kenjiro Okazaki*, Galleria Finarte, Nagoya, Japan
- 2017 *The Insight of Kenjiro Okazaki—Abstract Art as Impact: How Abstract Arts Can Become Concrete Tools*, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Japan  
*“Things” never die. It only changes its form. Kenjiro Okazaki paintings, A-things*, Tokyo, Japan



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- 2016 *Kenjiro Okazaki*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*Kenjiro Okazaki*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*POST / UMUM = OCT / OPUS*, Kazenosawa Museum, Miyagi, Japan
- 2015 *Kenjiro Okazaki*, Galleria Finarte, Nagoya, Japan
- 2014 *みだるるみだるるながきかみ ちいさきちょうとちいさきはな篇*,  
nowaki, Kyoto, Japan  
*B-things and C-things@A-things*, A-things, Tokyo, Japan  
*Hand painted Ceramic Tile / Painting*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo,  
Japan
- 2011 *Solo exhibition*, Galleria Finarte, Nagoya, Japan
- 2010 *Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 *MOT Collection "Special feature: Kenjiro Okazaki"*, Museum of  
Contemporary Art Tokyo, Tokyo  
*Solo exhibition*, Galleria Finarte, Nagoya, Japan
- 2008 *Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo
- 2007 *ZERO THUMBNAIL*, A-things, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 *Solo exhibition*, Eugene Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 *Painting*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004 *Solo exhibition*, GALLERY OBJECTIVE CORRELATIVE, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 *Solo exhibition*, Sezon Art Program Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Art Today 2002*, Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nakakaruizawa,  
Nagano, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Eugene Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2000 *Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 *Solo exhibition*, Eugene Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 *ART SPHERE HAIZUKA'98*, 黒目スタジオ, Soryo, Hiroshima, Japan
- 1996 *Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1995 *Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, T3 Collection Gallery, Tokyo
- 1994 *ART SCOPE'94*, Spiral, Tokyo, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Musée des Beaux-Arts d'Agen, Agen, France
- 1992 *Solo exhibition*, OXY Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery SOKO, Tokyo, Japan
- 1991 *Solo exhibition*, Hillside Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*THE NINETIES Vol.23*, GALLERY KOBAYASHI, Tokyo, Japan



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- 1990 *現代彫刻の歩み*, Kanagawa Kenmin Hall Gallery, Yokohama, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Ten Gallery, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1989 *Toki no Katachi*, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1988 *Solo exhibition*, Hillside Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1987 *Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Gallery Takumi, Okinawa, Japan
- 1986 *Solo exhibition*, Nantenshi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1985 *Solo exhibition*, ANDO Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1984 *Solo exhibition*, Ochanomizu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*空間の詩学——文節と統合*, R Gallery, Kyoto, Japan  
*Solo exhibition*, Studio 4F ROOF, Tokyo, Japan
- 1982 *Solo exhibition*, Galerie Medianne Elko, Paris, France  
*Solo exhibition*, Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1981 *building through construction*, Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

## **Group exhibitions**

- 2024 *A Personal View of Japanese Contemporary Art: Takahashi Ryutaro Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo  
*Thirty Years: Written with a Splash of Blood*, Blum, Los Angeles, USA  
*8th Yokohama Triennale "Wild Grass: Our Lives"*, BankART KAIKO, Yokohama, Japan
- 2023 *Borrowed Landscapes*, Blum & Poe, Tokyo, Japan  
*Collection: Small Things - Space/Cats*, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Toyota, Japan
- 2022 *Mitaka City Gallery of Art Collection III*, Mitaka City Gallery of Art, Tokyo
- 2021 *BLUM & POE at COCON KARASUMA 301*, COCON KARASUMA, Kyoto  
*Waves and Echoes Postmodernism Global 1980s*, Inside-Out Art Museum, Beijing  
*Mountains Carrying Suns*, Blum & Poe, Tokyo
- 2020 *5,471 miles*, Blum & Poe, Tokyo, Japan



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- 2019 *Drawing: Manner*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*Parergon: Japanese Art of the 1980s and 1990s*, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, California, USA  
*Abstraction in Asia: from 1960 to nowadays*, Vazieux - Art Gallery Paris, France  
*This Must Be the Place* (きつとここが帰る場所) = 鄙ぶり — 岡崎乾二郎  
新作とベネッセアートサイト直島—, Benesse House Museum BF, Naoshima, Kagawa, Japan  
*PEAKES | Kenjiro Okazaki, yang02*, Chuo Honsen Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2018 *The Myriad Forms of Visual Art: 196 Works with 19 Themes*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
*Bubblewrap*, Contemporary Art Museum, Kumamoto, Kumamoto, Japan  
*Starting Points: Japanese Art of the '80s*, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan  
*Physica—自然哲学としての芸術原理*, GALERIE OMOTESANDO, Tokyo, Japan
- 2017 *Art Basel Miami Beach 2017*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami beach, Florida, USA  
*カイダンの女*, nowaki, Kyoto, Japan  
*Art Stage Singapore 2017*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, MARINA BAY SANDS, Singapore
- 2015 *TAKAMATSU MEDIA ART FESTIVAL "The Medium of the Spirit"*, Hiunkaku, Tamamo Park, Kagawa, Japan  
*Shunsuke Imai, Kenjiro Okazaki, Enrico Isamu Ōyama*, Takuro Someya Contemporary Art, Tokyo
- 2014 *BankART Life IV: Dreams of East Asia*, BankART1929, Yokohama, Japan  
*DOMMUNE University of the Arts*, 3331 Arts Chiyoda, Tokyo, Japan  
*Whenever Wherever Festival 2014*, MORISHITA STUDIO, Tokyo  
*Shintaro Tanaka, Kenjiro Okazaki, Kodai Nakahara : Articulating Form*, BankART Studio NYK, Yokohama, Japan  
*Mud and Jelly*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 *Et in Arcadia Ego, The Hidden Place Called "Sculpture"*, Musashino Art University Museum, Tokyo
- 2011 *Siding railroad 2011: Tokorozawa biennial of contemporary art*, 旧所沢市立第2学校給食センター, Saitama, Japan
- 2009 *Whenever Wherever Festival 2009*, MORISHITA STUDIO, Tokyo, Japan  
*Phirosophiae naturalis principia artificiosa*, TOKYO ART MUSEUM, Tokyo, Japan
- 2008 *I love my robots*, Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota East Bank Campus, Minneapolis, USA  
*I love my robots*, De Singel, Antwerp, Belgium  
*I love my robots*, Joyce Theater, New York, USA



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- 2007 *Europera 5*, Suntory Hall (Small Hall), Tokyo, Japan  
*Montpellier Dance Festival*, Corum Theatre, Montpellier, France  
*Kenjiro Okazaki and Hisao Matsuura*, Galleria Finarte, Nagano, Japan  
*Painting as Forest: Artist as Thinker*, Okazaki City Mindscape Museum, Aichi, Japan  
*I love my robots*, Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA  
*I love my robots*, Alexander Kasser Theater, Montclair State University, New Jersey, USA
- 2005 *BankART Life 24時間のホスピタリティー ～展覧会場で泊まれるか？～*, BankART1929, Yokohama, Japan  
*Kenjiro Okazaki and Hisao Matsuura*, Galleria Finarte, Nagoya, Japan  
*現在美術の手法 (7) 創造のさなかに展*, Nerima Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004 *Straight no chaser*, Ningyo-cho Vision's, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 *12 YEARS OF ART SCOPE: Reflections on Artist in Residence*, Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 *La Biennale di Venezia, 8th International Architecture Exhibition*, Japan Pavilion, Venezia, Italy  
*Cyclical art site*, OITA ART MUSEUM, Oita, Japan,
- 2001 文化庁主催 第35回現代美術選抜展, 大垣市スイトピアセンターアートギャラリー、他, Gifu, etc  
*Kenjiro Okazaki x Syuji Okada*, Kyoto Art Center, Kyoto, Japan  
*Dialogue 2001 バンフ・レジデンシーの作家たち*, Embassy of Canada Prince Takamado Gallery, Tokyo
- 2000 *さまざまな眼112 ジュリオ・ロマーノもまた、才能がある。*, IBM-KawasakiCity Gallery, Kawasaki, Japan
- 1999 *作品ホームステイ (アーツフィア灰塚'99)*, Mirasaka, Soryo, Kisa, Hiroshima, Japan  
*SURFACE*, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Banff, Canada
- 1998 *Fast Forward to 2000—ACC奨学金授与芸術家の近作展*, フィリピン文化センター, マニラ (フィリピン)
- 1997 *The 9th Triennale of India*, Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art), New Delhi, India  
*庭園の会話*, Bumpodo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Art Today 1997: Opera Aperta*, Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nakakaruizawa, Nagano, Japan  
*岡崎乾二郎／松浦寿夫展*, Eugene Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Yumeooka Art Project*, Yumeooka building, Yokohama, Japan  
*The Mirage City: Another Utopia*, NTT Inter Communication Center [ICC], Tokyo, Japan  
*Each Artist Each Moment 1997*, Gallery GAN, Tokyo, Japan



- 1996 *PROTEAN ARTISTS OF THE TIMES*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
*Hiroshima Prefectural University Library*, Hiroshima Prefectural University, Hiroshima, Japan  
*写楽再見：200年の時空を超えて*, 国際交流フォーラム, Tokyo, Japan  
*Kume Sekkei Co., Ltd. head-office building*, Kume Sekkei Co., Ltd. head-office building, Tokyo, Japan  
*Hotel Kinokonomori*, Hotel Kinokonomori, Kiryu-shi, Gunma, Japan  
*日本の現代美術50人展*, Navio museum of art, Osaka, Japan
- 1995 *on the Web -The Museum Inside The Network-*, NTT Inter Communication Center [ICC], Tokyo, Japan  
*Allegory of seeing 1995: painting and sculpture in contemporary Japan*, Sezon Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*第6回小さな彫刻トリエンナーレ*, シュドウウエスト・LB・フォーラム, Stuttgart, Germany  
*小さな彫刻・素描の彫刻*, Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*ドローイング展*, Hillside Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Japanese Art after 1945: Scream against the sky*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California, USA  
*戦後文化の軌跡 1945-1995*, Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan  
*Niigata Engineering Co.,Ltd head-office building*, Niigata Engineering Co.,Ltd head-office building, Tokyo, Japan  
*Casting Art'95*, T3 Collection Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*The 4th NICA International Contemporary Art Festival, Japan*, PACIFICO Yokohama, Yokohama, Japan
- 1994 *第13回平行芸術展 全面展開期の絵画——レトリックの一擲*, ESPACE OHARA, Tokyo, Japan  
*Faret Tachikawa Art Project*, Faret Tachikawa, Tachikawa, Tokyo, Japan  
*Japanese Art after 1945: Scream against the sky*, The Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA  
*Mercedes-Benz Japan Art Scope '94*, Monflanquin, France  
*Open Air'94 OUT OF BOUNDS*, Benesse House Naoshima Contemporary Art Museum, Naoshima, Kagawa, Japan  
*ドローイング展*, Hillside Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Critical Quest Japan*, Spiral, Tokyo, Japan  
*VOCA'94 THE VISION OF CONTEMPORARY ART*, The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*CAPUT MORTUUM 2*, Aichi Arts Center, Nagoya, Japan  
*Of the human condition: hope and despair at the end of the century*, Spiral, Tokyo, Japan
- 1993 *Random Accident Memory*, The Miyagi Museum of Art, Miyagi, Japan  
*Exchange 2*, Shedhalle, Zurich, Switzerland  
*ARTLAB "Open Collaboration" Exhibition: "PSYCHOSCAPE"*, O Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan



- Samazamana Me 50—Standard Discrimination Standards*, IBM-KawasakiCity Gallery, Kawasaki, Japan
- 1992 公開制作「映像」, The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan  
*Triangle Artists' Workshop*, Pine Plains, New York, USA  
*Bulbous Plants: Kenjiro Okazaki, Yoshinori Tsuda (Reinstalled)*, Naruse Mutara Gallery, Tokyo
- 1991 *Japan Art Today——現代日本美術の多様展*, Sezon Museum of Modern Art, Nakakaruizawa, Nagano, Japan  
*表現のためのワークショップ Bulbous Plants: Kenjiro Okazaki・Yoshinori Tsuda*, The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan  
*Japan Art Today: Elusive Perspectives/Changing Visions*, Kulturhuset Stadsteatern, Stockholm, Sweden  
*差異の現在展*, Soh Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Bulbous Plants: Kenjiro Okazaki and Yoshinori Tsuda*, Naruse Mutara Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*90年代のアート・シーン——ネオ・モダニズムの4元素*, NAMBA CITY HALL, Osaka, Japan  
*ねりまの美術'91——彫刻の現在*, Nerima Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1990 『THE EIGHTIES』出版記念展, GALLERY KOBAYASHI, Tokyo, Japan  
*Museum City Tenjin*, Tenjin area, Fukuoka, Japan
- 1989 *Europalia'89 – Contemporary Japanese Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Ghent, Gent, Belgium  
*抽象彫刻の旗手たち*, Fukushima Prefectural Museum of Art, Fukushima, Japan  
*'89 ふくやま彫刻プロジェクト*, Shinichicho, Fukuyama, Hiroshima  
*プリント、ドローイング、ペーパーワーク・ビエンナーレ*, Langage Plus Gallery, Quebec, Canada  
*幻の山村コレクション展*, The Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Hyogo, Japan  
*ねりまの美術'89*, Nerima Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1988 *現代日本美術の動勢——絵画 Part II*, The Museum of Modern Art, Toyama, Toyama, Japan  
*俳句・イン・ドローイング展*, Gallery GEN, Tokyo, Japan  
*TAMA VIVANT'88 ——現代美術の6不思議 世界の模型*, THE SEED HALL, Tokyo, Japan  
*手で見える美術展*, Yurakucho Art Forum, Tokyo, Japan  
*The 4th International Drawing Triennale*, Kunsthalle Nuremberg, Nuremberg, Germany  
*8 Drawings*, Kodama Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
*IN・SPIRATION ——Lighting Design Exhibition*, AXIS Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*New Year New Arts'88*, Moris Gallery, Tokyo, Japan



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- 1987 *ART TODAY 1987*——趣味の社会への平手打ち , Karuizawa Takanawa Art Museum, Nagano, Japan  
もの派とポストもの派の展開 ——1969年以降の日本の美術展, The Seibu Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1986 *現代日本の美術3*——戦後生まれの作家たち, The Miyagi Museum of Art, Miyagi, Japan  
*Monologue/Dialogue*, Nabis Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*五つの表現*, Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1985 *85' Contemporary Art, Yamaguchi*——迂回のパッサージュ, Yamaguchi Prefectural Art Museum, Yamaguchi, Japan
- 1984 *Glass Art Akasaka*, Glass Art Akasaka, Tokyo, Japan  
*Art of Present -INTERNALIZED STRUCTURE 2*, Tokyo Central Museum, Tokyo
- 1983 *Artists Today'83-INTERNALIZED STRUCTURE*, Yokohama Civic Art Gallery, Yokohama, Japan  
現代日本美術の展望「立体造形」展, The Museum of Modern Art, Toyama, Toyama, Japan  
*2人展*, Gallery PARERGON, Tokyo  
*12e Biennale de Paris Selected Traveling Exhibition*, Helsinki, Oslo, etc.,
- 1982 *12e Biennale de Paris*, Musée d' Art Modern de la Ville de Paris, Paris, France  
*第2回平行芸術展*, 小原流会館, Tokyo, Japan  
*The front line of modern art'82 -STRATEGIES OF FIGURES-*, Gallery PARERGON, Tokyo, Japan
- 1981 *HARA ANNUAL II*, Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*Artists Today'81-THEME THE WALL*, Yokohama Civic Art Gallery, Yokohama, Japan  
*干渉地帯*, 画廊パレルゴン, Tokyo, Japan
- 1979 *Bゼミ展*, Yokohama Civic Art Gallery, Yokohama, Japan
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Iwaki City Art Museum  
Benesse Art Site Naoshima  
Okazaki City Art Museum  
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