

**Yuki Onodera “Parcours - Between pneumatic post and homing pigeon -”**

Duration : 11/2 (Sat.) - 12/8 (Sun.)

Opening Reception : 11/2 (Sat.) 6-8pm

Venue : WAITINGROOM (1F-2-14-2 Suido, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-0005, JAPAN)

\*We are open on Wed. to Sat. 12-7pm and Sun. 12-5pm

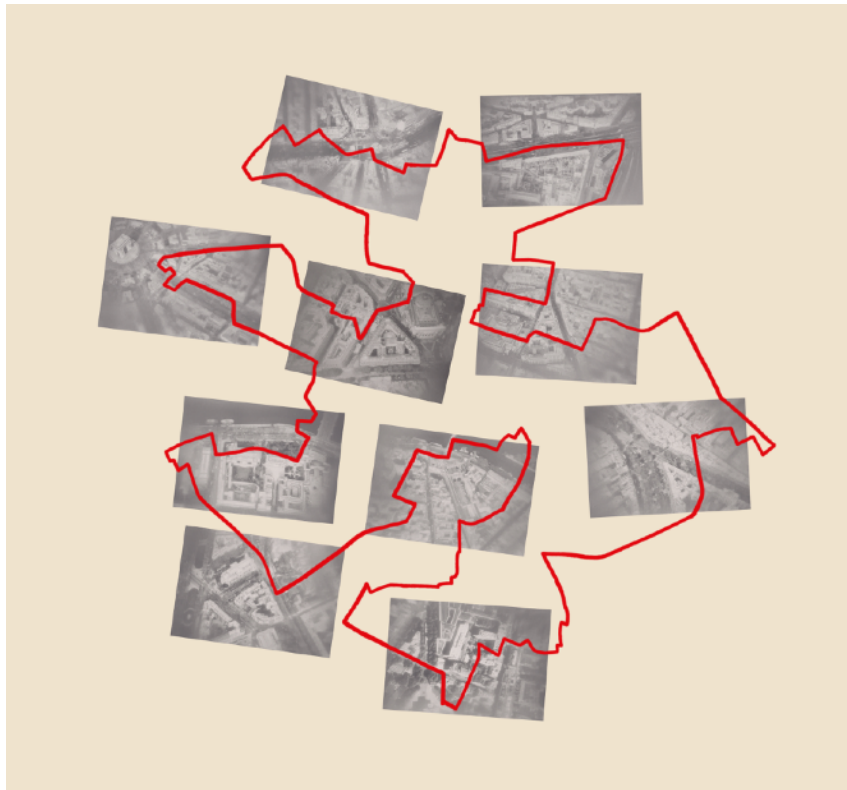
\*Closed on Mon., Tue. and National Holidays (11/23) \*Open on 11/3 (Sun.)

\*Artist will be present at the opening reception on 11/2, Sat. 6-8pm and the exhibition opens at noon before the reception.

\*During Art Week Tokyo 2024, the gallery will be open on November 7 (Thu), 8 (Fri) and 9 (Sat) from 10:00-19:00 and on November 10 (Sun) from 10:00-18:00.

WAITINGROOM (Tokyo) is pleased to welcome Paris-based Yuki Onodera as guest artist to present “Parcours - Between pneumatic post and homing pigeon,” her first solo exhibition with the gallery, from November 2 (Sat) to December 8 (Sun), 2024. This exhibition is a part of Art Week Tokyo 2024.

Inspired by the gallery’s location on the site of a former post office, Onodera’s new works are based on the themes of communication and the transmission of information, connecting the city of Paris where she lives to this gallery in Tokyo. These works were created in such a way that different spaces and time frames (past and present) overlap, with communication systems as the starting point. The exhibition will feature approximately 40 works on a wide variety of postal themes, ranging from large vertical prints over two meters in length to small, postcard-sized prints with stamps and postmarks, all connected by a single red line from the front of the gallery to a space further in the back.



Do pigeons fly on a full-scale map?, 2024, acrylic paint on gelatin silver print, 730 x 790 mm

**About the artist, Yuki Onodera**

Born in Tokyo, Yuki Onodera has maintained a studio in Paris since 1993, and continues to exhibit widely around the world.

While photography is her main medium, Onodera is an extremely conceptual artist who freely overcomes subjects and approaches considered to be taboo, such as putting marbles in her camera. She creates narrative worldviews based on various incidents and legends, while her unconventional and unique ideas have led her to create many original series of works. Onodera’s works, which include silver halide photographs measuring over two meters that she burned by herself and the application of oil paint to black-and-white photographs, are so marked with the traces of her hand that they undermine the concept of photography itself as a mechanical medium. Her experimental works created using all manner of approaches question the very nature of photography itself.

Her works are in the collections of the Centre Pompidou, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Shanghai Art Museum, the National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, the Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, and many other museums around the world. Major solo exhibitions have been held at the National Museum of Art, Osaka (2005), Shanghai Art Museum (2006), Tokyo Photographic Art Museum (2010), The Museum of Photography, Seoul (2010), and the Musée Nicéphore Niépce, France (2011).

## Artist Statement

The gallery WAITINGROOM occupies a site that used to be a post office (the former Bunkyo Suido Post Office), from which these new works emerged. Above the entrance is a sign that reads "Post Office." With a past like this, the venue was an entrance leading towards an imaginary fiction. The reality of this fact inspired me to jump into action, and I came up with the idea for a series of photographic works in which I would travel through time and space in Paris, the city where I live, with "postal" as the keyword.

Some of you may be familiar with the postal service based on pneumatic tubes that operated in Paris from 1868 to 1984. *La poste pneumatique*, a high-tech communication system of its time, was a physical mail network that ran through the ground beneath Paris, conceived to take some pressure off the electric telegraph system that had become overloaded. A letter written on paper is brought to the post office and handed to a postal worker, who would place it in a cylindrical capsule and throw it into a tube that would open up next to him. When the capsule descends underground, the pressure and vacuum forces it to run toward its destination at a breakneck speed of one kilometer per minute. Under our own feet, just beneath us, was this network of steel tubes. In other words, handwritten messages were physically flying around beneath the ground at all times, in this machine-like city.

Come to think of it, the purpose of life, without even waiting for DNA, is to transmit information and communicate, along with all of human activity since time immemorial.

The process of creating these works began with mapping.

I obtained a map of the network of former pneumatic postal stations and compared it to a present-day map of Paris. After tediously copying the lines connecting each base station, I created this chimera-like map of closed lines. These lines were part of a 37-kilometer long *parcours* (circuit) that would form the basis for these new works. The fantasy did not end with this underground pneumatic postal system, however. It also extended to communication itself. Shifting my gaze from the underground to the sky, the figure of the carrier pigeon appeared. My question was, do these pigeons fly with a life-sized map?

This time, I created a *parcours* of my own design and took photographs as I moved along it. I did not take tourist photos of Paris that deviate from this circuit. Neither did I want to make a realistic documentary of this act, however. Instead of taking pictures of one street or another, I used the scenery that revealed itself when I stood somewhere along the *parcours* as a kind of springboard. Sometimes, as in a novel, I found myself desiring transcendence so badly that the viewpoint of the subject suddenly became that of a bird, or an intricately entangled underground tube.



Pneumatic post (La poste pneumatique) Network



A labyrinth of metal pipes installed underground in Paris

This is why none of these works are straight photographs.

For example, in the darkroom, I would cut up the silver halide prints that I had made myself, and create a montage of multiple photographs by collaging them on a canvas. In the darkroom, I also used the photogram technique to burn an image of another dimension onto a print of a landscape. I attempted to make a *papier collé* (type of collage) using Baryta prints, and obtained two years' worth of the French scientific magazine *La Nature* from 1936 to 1938. These magazines, which filled one entire cardboard box, were crammed full of the high-tech information of the time. I cut out and collaged research papers, articles, advertisements, and other pages that I thought were interesting. It was a high-tech trip that took one back 88 years from the present. I added some surface texture in oil paint, as if to confirm the existence of these articles. Relief-like textures appeared on these photos. These "secondhand clothes" themselves, which were said to plasticize memory, were glued on top of the silver halide prints.

The first thing you see in the gallery is a *parcours* circuit painted with red lines and a collage of bird's-eye view photos that resemble "pigeon photography." The next work consists of photos of roadblocks, but it is the sky to which access is blocked. Of course, the sky is for the birds, not drones. There are two long and wide (250cm) vertical works, taken with particular attention paid to the top and bottom. These were taken at rue des Panoramas and rue Lhomond. The name "Panoramas" may recall Louis Daguerre, who was a panorama painter. Eugene Atget also took exactly the same photographs at this location in 1907 and 1913. In these prints, I applied a photogram to the ground to evoke an underground network, and a collage to the sky to trace the trajectory of a pigeon's flight.

In Paris, there are two places where the metro comes out of the underground and runs in midair (on elevated lines). I photographed the northern part (Boulevard de la Chapelle), which was built in 1900. By creating a montage of multiple photographs, the viewpoint shifts and the stable perspective collapses, revealing gaps in the image. The network of steel on the ground, with its strong presence that is neither underground nor in the sky, begins to waver.

In addition, about 30 small-sized silver halide prints will be on display. These photos were printed, sent out through the mail, and then returned to the artist. They are stamped and postmarked.

A red line has been drawn on the wall of the exhibition space to invite visitors to the space at the back. This line is meant to indicate another, suggested circuit. Following this line leads the visitor to a pigeon in flight on the last wall, and unpublished images from the "Birds" series created in 1994. Was I able to transplant even a small part of the *parcours* that originated from the underground postal network that used to exist in Paris, to this space formerly occupied by the Bunkyo Suido Post Office? It would be my pleasure to take you on a short trip to experience this tiny portion of space-time in Paris.

Yuki Onodera, Sept 12th, 2024

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## Expanding the ability to see, and its temptations

Text by Yuzu Murakami (assistant professor of visual arts, Akita University of Art)

When Félix Nadar took the world's first aerial photographs from a balloon in 1858, Parisians saw the city from above for the first time, thanks to photography. Today, at a time when aerial photography technology has become commonplace, it is difficult to really imagine the wonder and excitement felt by the people of Paris at the time. This decline in imagination is due in part to the fact that, alongside the development of flying technology, the camera has always served as an extension of the human eye, while people have always had a strong yearning to "see" beyond their own bodies.

In 1907, German Julius Neubronner invented the "pigeon camera" as an aerial photography technique. A camera with a timer was affixed to a lightweight aluminum harness that was then attached to a pigeon, which was allowed to fly around. Even today, cameras are attached to birds, marine creatures, and land animals to capture moving images for the purpose of studying animal life.

Looking back on the history of photography, the main field for this form of artistic expression was literally on the ground. In Japan, straight snapshots on the street have become a popular form of photographic expression, establishing themselves as legitimate. Even within this context, however, Yuki Onodera's practice has carved out its own niche. The works in "Parcours: Between Airmail and Carrier Pigeons" are not straight, even if their field is the street. Their objective is not to wander the streets on foot in search of encounters with their subjects. Neither do they seek to articulate a sense of the photographer's body in any way. Onodera's work is akin to a roller coaster ride: it guides and manipulates the gaze and consciousness of viewers as they float up into the sky before plummeting down to the depths of the Earth.

Speaking of roller coasters, seeing as how this gallery used to be a post office, I wanted to imagine what it would be like to experience the pneumatic postal system, one of the key elements of this work, not as a receiver or sender of such mail, but as a piece of mail itself. This is an experience that gives me an inexplicable sense of excitement while reaffirming the existence of my own body amid the violence of being swept away, which is also what I have experienced when viewing Onodera's previous works.

The photograms on the photographs of urban scenery presented in this exhibition usher the consciousness of the viewer into an underground space that is actually invisible to the eye. A photogram is a method of producing images with shadows by intentionally creating areas on the photographic paper that are not illuminated during the exposure of a silver halide print. The fact that this method of "not illuminating" causes the invisible pneumatic postal circuit hidden underground to appear on the image is something that bears a relationship to the nature of that underground network.

These works also incorporate an element of time travel, with unpublished images from Onodera's own past work, and collages from the French scientific magazine *La Nature*. Unlike animals, which move around in a limited field, such as the sky, layers of earth, or the sea, or other photographers who keep close to the ground in pursuit of the social conditions of the same era, Onodera seems to avoid being too grounded in a specific technique, style, or sense of contemporaneity.

Onodera herself often used to point out that her early body of work in particular was "all imbued with a sense of floating or levitation." According to her, "the fact that my subjects are suspended in midair is probably a reflection of my own attitude toward nomadic living. Being unstable is preferable and natural for me," and this sense of suspension can also be observed in these works.<sup>[1]</sup> However, Onodera's sense of floating is not something that can be described as soft or airy. Rather, it is the same kind of chilling, suspended feeling that one gets when riding a roller coaster, and all of one's organs seem to become exposed.

Through her creations, Onodera seems to be trying to fulfill the longing that humans have had for "seeing" beyond their own bodies since the beginning of the history of photography in a completely unique way. This series of work might be described in terms of experiencing an expansion of one's ability to see, with an insatiable appetite for that seeing, unconstrained not only by the human body, but also by time and space. Rather than achieving a complete and unobstructed view of the world, these works seduce the viewer by inflicting an intentional kind of damage on that image, and then compensating for it with imagination.

<sup>[1]</sup>Kazuyoshi Usui, Naruki Oshima, Yuki Onodera, Ken Kitano, Risaku Suzuki, Miki Nitadori, Yuji Hamada, *Photography? End? 7 Visions and 7 Photographic Experiences*, Magic Hour Edition, 2022, p.143



Pigeon with camera / pigeon photographer



From Yuki Onodera's Esquisse

## Yuki Onodera

Born in Tokyo in 1962

Currently lives and works in Paris, France.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Here, No Baloon*, Wamono Art, Hong Kong
- 2022 *Here, No Baloon*, RICHO Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*La clairvoyance du hasard*, Centre de la Photographie de Mougins, France
- 2020 *Burning with Desire*, ICICLE SPACE, Shanghai, China  
*Everywhere Photographs*, Zeit-Foto Kunitachi, Tokyo, Japan  
*FROM Where*, THE GINZA SPACE, Tokyo, Japan  
*TO Where*, Yumiko Chiba Associates, Tokyo, Japan
- 2018 *Yuki Onodera Photo Exhibition*, Kyoto Museum of Photography, Kyoto, Japan  
*The Bird Escaped from Camera Where to Go?*, Vanguard Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*The Window as Device*, KIDO Press, Tokyo, Japan
- 2017 *IMPROMPTUS*, Pierre-Yves Caër Gallery, Paris, France
- 2015 *Muybridge's Twist*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Décalages*, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
- 2014 *Thousand mirrors in the forest*, Maison d'Art Bernard Anthonioz, Nogent-sur-Marne, France  
*VIEW FROM THE WINDOW*, Beaugeste Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*The Sanctuary of the Topsy Turvy*, 2902 Gallery, Singapore
- 2013 *Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Galerie Louis Gendre, Paris, France
- 2012 *The Exhibition of Yuki Onodera's New Works: The World is not small—1826*, Vanguard Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2011 *Gravity-defying photography*, Musée Nicéphore Niépce, Chalon-sur-Saône, France  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, USA
- 2010 *INTOTHELABYRINTHOPHOTOGRAPHY*, The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, The Museum of Photography, Seoul, Korea  
*Private room*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 *Portrait of Second-hand Clothes*, KIDO Press, Tokyo, Japan  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Galerie RX, Paris, France
- 2008 *12 speed*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Beijing Keumsan Gallery, Beijing, China  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Centre d'art Nei Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg
- 2007 *L'été Photographique de Lectoure 2007*, Centre de Photographie de Lectoure, France  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Keumsan Gallery, Heyri Art Valley, Seoul, Korea  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Gallery K, Seoul, Korea
- 2006 *Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Images du pôle, Orléans, France  
*Prix Niépce 2006, Quinzaine Photographique Nantaise*, Médiathèque, Nantes, France  
*BELOW ORPHEUS*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Galerie Conrads, Düsseldorf, Germany  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Galerie RX, Paris, France  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Chambre avec Vues, Paris, France
- 2005 *Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Van Zoetendaal collections, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Galerie RX, Paris, France  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
- 2004 *Roma – Roma*, Galerie il tempo, Tokyo, Japan  
*Watch your joint!*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, quicksilver, Galerie für Gegenwartkunst, Berlin, Germany  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Culturesfrance (Ministère des Affaires Etrangères), Paris, France  
*Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Galerie RX, Paris, France
- 2003 *Transvest*, C-Square, Nagoya, Japan
- 2002 *How to make a pearl, Look out the window*, Galerie RX, Paris, France  
*P.N.I., C.V.N.I.*, Espace Laurence Dreyfus, Paris, France  
*transvest*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*the Bee the Mirror*, Galerie il tempo, Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 *How to make a pearl, ZOO*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*Look out the window*, Galerie il tempo, Tokyo, Japan
- 2000 *P.N.I., C.V.N.I.*, Galerie du Théâtre Granit, Belfort, France
- 1999 *Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan  
*P.N.I.*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*C.V.N.I.*, Galerie il tempo, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 *Yuki ONODERA et Son Mouvement*, Galerie il tempo, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997 *Yuki Onodera Solo Exhibition*, Galerie Laage-Salomon, Paris, France  
*Portrait of Second-hand Clothes*, Galerie du Théâtre Granit, Belfort, France
- 1996 *Portrait of Second-hand Clothes*, Université Lumière Lyon II, Lyon, France
- 1995 *Portrait of Second-hand Clothes*, l'Institut Français de la Mode, Paris, France  
*DOWN / Birds*, Aki-Ex Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*DOWN / Portrait of Second-hand Clothes*, Galleria Chimera, Tokyo, Japan  
*DOWN / Liquid and Glass*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan
- 1993 *White and Sphere*, Gallery Hosomi, Tokyo, Japan



Solo Exhibition "La clairvoyance du hasard" 2022, installation view  
Centre de la Photographie de Mougins, France



Group Exhibition "Focus" 2024, installation view  
Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Hawaii, USA

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 *I'm so Happy You Are Here: Japanese Women Photographers from the 1950s to Now*, Rencontre d'Arles, France  
*Collection of Madeleine Millot Durrenberger-Japan week*, Alliance Française, Strasbourg, France  
*Vanguard Onwards*, Vanguard Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*Collection 078: World of Still life Painting*, Art Gallery-Tokyo Opera City, Tokyo, Japan  
*Focus*, Maui Arts & Cultural Center, Hawaii, USA
- 2023 *The Light*, the Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Arts, Shizuoka, Japan  
*Genealogy of Peep Media and the Gaze*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*Noir & Blanc: une esthétique de la photographie*, Bibliothèque Nationale François-Mitterrand, Paris, France
- 2022 *Time Tunnel*, Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art, Haifa, Israel  
*Collection II*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Japan  
*Photography? End?*, Post, Tokyo / Media Shop, Kyoto, Japan
- 2021 *70th Anniversary of Photographic Society of Japan: Japanese Contemporary photography 1985-2015*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*2021 A Space Odyssey: Monolith\_Memory as Virus-Beyond the New Dark Age*, Gyre Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Photographic Distance*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Japan  
*Photograph of Photograph and Photographs*, Yumiko Chiba Associates, Tokyo, Japan
- 2020 *Love Your Neighbours from the Terada Collection-069*, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Pictures from Another wall- The collection of Huis Marseille*, De Pont Museum, Tilburg, Netherlands  
*SAGACHO Exhibit Space 1983-2000*, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan
- 2019 *Fashion in Images*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Japan  
*NMAO collection with Alberto Giacometti II*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
*L'Antichambre*, Centre George V Art Center, Beijing, China  
*The Objects' Shadow- Sensory Spaces*, Artisan Lofts Gallery, New York, USA  
*Genealogy of Pop Art*, Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka, Japan  
*Contemporary Art II*, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan
- 2018 *Come Back! Retour à la Photo*, Galerie de l'Etrave- Espace d'art Contemporain, Thonon-les-Bains, France  
*Paris c'est Elles*, La Boîte 31 de Marie-Ange Guillemot, Paris, France  
*Tan /110th Anniversary : Memorial Exhibition*, Art Gallery of Takashimaya, Tokyo, Japan  
*The Myriad Forms of Visual Art :196 Works with 19 Themes*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
*A beautiful moment / Japanese Photography*, Huis Marseille Museum for photography, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Incognito: Eye in Search*, Japan Creative Centre, Singapore
- 2017 *From the Terada collection 058 Black & White : Colours*, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Re: Collection II*, Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Nagoya, Japan  
*Forms of Light /Scenes of Light*, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, Japan  
*Inframince*, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan  
*Communication and Solitude*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*Rodin, Muybridge and Yuki Onodera*, Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka, Japan
- 2016 *Ecce Homo : The Human Images in Contemporary Art*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
*Fashion for Children*, Iwami Art Museum, Shimane, Kobe Fashion Museum, Hyogo and Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum, Japan  
*Eyes of Six Women*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*The Expert eye / Contemporary Photography*, Musée Nicéphore Niépce, Chalon-sur-Saône, France  
*Le Bal / Hommage à Etsuro Ishihara*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*The Collector's Eye*, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain (MAMCS), Strasbourg, France  
*Japanese Photography from Postwar to Now*, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA
- 2015 *The Younger Generation: Contemporary Japanese Photography*, J.Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, USA  
*La lucidité des utopies*, Chateau de Lunéville, Lorraine, France  
*Impact of Photograhry : collection of Higashikawa*, Asahikawa Museum of Art, Hokkaido, Japan  
*40th Anniversary of the Kimura Ihei Award*, Kawasaki City Museum, Japan  
*Photographer's eyes /Printmaker's eyes, Six anthologies*, Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka, Japan  
*Between Ceramics and Light*, Takashimaya X Gallery, Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, Yokohama, Japan  
*Dessin*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 *Dancing Light*, Huis Marseille Museum for photography, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Feel in Blank*, Vanguard Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*Elles Allument*, Art Course/ Galerie Associative, Strasbourg, France  
*Silent Light*, Takashimaya X Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Photographs by Five*, Zeit-Foto Salon, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 *The Aesthetics of Photography – Five Elements*, The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan  
*At the Window: The Photographer's View*, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, USA  
*Vignettes : Between Light & Dark*, 2902 Gallery, Singapore
- 2012 *View Point*, Huis Marseille Museum for photography, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*The 35th Anniversary / the Allure of the Collection*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
*Hundred Flowers profuse blooming / Scenes of the Women*, Yokosuka Museum of Art, Yokosuka, Japan  
*La ferme des animaux*, Galerie Fraçoise Paviot, Paris, France
- 2011 *l'apparition*, la Gare Saint Sauveur de Lille, Lille, France  
*Jamais le même fleuve*, Maison d'art Bernard Anthonioz, Nogent-sur-Marne, France  
*Higashikawa International Photo Festival*, Culture Center, Higashikawa, Hokkaido, Japan  
*The child within un / from the collection*, The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 *8th Shanghai Biennale*, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
*Beyond the body*, MoCA Shanghai, Shanghai, China  
*Photography Now*, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued)**

- 2010 *Collection of National Museum of Art, Osaka*, Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Miyakonojo City Museum of Art, Miyazaki, Japan  
*Rétrospective du Prix Niépce*, Mois de la Photo, Musée du Monparnasse, Paris, France  
*SO ZO*, The Museum of Bonkamura, Tokyo, Japan  
*Semaine du Japon*, Musée de Brou, Bourg-en-Bresse, France  
*Beyond the Border*, Tangram Art Center, Shanghai, China  
*35th Anniversary of the Kimura Ihei Award*, Kawasaki City Museum, Japan  
*So+Zo Movement*, Bunkamura The Museum of Bonkamura, Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 *Elles@centrepompidou*, Musée national d'art moderne, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
*Paysages de la Conscience, International Photography Biennale*, Museo de Arte Moderno de Bogotá, Colombia  
*Ce qui est à voir est ce que vous voyez*, Rencontres d'Arles 2009, Arles, France  
*Indizien*, Galerie baer | raum f aktuelle kunst, Dresden, Germany  
*Never Late Than Better*, Elizabeth Foundation, New York, USA  
*Warm up*, Minsheng Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
*The Photographer's Enticements to the Brush*, Ofoto Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*Japan meets China*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya, Japan  
*Face à Faces*, The State Museum of Contemporary Art, Thessaloniki, Greece  
*Booth 67f*, Van Zoetendaal collections, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Be Quiet*, M50 Creative Space, Shanghai, China  
*Incheon Art Platform Opening Exhibition*, Incheon Art Platform, Incheon, Korea
- 2008 *Collection 3/ Aspects of Portrait*, National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
*Verticals*, an Zoetendaal collections, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Face à Faces*, organized by Culturesfrance, la Silom Galleria, Bangkok, Thailand  
*7 Views Toward the World*, Gallery Touchart, Heyri Art Valley, Korea  
*The history of arts and cities-Paris, New York, Tokyo and Shanghai*, Sendai Mediatheque, Miyagi, Japan  
*Indefinite Beauty*, White Factory, Shanghai, China  
*Chasseurs de beauté*, Gallery 21, Tokyo, Japan
- 2007 *Die Liebe zum Licht*, Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany  
*Paris du Monde Entier, Artistes étrangers à Paris 1900-2005/ Collection de Centre Pompidou*, The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan  
*Figures of Thinking*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois, USA  
*Photographie: Détrônera la Peinture*, Musée Nicéphore Niépce, Chalon-sur-Saône, France  
*Japan Caught by Camera*, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
*Convection*, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China  
*7ème Biennale d'art contemporain*, Issy-les-Moulineaux, France  
*Face à Faces*, organized by Culturesfrance, Akureyri Art Museum, Reykjavik, Iceland  
*Fascination*, Takashimaya X Gallery, Tokyo  
*Japanese Contemporary Art Festival*, Heyri Art Valley, Korea  
*Winter*, Galerie RX, Paris, France
- 2006 *Les Peintres de la Vie Moderne*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
*Seeing the Light*, Carl Solway Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, USA  
*Figures of Thinking*, McDonough Museum of Art, Youngstown, OH, USA  
*Face à Faces*, organized by Culturesfrance, Fotografins Hus, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Taille Humaine*, Sénat et Orangerie su Luxembourg, Paris, France  
*Quintessence*, l'Ecole des Beaux-Arts de Nîmes, Nîmes, France  
*Die Liebe zum Licht*, Städtische Galerie Delmenhorst, Delmenhorst, Germany  
*Collection four*, The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan  
*Out of Ordinary / Extraordinary*, Centre de la Imagen, Mexico
- 2005 *Life Actually*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo  
*Out of Ordinary / Extraordinary*, Sala de arte y cultura de Caja Canaria de la Laguna, Canaria, Spain / Centre Culturel "Les Chiroux"/ Institut Lambert Lombart, Liège, Belgium / The Japan Cultural Institute in Rome, Italy / Museum fuer Ostasiatische Kunst, Berlin  
*Face à Faces*, organized by Culturesfrance, Artcurial, Paris  
*the photography beyond 20 years from Tsukuba Museum of photography 1985*, Sendai Mediatheque, Japan  
*The Children's hour*, Museum of New Art, Pontiac, Michigan, USA  
*How Photography Changed People's Viewpoint*, The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo  
*36 Photographers of the Kimura Ihei Award 1975 - 2005*, Kawasaki City Museum, Japan  
*Figures of Thinking: Convergences in Contemporary Cultures*, Richard E. Peeler Art Center, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, USA  
*Quintessence*, Galerie RX, Paris, France
- 2004 *Roppongi Crossing -New Visions in Japanese Contemporary Art 2004*, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*Mask of Japan*, Guangtong Museum of Art, Guanzhou, China  
*Out of Ordinary / Extraordinary*, The Japan Cultural Institute in Cologne, Germany / Casa Asia Headquarters, Barcelona, Spain  
*beyond paradise*, Galerie Hengevoss-Duerkop, Hamburg, Germany  
*Apparently Light / European Image Weeks*, Galerie Nei Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg  
*No Body's Fool No Body's Hurt*, Aura Gallery, Shanghai, China
- 2003 *Ihei KIMURA Prize*, Minolta photo space, Tokyo and Osaka, Japan  
*Aura*, Galerie RX, Paris, France  
*Mon Paris*, Galerie 21, Tokyo, Japan  
*The New Cosmos of Photography*, Kaigandori Gallery CASO, Osaka, Sendai Mediatheque, Sendai, Japan
- 2002 *Illusion*, Lunds Konsthall, Lund, Sweden / Museet for Fotokunst, Brandts klædefabrik, Odense, Denmark/ The County Museum of Jonkoping, Jonkoping, Sweden/ Midlanda Konsthall, Timra, Sweden/ Bomuldsfabriken Kunsthall, Arendal, Norway/The Finnish Museum of Photography, Helsinki, Finland  
*Photography in Japanese Contemporary Art*, Latvian Museum of Photography, Riga, Lettonie

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued)

- 2002 *Paroles de Fringue*, Bourgoin-Jallieu Museum, France  
*Inauguration de la Galerie RX*, Galerie RX, Paris, France  
*The Built and the Living /European Image Weeks*, Galerie Nei Licht, Dudelange, Luxembourg  
*Prize of Photographic Society of Japan*, Fuji Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan  
*The New Cosmos of Photography 10th Anniversary*, The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 *Illusion*, Culture Center, Stockholm, Sweden  
*Higashikawa Photo Fiesta*, Culture Center, Higashikawa, Hokkaido, Japan  
*Contemporary Photography II*, Nikon Salon, Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan  
*Off Triennale-Zeit-Foto*, Ryunichi Kantonn Kaikan, Yokohama, Japan
- 2000 *Zeitgenössische Fotokunst aus Japan*, Hallescher Kunstverein, Halle, Germany  
*An Incomplete History*, University Art Gallery University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Massachusetts, USA  
*Zeitgenössische Fotokunst aus Japan*, Museum Bochum, Bochum, Germany  
*Contemporary Photographers of Japan*, Shanghai Sanya Photograph Gallery, Shanghai, China  
*Zeitgenössische Fotokunst aus Japan*, Badischer Kunstverein Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany  
*Mois de l'Image*, Centre d'Art s Plastiques Albert Chanot, Clamart, France
- 1999 *Internationale Fototage Herten*, Herten, Germany  
*Zeitgenössische Fotokunst aus Japan*, NBK ( Neüer Berliner Kunstverein ), Berlin. Germany  
*An Incomplete History*, Houston Center for Photography, Houston, Texas, USA  
*About Leaving Home*, Centre d'art Contemporain, Saint-Priest, France
- 1998 *Between Water, Air and Earth*, Galerie Vrais Rêves, Lyon, France  
*Photobiennale'98*, Art Media Center-TV Gallery, Moscow  
*Medialogue - Photography in Japanese Contemporary Art '98*, The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan  
*21st Anniversary Zeit-Foto*, Artspace Shimoda, Tokyo, Japan  
*Jeux de genres:from recently collection of Fonds Municipal d'Art Contemporain Paris*, Espace Electra, Paris, France  
*An Incomplete History Women Photographers from Japan, 1864-1997*, Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, New York, USA  
*Le donné, le fictif*, Centre National de la Photographie, Paris, France  
*Narrative Art from the Collection*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya, Japan
- 1997 *Floating Images of Women in Art History*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya, Japan  
*The 2nd Tokyo International Photo-Biennale / Nomination Section*, The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
- 1996 *6ème Festival International de la Photographie de Mode*, Centre Bellevue, Biarritz, France  
*Sosie*, Sagacho Exhibit Space, Tokyo  
*Premier Salon des Artistes Naturalistes*, Le Mois de la Photo, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France  
*21st Kodak Prize of Critical Photography*, Galerie Passage de Retz, Paris, France  
*Oiseaux*, Galerie Pierre Brullé, Paris, France
- 1993 *Avant-Garde Photographers of Japan*, Space for Cultures Seihin, Taipei, Taiwan
- 1992 *The 1st New Cosmos of Photography*, P-3 Art and Environment Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

## Public Collections

Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Pompidou  
 Fonds National d'Art Contemporain, Paris  
 Fonds Municipal d'Art Contemporain, Paris  
 Musée Nicéphore Niépce, France  
 Bibliothèque Nationale de France  
 Huis Marseille, Museum for Photography, Amsterdam  
 The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, U.S.A.  
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, California, U.S.A.  
 The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, U.S.A.  
 The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) of Salem, Massachusetts, USA.  
 La ville de Dudelange / Centre d'art Nei Liicht, Dudelange. Luxembourg  
 Fondation Daniel et Florence Guerlain, France  
 Fondation Daniel et Florence Guerlain, France  
 Shanghai Art Museum  
 Three Shadows photography Art centre, Beijing  
 The Museum of Photography, Seoul  
 The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan  
 Tokyo Photographic Art Museum (Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography), Tokyo  
 The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan  
 Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya, Japan  
 The Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan  
 Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Aichi, Japan  
 Japan Foundation  
 Kawasaki City Museum, Japan  
 Kuwazawa Design School, Tokyo  
 Tokyo Institute of Polytechnics, Tokyo  
 Higashikawa, Hokkaido, Japan  
 Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery  
 The Amana Collection, Japan



Solo Exhibition "IMPROMPTUS" 2017, installation view  
 Pierre-Yves Caër Gallery, Paris, France

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