

KEN KITANO

1968 Born in Tokyo.

1991 Graduated from Nihon University's College of Industrial Technology.

1993 Leaves Intense Inc., starting career as a freelance photographer.

Solo Exhibitions

2015 "Now, Here, and Beyond" ROSEGALLERY (Sanata Monica)

2014 "Now, Here, and Beyond" MEM (Tokyo)

2013 "our face:asia" MEM (Tokyo)

2012 "our face" Blindspot Gallery (Hong Kong)

2011 "our face project:Asia" MEM (Tokyo)

"our face + one day" Ilan Engel Gallery (Paris)

"SHINKAI" Takashimaya ART GALLERY X (Tokyo)

2010 "our face" Galerie Priska Pasquer (Cologne)

"our face" 1839 CONTEMPORARY GALLERY (Taipei)

"our face" GUCANG CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM (Lanzhou, China)

"our face" Three Shadows Photography Art Centre (Beijing)

"Flow and Fusion" UP FIELD GALLERY presented by MEM (Tokyo)

"our face + Flow and Fusion" Mirai Projects (Stockholm)

2009 "one day" MEM (Osaka)

2006 "our face" PHOTO GALLERY INTERNATIONAL (Tokyo)

2005 "our face" GALLERY176(Osaka)

1994 "City Flow and Fusion" I.C.A.C. Weston Gallery (Tokyo)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2015 Spring Forward!, ROSEGALLERY, Los Angeles

2014 "17th DOMANI : The Art of Tomorrow " The National Art Center, Tokyo (Kokuritsu-Shin-Bijutsukan)

2013 "FACE" The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art,(Kansas City USA)

"Ukiyo-e: images from the floating world" Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil (Mexico city)

2012 "NIPPON-ISM" DA-END (Paris)

"HIKARI: Contemporary Photography from Japan"

Gallery Art Motif, ICIA Art Gallery, National Institute of Design, Touring in India (2012-2013)

"Crown on the Earth" Gallery of classic photography (Moscow)

2011 "Contemporary Japanese Photography vol.10 -elan photographic-"

Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of photography

"PORTRAITS" Takashimaya ART GALLERY X (Tokyo)

"Out of The Dark Room: The David Kronn Collection" Irish Museum of Modern Art (Ireland)

"27th Higashikawa prize Exhibition" Higashikawa-cho Bunka gallery (Hokkaido)

"The 14th Exhibition of the Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art" Taro Okamoto Museum of Art (Kanagawa)

"Niigata Bijin" Niigata City History Museum (Nigata)

"Crown on the Earth" Gallery of National Bank of Serbia (Belgrade), Gallery of Art in Petrovaradin Fortress (Novi Sad), Japanese-German Center(Berlin)

"Nominee's of The Sovereign Asian Art Prize" (Hong Kong)

2010 "Raining Stars" Louis Vuitton Maison (Macao)

New York Photo Festival

- 2009 "BMW Prize Nominee's Group show / PARIS PHOTO 2009" Carrousel du Louvre (Paris)
2008 "Face" Kawasaki City Museum (Kanagawa)
"BMW Prize Nominee's Group show / PARIS PHOTO 2008" Carrousel du Louvre (Paris)
"MATRIX OF PHOTOGRAPHY 2008 TOWARDS A GAME OF PHOTOGRAPHY" Kawasaki City Museum (Kanagawa)
2007 "Thanatos and Eros" (Emi Anrakuji+Ken Kitano) EPSON IMAGING GALLERY epSITE (Tokyo)
2006 "Photography Today 3 Resolution / Dissolution" The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
2004 "16th Society of Photography Exhibition" (Asako Narahashi + Ken Kitano) PLACE M (Tokyo)
2000 "Humanscape - Among the People" Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts (Yamanashi)
1997 "San Marino International Photo Meeting" (San Marino)
1996-98, 2001, 2003-2004 "Young Portfolios" Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts (Yamanashi)

Selected Bibliographies

- Noriaki Kitazawa "Shisen" Asahi Press 21 July. 2013(Japanese)
Lee Wing Ki "Collecting Debris, Creating Metaportrait" for Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong 2012
Harumi Niwa "élan photographique--From the Old Layers of Vision", "Contemporary Japanese Photography vol.10 -élan photographique-" Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of photography exhibition catalogue 2011
Yu Hidaka "Hikari no Dokumento" REAR 26 2011Aug.(Japanese)
Koji Ise "FLOW AND FUSION" *bulletin of Society of Photography* 11Feb.2011 (Japanese)
Interview *bulletin of Society of Photography* 11Feb.2011 (Japanese)
Mao Weidong "Alchemist of Time and Being" *Chinese Photography* Feb.2011 (Chinese)
Yu Hidaka "A Singular Full Of Plurals-Ken Kitano" *japan exposures* 2010
VinceAletti "Curator and critic Vince Aletti introduces some of his favorite photographers who have heretofore flown under the radar." *MODERN PAINTERS* Apr.2009
Interview "our face", "one day" *Weekly Friday* 9Jan, 6Feb.2009 (Japanese)
Yoshikazu Tomita "our face" *ART TOP* Feb.2007 (Japanese)
Yu Hidaka *Newsletter of the National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo No.560*, 2006 (Japanese)
Akiko Otake "Kono Shyasin Ga Sugoi 2008" Asahi Press (Japanese)
Aki Kusumoto "Photo Exhibition" *ASAHI CAMERA* Oct.2006 (Japanese)
Rei Masuda "Six Interpretations of Criticality" In Catalogue of "*Photography Today 3 Resolution/Dissolution*"
Masumi Inagaki *THE SANKEI SHINBUN* 7Aug.2005 (Japanese)
Kyoichi Tuzuki "SHISEN" *THE ASAHI SHINBUN* 17Jul.2005 (Japanese)
Interview "our face" *bulletin of Society of Photography* 16Jul.2005(Japanese)
Masafumi Fukagawa, Fumihiko Asano, Koji Ise, Hitoshi Suzuki, Rei Masuda "Society of Photography Award 2004" *bulletin of Society of Photography* 10Jul.2004 (Japanese)

Lectures/Presentations

- 2010 "self and others"-- about portrait, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre (Beijing)
2010 "portrait of Asia" The Japan Foundation, Beijing
2009 "globalism and our face project" Gunma Prefectural Women's University

Awards

- 2013 "our face: asia" is chosen KASSEL PHOTO BOOK AWARD in KASSEL Foto Book Festival 2013
2012-2013 Fellowship to study in the United States of America under Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japanese Government Overseas Study Programme for Artists
Japanese fellow for the Japan-United States Exchange Fellowship Program (Japan United States)

- Friendship Commission.)
- 2011 New Photographer Award for the 27th Higashikawa Award
Special Prize for the 14th Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art
- 2010 Nominee's of The Sovereign Asian Art Prize Hong Kong 2010
POLA ART FOUNDATION "our face project in Beijing"
- 2007 Newcomer's Award from the Photographic Society of Japan
- 2004 Society of Photography Award 2004

Public Collection

The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of photography, Japan
Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi, Japan
Kawasaki City Museum, Kanagawa, Japan
Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Collection, Austria
The Irish Museum of Art, Ireland
Higashikawa-cho Bunka Gallery, Hokkaido, Japan
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, USA
The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA

Publication

"our face: asia" (Seigen-sha 2013)
Catalog of "élan photographic—From the Old Layers of Vision", "Contemporary Japanese Photography vol.10 -élan photographic-" (Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of photography 2011)
Catalog of "Ken Kitano: our face" (Three shadows photography art centre 2010)
"FLOW AND FUSION" limited edition (edited by Hisako Motoo, designed by Satoshi Machiguchi, published by MEM 2009)
"our face" (Mado-sha co.ltd. 2005)
Daido Moriyama "Witness #2" (Nazraeli Press 2007)
Catalog of "Photography Today 3 Resolution/Dissolution" (The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo 2006)

Artist in Residence

Three shadows photography art centre
May-August 2010

Others

Editing books of Tatsuo Fukushima photography criticism 1-3 (Mado-sha co.ltd.2011-2012)

Artist Website

<http://www.ourface.com/>