

Ken KITANO

1968 Born in Tokyo.

1991 Graduated from Nihon University's College of Industrial Technology
Lives and works in Tokyo

Awards and Grants

2004 Society of Photography Award 2004

2007 Newcomer's Award from the Photographic Society of Japan

2010 Nominee's of The Sovereign Asian Art Prize Hong Kong 2010

Receive a grant for "our face project in Beijing" from Pola Art Foundation and Japan Foundation

Artist in Residence at Three Shadows Photography Art Centre in Beijing, China (1 May – 1 August)

2011 New Photographer Award for the 27th Higashikawa Award

Special Prize for the 14th Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art

2012 Fellowship to study in the United States of America under Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japanese Government, Program of Overseas Study for Upcoming Artists

Japanese fellow for the Japan–United States Exchange Fellowship Program (Japan United States Friendship Commission)

2013 Fotobook Festival, Photobook Award Nomination "our face: Asia"

Solo Exhibitions

1993 *City Flow and Fusion*, I.C.A.C. Weston Gallery, Tokyo

2005 *our face*, GALLERY176, Osaka

2006 *our face*, Photo Gallery International, Tokyo

2009 *one day*, MEM, Osaka

2010 *our face + Flow and Fusion*, Mirai Projects, Stockholm, Sweden

Flow and Fusion, UP FIELD GALLERY, Tokyo / presented by MEM

our face, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China

our face, GUCANG CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM, Lanzhou, China

our face, 1839 CONTEMPORARY GALLERY, Taipei, Taiwan

our face, Galerie Priska Pasquer, Cologne, Germany

2011 *our face project*, MEM, Tokyo

our face + one day, Ilan Engel Gallery, Paris, France

SHINKAI ("the deep sea"), Takashimaya ART GALLERY X, Tokyo

2012 *our face*, Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong

2013 *our face: Asia*, MEM, Tokyo

2014 *Now, Here, and Beyond*, MEM, Tokyo

2015 *Now, Here, and Beyond*, Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong

our face – prayers, Pace/MacGill Gallery, New York, USA

Now, Here, and Beyond, ROSEGALLERY, Santa Monica, USA

2016 *Reflect*, RED Photo Gallery, Tokyo

2017 *Gathering Light*, MEM, Tokyo

Artist Project #2.02 Kitano Ken: Gathering Light, The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama

2019 *Gathering Light*, Tokyo Polytechnic University, Shadai Gallery, Tokyo

Gathering Light, IBASHO, Antwerp, Belgium

Group Exhibitions

1996 *Young Portfolios*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi

1997 *San Marino International Photo Meeting*, San Marino

- 1998 *Young Portfolios*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi
- 2000 *Young Portfolios*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi
- 2001 *Humanscape – Among the People*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi
- 2001 *Young Portfolios*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi
- 2003 *Young Portfolios*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi
- 2004 16th *Society of Photography Exhibition*, PLACE M, Tokyo, *Two persons exhibition with Asako Narahashi
- 2006 *Young Portfolios*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi
- 2006 *Photography Today 3: Resolution / Dissolution*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- 2007 *Thanatos and Eros*, EPSON IMAGING GALLERY epSITE, Tokyo, *Two persons exhibition with Emi Anrakuji
- 2008 *Face*, Kawasaki City Museum, Kanagawa
- 2008 *BMW Prize Nominee's Group show / PARIS PHOTO 2008*, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France
- 2008 *Matrix of Photography 2008: Toward a Game of Photography*, Kawasaki City Museum, Kanagawa
- 2009 *BMW Prize Nominee's Group show / PARIS PHOTO 2009*, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France
- 2010 *Raining Stars*, Louis Vuitton Maison, Macao
- 2010 *New York Photo Festival*, Brooklyn, New York, USA
- 2011 *Contemporary Japanese Photography vol.10 – elan photographic*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography
- 2011 *Worldwide@Young Portfolio*, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi
- 2011 *PORTRAITS*, Takashimaya ART GALLERY X, Tokyo
- 2011 *Out of The Dark Room: The David Kronn Collection*, Irish Museum of Modern Art, Ireland
- 2011 27th *Higashikawa Prize Exhibition*, Higashikawa-cho Bunka gallery, Hokkaido
- 2011 14th *Exhibition of the Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art*, Taro Okamoto Museum of Art, Kanagawa
- 2011 *Niigata Bijin* (“Beauty from Niigata”), Niigata City History Museum, Niigata
- 2011 *Crown on the Earth*, Gallery of National Bank of Serbia, Belgrade / Gallery of Art in Petrovaradin Fortress, Novi Sad / Japanese-German Center, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 *Nominee's of The Sovereign Asian Art Prize*, Hong Kong
- 2012 *NIPPON-ISM*, GALERIE DA-END, Paris, France
- 2012 *HIKARI: Contemporary Photography from Japan*, Gallery Art Motif, India / ICIA Art Gallery, India / National Institute of Design, India
- 2012 *Crown on the Earth*, Gallery of classic photography, Moscow, Russia
- 2013 *MUJO-KAN*, GALERIE DA-END, Paris, France
- 2013 *FACE*, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, USA
- 2013 *Ukiyo-e: images from the floating world*, Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2014 17th *DOMANI: The Art of Tomorrow*, The National Art Center, Tokyo
- 2014 *Basically. Forever. – Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography
- 2014 *Face*, The Kawasaki City Museum, Kanagawa
- 2015 *Tea Bowl and Photograph*, Takashimaya Art Gallery, Tokyo / Osaka / Kyoto / Yokohama / Nagoya
- 2015 *Petits Dreams*, GALERIE DA-END, Paris, France
- 2015 *PHOT^o AIX 2015*, Gallery Emile Zola, Cité du Livre at Aix-en-Provence, France
- 2015 2nd *Three Shadows Experimental Image Open Exhibition*, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China
- 2016 *The Frontiers of Photography: Collection of Photo Town Higashikawa, Photography Culture Capital*, Kushiro Art Museum, Hokkaido
- 2016 *Ecce Homo: The Human Images in Contemporary Art*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka

- 2017 *20 Year Anniversary TOP Collection: Scrolling Through Heisei Part 3*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum
Re: Collection II: Deconstructing the Museum (Even Sooner), Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art
- 2018 *Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts: Basically. Forever. –2018–*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum
From the Collection of the Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts: Beginnings, Forever, National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts, Taichung, Taiwan
Rotterdam Photo Festival: FAKE / TRUTH, Deliplein, Katendrecht, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2019 *MOMAS Collection Part 3*, The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
NMAO collection with Alberto Giacometti II, The National Museum of Art, Osaka
from the cave, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum

Public Collection

The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo (Japan)
The National Museum of Art, Osaka (Japan)
Tokyo Photographic Art Museum (Japan)
Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts (Yamanashi, Japan)
Kawasaki City Museum (Kanagawa, Japan)
Higashikawa-cho Bunka Gallery (Hokkaido, Japan)
Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art (Japan)
The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama (Japan)
Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Collection (Austria)
The Irish Museum of Art (Ireland)
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (Kansas City, USA)
The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (USA)
Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery (Washington D.C., USA)

Publication

2005 *our face*, Mado-sha co.ltd
2007 *Witness #2*, Nazraeli Press, edited by Daido Moriyama
2009 *FLOW AND FUSION*, MEM inc.
2010 *Ken Kitano: our face*, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre
2013 *our face: Asia*, Seigen-sha

Others

Editing books of *Tatsuo Fukushima pPhotography Criticism* vol.1, 2 and 3, Mado-sha co.ltd, 2011–2012

Lectures

2009 “Globalism and our face project”, Gunma Prefectural Women’s University
2010 “Self and Others” – abut portrait, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China
“Portrait of Asia”, The Japan Foundation, Beijing, China