

Kentaro Kawabata

Biography

Born 1976 in Saitama, Japan
Lives and works in Gifu, Japan

After graduating from the Tajimi City Pottery Design and Technical Center in 2000, Kawabata began winning awards for his work, including the Kamoda Shoji Award at the Mashiko Pottery Exhibition (2004) and the Paramita Museum Ceramic Award (2007). His work has been the subject of numerous solo and group exhibitions at highly-reputed ceramic institutions, including the National Museum of Modern Art's Crafts Gallery ("*The Power of Decoration: A Viewpoint on Contemporary Kôgei (Studio Crafts)*", 2009), the Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum ("*Phenomenon of Contemporary Ceramic*", 2014), and the Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu (2004, 2010).

1998 Diploma, Tokyo Designer Institute, Ceramic Department, Tokyo
2000 B.F.A., Tajimi city Pottery Design and Technical Center Gifu, Japan

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2023 *Butterfly Joint*, Mendes Wood DM, São Paulo
2022 *YOURS TRULY*, HIGH ART, Paris
2021 凸凹 *Bumpy*, Nonaka-Hill, Los Angeles
Sokyo Gallery, Kyoto
2020 "*isyoken gallery vol.10: Kentaro Kawabata*", Gifu
2019 Nihonbashi Takashimaya, Tokyo
Gallery Utsuwakan, Kyoto
2018 Nonaka-Hill, Los Angeles
Inside out, Silver Shell, Tokyo, Japan
2017 Hello from the Hollows2, Sokyo, Kyoto, Japan
Gallery Kurimoto, Nigata, Japan
Gallery Utsuwakan, Kyoto (2015, 2010, 2008)
Touka, Miyazaki, Japan (2015, 2013)
2016 SAVOIR VIVRE, Tokyo (2015, 2012, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003)
Ouka Shorin, Nagano, Japan
Art Biotop, Tochigi, Japan
2015 Organ, 8/ ART GALLERY/ Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo
Organ, Nihonbashi Takashimaya Gallery X, Tokyo
2014 SILVER SHELL, Tokyo
Gallery Suki, Gifu, Japan (2005)
Bougatei, Nagano, Japan (2012, 2010, 2008, 2006)

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2014 MIZEN Fine Art, Paris
Gallery Moegi, Tochigi, Japan (2010)
- 2013 Matsuzakaya, Nagoya, Japan
Sinsaibai Daimaru Tousei, Osaka (2010, 2008)
Kuroda Touen, Tokyo (2011, 2009, 2006, 2004)
Kawatake Touki, Saga, Japan
- 2012 Ouka Syorin, Nagano, Japan (2008)
Keiko Gallery, Boston (2009)
Gallery SOU, Hokkaido, Japan
Nihonbashi Takashimaya, Tokyo
Gion Konishi, Kyoto (2009)
- 2011 Akamanma, Gunma, Japan (2007)
K-HOUSE, Tokyo
Rakusuitei, Toyama, Japan
Gallery Ikuko, Okayama, Japan
- 2010 Tourin Syunyou, Gifu, Japan (2006, 2002)
Ginza Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
Gallery Hashimoto, Tokyo
Meguro Tougeikan, Mie, Japan (2006)
- 2008 Karakoram, Fukuoka, Japan
- 2007 Gallery Kouketsu, Gifu, Japan (2005, 2003)
White Gallery, Kagoshima, Japan (2005, 2003)
Tsuchi-no-hana, Tokyo
- 2003 Galleria Ceramica, Tokyo

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 KENTARO KAWABATA / BRUCE NAUMAN, Nonaka-Hill, Los Angeles
an arena, Barbati Gallery, Venice Italy
- 2022 *Romantic Progress*, Museum of Modern Ceramic Art Gifu, Tajimi
- 2021 *Lucy Bull, Kentaro Kawabata*, High Art (Paris), Art Basel Miami Beach, Miami
Sized, Los Angeles
See Change, Ratio 3, San Francisco
- 2017 *Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale* (GICB), Icheon, Korea
- 2016 PUNK, Rakusuitei Museum of Art, Toyama, Japan
Even if contemporary art ended, Sokyo Gallery, Kyoto
CONTEMPORARY JAPANESE CRAFTS The Kikuchi Kanjitsu Prize II, Musee-Tomo, Tokyo
- 2015 8/ ART GALLERY/ Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo
- 2014 *Phenomenon of Contemporary Ceramics*, Ibaraki Ceramic Art museum, Japan
TAKASHIMAYA MUSEUM of ILLUSION, Takashimaya, Tokyo; Kyoto; Nagoya; Osaka
Berlin-Koigswinter and Tenri Kultur Werkstatt, Cologne
Dialogue with Materials: Contemporary Japanese Arts and Crafts, Ahmed Adnen Saygun
Sanat Merkezi, Izmir, Turkey

Selected Group Exhibitions	2013	<i>La ceramique japonaise</i> , Paris <i>Traditional and Contemporary</i> , Historical Museum, Pavlikeni, Bulgaria <i>Two Billion Light -Years of Solitude</i> , Art Gummi Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan
	2012	<i>Ceramics Now Exhibition, 3rd edition</i> , Galateea Gallery, Bucharest, Romania
	2010	<i>Sculptures Objects Functional Art + Design Fair</i> , Chicago (2007) <i>Secret Relationship between Ceramics and Colors</i> , Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan
	2009	<i>The Power of Decoration a Viewpoint on Contemporary Kôgei</i> , Crafts Gallery National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo <i>The Gyeonggi World Ceramic Biennale</i> , Korea
	2008	<i>Contemporary Ceramic in Tokai Area for the young artists</i> , Aichi Prefectural Ceramic Museum, Japan <i>Izushi Porcelain Competition</i> (2004, 2002)
	2005	<i>Hanayagi-no-katachi</i> , Nihonbashi Takashimaya, Tokyo <i>Mino International Ceramic Competition</i> , Gifu, Japan (2002)
	2004	<i>Asahi Ceramic Art Exhibition</i> (2003, 2002) <i>MINO CERAMICS NOW</i> , Museum of Modern Ceramic Art, Gifu, Japan
	2003	<i>Carouge International Ceramic Exhibition</i> , Switzerland
Awards	2007	Grand Prize, Paramita Museum Ceramic Exhibition, Japan
	2004	Kamoda Shoji Award, Mashiko Ceramic Exhibition, Japan
	2002	Judges Award, Mashiko Ceramic Exhibition, Japan
	2001	Grand Prize, Oribe-no-kokoro, Japan
Permanent Installations, Museum and Public Collections		Gifu Contemporary Ceramics Museum
		Minneapolis Institute of Arts
		Toki City
		Mashiko Ceramic Museum
		Anadolu University
		National Museum of Asian Art, Berlin
		Fairfield University
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