
Natsuki Takauji



Natsuki Takauji was born in Tokyo, Japan, and currently lives and works in NYC. She is an interdisciplinary visual artist, an instructor at The Art Students League of New York where she also leads the Model to Monument public sculpture program, a co-founder of The Artist Gardener NYC to activate the local communities through art and educational programs in the gardens across NYC, and a director of Metal Sculptures at Sculptors Alliance, Inc. for which she has curated exhibitions: "METAL" at Governors Island in 2017 and a virtual exhibition "Flux" in 2020.

Education

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| 2014 | Certificate of Fine Arts Painting, Sculpture at The Art Students League of New York, USA |
| 2004 | B.A. in Creative Writing at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan |

Solo/Duo Exhibition

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| 2024 | Solo exhibit at Kapow Gallery/Mahboubian Fine Art, Manhattan, NY (January) |
| 2024 | Solo exhibit at Sla Art Space/Lithuanian Alliance of America, Manhattan, NY (Upcoming, TBD) |
| 2023 | Duo exhibit "COUNTERPOINT" at The City College Gallery, New York, NY |
| 2022 | Solo exhibit "Shin Project -Tree, Temple, and My Scarf-" Two Coves Garden, Queens, NY |
| 2020 | Duo exhibit "Two Strong" The Gallery LTD, Brooklyn, NY
Solo exhibition at Departure Studios, Queens, NY |
| 2019 | Solo exhibit "Material Witness" Williamsburg Art & Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY |
| 2017 | Duo exhibit "Flow of Time and Space" Pomona Cultural Center, Pomona, NY |
| 2013 | Duo exhibit "Celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month" Berkeley College Gallery, Brooklyn, NY |
| 2012 | Solo exhibit Berkeley College Gallery, Manhattan, NY |

2011 Solo exhibit Renaissance, Brooklyn, NY 2010 Solo exhibit Atlas Space, Brooklyn, NY

Group Exhibition

2023

- "What Is Your Name?" Japan Society, NY (A special event installation)
- "Grande State Exhibition" 1 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL (April)
- "60 Together 100 Strong -New York Society of Women Artists Approaches its Centennial-" Queens College Art Center, NY
- "Borderwalls V" The Border + Arcade Project, Brooklyn, NY

2022

- "Kameyama Art Triennale 2022" Mie, Japan
- Sculpture Garden Exhibition, Oeno Gallery, Bloomfield, Ontario
- Group exhibition, Hillgate Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
- "Color" CICA Museum, Gimpo, Korea
- "Instructors Salon" The Art Students League of NY, NY
- NYSWA "Revolution/Evolution" Taller Boricua, Harlem, NY
- Asian Artists in America "Liminality" Time Arts, Manhattan, NY
- "Ukraine Benefit Art Sale" SLA Art Space/Lithuanian Alliance of America, Manhattan, NY
- "Uncontested" SLA Art Space/Lithuanian Alliance of America, Manhattan, NY
- Kappo Atelier presents Alcohol Ink Painting Exhibition, Brooklyn, NY
- "Intersection" Art on the Ave NYC, Manhattan, NY
- "We Are The World" St.Francis College Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2021

- "Printed Matter + EXILE Books" NADA Miami Art Fair, FL
- "Lineages" American Fine Arts Society, NY
- "Invocation for Light Part.1" SLA Art Space/Lithuanian Alliance of America, Manhattan, NY.
- "Instructors Salon" The Art Students League of NY, NY
- "Atmosphere" Bushwick Open Studios, curated by Yupin Pramotepipop, Brooklyn, NY
- "Resiliency" Art on the Ave NYC, Manhattan, NY
- "Koha -Gift-" The Artist Gardener NYC, 132nd St. Harlem Community Garden, NY
- "Conversations with the Earth", SLA Art Space/Lithuanian Alliance of America, Manhattan, NY

2020

- "Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Benefit Art Auction", Omaha, NE
- "A Room of Your Own" SLA Art Space/Lithuanian Alliance of America, Manhattan, NY
- The Artist Gardener, NYC presents "Encircle" West 132nd St. Community Garden, NY
- "Mother Tongue" The Immigrant Artist Biennial, Virtual exhibition
- "WE: Overall There Is No Wall" performance, curated by PAZ, The Ironic Art Nation, NY

2019

- "New Japanese Horizon" Williamsburg Art and Historical Center, Brooklyn NY
- "Instructors Exhibition" The Art Students League of New York, Manhattan, NY
- "A special Exhibition for 130th Anniversary of National Association of Women Artists"

- The Center for Contemporary Art, Bedminster, NJ
- 2018
- "Instructors Exhibition" The Art Students League of New York, Manhattan, NY
 - Venice Architecture Biennale "Time Space Existence" Palazzo Mora, Venice, Italy
- 2017
- "A Summer of Sculpture at the Cathedral" The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Manhattan, NY
 - "Instructors Exhibition" The Art Students League of New York, Manhattan, NY
- 2016
- "Grant Winner Exhibition" Phillis Harriman Mason Gallery, Manhattan, NY
 - "Invitational" Noho M55 Gallery, Manhattan, NY
- 2015
- "Holiday Salon" Lesley Heller Gallery, Manhattan, NY
 - "Shangri-la" The Factory, Queens, NY
- 2014
- "The bad the good the beautiful the ugly part 1" Java Studio, Brooklyn, NY
 - "Artists' Choice Exhibition" Noho M55 Gallery, Manhattan, NY
- 2013
- "Long Island City Arts Open" Studio 34 Gallery, Queens, NY
- 2012
- "Red Dot Exhibition" Phillis Harriman Mason Gallery, Manhattan, NY
 - "Ge.o.met.ric" Publicis Healthcare Communications Group, Manhattan, NY
- 2011
- "The Affordable Art Fair NYC" Manhattan, NY
 - "Holiday Salon" Lesley Heller Gallery, Manhattan, NY
 - "100 Artists Exhibition" Ouchi Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2010
- "2nd Annual Small Works Exhibition" Manhattan Borough President's Office, NY

Public Installation

- 2023 "Branching Out -Tree as a community host" Anklave Garden Project Exhibition, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, New York
- 2022-Present "Window II" and "Confession" Oeno Gallery, Sculpture Garden, Ontario, Canada
- 2022 "Tree, Temple, and My Scarf" Two Coves Community garden / NYC Parks GreenThumb, NY
- 2021 "Wish Garden" West 132nd St. Community Garden / NYC Parks GreenThumb, NY
- 2020 "Confession" West 132nd St. Community Garden / NYC Parks GreenThumb, NY
- 2019 -20 "Window II" Rye Town Park, Rye, NY / Rye Public Art Initiatives
- 2014 -15 "Window" Riverside Park South 61st St, Manhattan / Model To Monument Program
- "Tree Of Life" Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx / Model To Monument Program

Collection

- 2021 "What Is Your Name?" Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
2019 "Still Life" Yuko Nii Foundation, NY

Curatorial Experience

- 2022 Women's History Month Exhibition "Uncontested", Sla Art Space/Lithuanian Alliance of America
2022 "Echoes in Harlem" The Artist Gardener NYC Annual Outdoor Exhibition, West 132nd St. Community Garden, Manhattan, NY
2020 Sculptors Alliance presents "Flux -Vita Mutata-", Online exhibition
2017 Sculptors Alliance presents "METAL", Governors Island, NY

Award/Selected Program

- 2023 Anklhave Garden Project Fellowship in partnership with Brooklyn Botanic Garden
2022 The Artist Residency Project (School of Visual Arts, NYC)
2021 Queens Arts Fund New Work Grant (Queens Council on the Arts, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, New York City Council)
2021 City Artist Corps Grant (New York Foundation for the Arts, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs)
2020 ArtPort Program Fellowship at Laguardia Airport, Marine Air Terminal (Queens Council on the Arts / Port Authority of NY & NJ)
2018 Fiscal Sponsorship (Fractured Atlas)
2014 Nessa Cohen Sculpture Grant (The Art Students League of NY)
2013 Model To Monument Program (NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, The Art Students League of NY)
2013 Vivian A. Frankel Merit Award (The Art Students League of NY)

Press

- 2023 SVA Visual Arts Journal, Spring/Summer 2023
2022 "New Work by Natsuki Takauji on Exhibit" Weekly NY Seikatsu
 - "We Are the World, Group Exhibition at St. Francis College" Art in Brooklyn
 - "Exhibition "We Are the World" at St. Francis College in Brooklyn" ARTFIXdaily2021 "Art Students League Lineages: Intermediate Forms" Mutual Art
 - "Sculptors Alliance presents the exhibition "Flux" Artists coping with Covid-19" NY Seikatsu2020 Exhibition "A Room of Your Own" Review by Dr.Rothenberg, Lithuanian Alliance of America
 - "Natsuki Takauji Interview" AI-AP presents DART, August
 - "Flux: Vita Mutata" virtual on Sculptors Alliance" Art Spiel, December
 - "Natsuki Takauji actively exhibits -socially engaging project-" Weekly NY Seikatsu

- 2019 "Natsuki Takauji: Sensuous Abstractions" Art Spiel, October
- "Natsuki Takauji, Window2 Opening and Artist Talk event" Weekly NY Seikatsu
 - "Art Exhibit" Rye Record
 - "Widow2 Artist Talk" Westchester Magazine
 - "More Art Rising in Rye Town Park" Rye Record
- 2018 "Gutto Chikyubin" on-air Nov 11th, Yomiuri TV, Japan
- "NY Seikatsu Woman -Natsuki Takauji-" Weekly NY Seikatsu
 - "Eastside Story -Natsuki Takauji-" Hoon Production USA
- 2016 "Living in America now; artist Natsuki Takauji" Wotopi Online Japan, Nov 25
- 2014 "Art in the park: Natsuki Takauji swings on her piece" Wall Street Journal Newspaper
- "Artist Natsuki Takauji cuts massive sculpture to transport to public art exhibit"
 - News12 Brooklyn On TV and Online, June 9
 - "New Sculptures Spring Up in Riverside Park South" Wall Street Journal Online, June 14
 - "Giant Swing Among Sculptures Installed in Riverside Park" DNA Info New York, June 12
 - "Video: From Models to Monuments in Riverside Park" ARTINFO
 - "Sculptors to Bring Works to City Parks" The New York Times Arts Beat, May 29
- 2013 "Model To Monument year 4 Natsuki Takauji" Lines from the League, Winter issue
- "Berkeley College 2 persons show" Weekly NY Japion Vol.711
 - "Natsuko Hattori and Natsuki Takauji Exhibition" Weekly NY Seikatsu Vol.442
 - "Never Give Up" American Dream Monthly Community Magazine Vol.140
- 2012 "Japanese Artist upcoming solo show" Weekly NY Japion Vol.684