

Ken Kitano

Born in 1968 in Tokyo, Kitano graduated from the College of Mathematical Engineering at Nihon University in Chiba. He won the '16th Society of Photography Award' in 2004 and the 'Newcomer's Award' of the Photographic Society of Japan in 2007. Kitano's major and ongoing series since 1999 *our face* has been exhibited extensively and collected by major museums in Japan and around the world. Publications by Kitano include *our Face*, *our Face: asia*, and *FLOW AND FUSION*. Kitano currently lives and works in Tokyo, Japan.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2015 "Now, Here, and Beyond", Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong
"Ken Kitano: Now, Here, and Beyond", Rose Gallery, California, USA
- 2014 "Ken Kitano: Now, Here, and Beyond", MEM, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 "our face: asia", MEM, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 "Our Face", Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2011 "our face project: Asia", MEM, Tokyo, Japan
"Our Face + One Day", Ilan Engel Gallery, Paris, France
"SHINKAI", Takashimaya Art Gallery X, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 "Our Face", Galerie Priska Pasquer, Cologne, Germany
"Our Face", 1839 Contemporary Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan
"Our Face", Gucang Contemporary Photography Museum, Lanzhou, China
"our face" ,Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China
"Flow and Fusion", UP FIELD GALLERY (presented MEM), Tokyo, Japan
"our face + Flow and Fusion", Mirai Projects, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2009 "One Day", MEM, Osaka, Japan
- 2006 "our face", Photo Gallery International, Tokyo, Japan
- 1993 "City Flow and Fusion", I.C.A.C. Weston Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2015 "PHOT' AIX 2015", Booth: Gallery Emile Zola, Cité du Livre, Aix-en-Provence, France
"2nd Three Shadows Experimental Image Open Exhibition", Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China
- 2014 "17th DOMANI: The Art of Tomorrow", The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
"Basically. Forever. - Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Kiyowato Museum of

- Photographic Arts (K*MoPA)", Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
 "Face", Kawasaki City Museum, Kanagawa, Japan
- 2013 "MUJO-KAN", Galerie Da-End, Paris, France
 "About Face", The Nelson- Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, USA
 "Ukiyo-E: Pictures of the Floating World", Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2012 "Nippon-ismes", Galerie Da-End, Paris, France
 "Hikari: Contemporary Photography from Japan", Gallery Art Motif, New Delhi, India
 "Crown on the Earth. Contemporary Japanese photography", ROSPHOTO State Museum and Exhibition Centre for Photography, Saint-Petersburg, Russia
 "Couronne de la Terre - Moscou: The Japanese vanguard", Moscow Gallery of Classical Photography, Moscow, Russia
- 2011 "Worldwide@Young Portfolio", Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi, Japan
 "Contemporary Japanese Photography vol.10 - elan photographic", Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
 "Out of The Dark Room: The David Kronn Collection", Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
 "27th Higashikawa Prize Exhibition", Higashikawa Bunka Gallery, Hokkaido, Japan
 "The 14th Exhibition of the Taro Okamoto Award for Contemporary Art", Taro Okamoto Museum of Art, Kanagawa, Japan
 "Niigata Bijin", Niigata City History Museum, Niigata, Japan
 "Crown on the Earth", Gallery of National Bank of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia; Gallery of Art in Petrovaradin Fortress, Novi Sad, Serbia; Japanese-German Center, Berlin, Germany
- 2010 "Raining Stars", Louis Vuitton Maison, Macau
 "New York Photo Festival", New York, USA
- 2009 "BMW Prize Nominee's Group Show / PARIS PHOTO 2009", Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France
- 2008 "Face", Kawasaki City Museum, Kanagawa, Japan
 "BMW Prize Nominee's Group show / PARIS PHOTO 2008", Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France
 "MATRIX OF PHOTOGRAPHY 2008 TOWARDS A GAME OF PHOTOGRAPHY", Kawasaki City Museum, Kanagawa, Japan
- 2007 "Thanatos and Eros (Emi Anrakuji + Ken Kitano)", Epsom Imaging Gallery epSITE, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 "Photography Today 3 Resolution / Dissolution", The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 2004 "16th Society of Photography Exhibition (Asako Narahashi + Ken Kitano)", PLACE M, Tokyo, Japan
- 2000 "Humanscape - Among the People", Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi, Japan
- 1997 "San Marino International Photo Meeting", San Marino, Italy

1996' 97 '98 '01 '03 '04 "Young Portfolios", Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi, Japan

Awards

- 2013 Fotobook Festival, Photobook Award Nomination "our face: Asia"
- 2012 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 Programme
(Japanese 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 POLA ART FOUNDATION "our face project in Beijing"
- 2007 Newcomer's Award from the Photographic Society of Japan
- 2004 The Society of Photography Award 2004

Collections

Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Japan
Higashikawa Bunka gallery, Japan
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Ireland
Kawasaki City Museum, Japan
Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Japan
The National Museum of Art, Japan
The National Museum of Modern Art, Japan
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, USA
The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA
Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary Collection, Austria
Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Japan