

LÉVY GORVY

KAZUO SHIRAGA

Born in 1924 in Amagasaki
Died in 2008 in Amagasaki

Education

1948 Kyoto Municipal Special School of Painting, Kyoto

Awards

2002 Osaka Art Prize
1999 Distinguished Service Medal for Culture
1987 Hyogo Prefectural Cultural Prize for Excellence
1965 Amagasaki Citizen's Cultural Prize

Solo Exhibitions

2017 Dominique Lévy Gallery, London
2015 Mnuchin Gallery, New York
2014 Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Hong Kong
2012 Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp
2009 *Kazuo Shiraga: Painting Born Out of Fighting*, Azumino Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Toyoshina; also traveled to: Amagasaki Cultural Center, Amagasaki; Yokosuka Museum of Art, Yokosuka; Hekinan Museum of Contemporary Art, Hekinan
Kazuo Shiraga: Six Decades, McCaffrey Fine Art, New York
2007 *Kazuo Shiraga: Paintings and Watercolours 1954-2007*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London
2004 *Kazuo Shiraga zum 80. Geburtstag – Bilder*, Galerie Georg Nothelfer, Berlin
2001 Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
Kazuo Shiraga: Paintings and Watercolours, Annely Juda Fine Art, London
2000 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
1997 Gallery Apa, Nagoya
1995 Amagashinkitashin Office, Osaka
1994 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
1992 Galerie Georg Nothelfer, Berlin
Galerie Stadler, Paris
1991 Gallery Shirakawa, Kyoto
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
1990 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
Gallery Kasahara, Osaka
1989 Amagasaki Cultural Centre, Amagasaki
Gallery Kuranuki, Osaka
1988 Gallery Haku, Osaka
Galerie Georg Nothelfer, Berlin
1987 Galleria Milano, Milan
1986 Galerie Stadler, Paris



- 1985 Gallery Re-Art, Kyoto
The Contemporary Art Gallery, Seibu Department Store, Tokyo
Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
- 1984 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1982 Gallery Haku, Osaka
- 1981 Gendaito Centre Mini-Pinacotheca, Miyazaki
- 1980 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1979 Tor Road Gallery, Kobe
- 1978 Tor Road Gallery, Kobe
Miyako Gallery, Osaka
- 1976 Asahi Gallery, Kyoto
Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka
Miyako Gallery, Osaka
- 1975 Kintetsu Department Store, Osaka
- 1974 Tobi Gallery, Osaka
Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka
Fujibi Gallery, Osaka
- 1973 Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1964 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1962 Galerie Stadler, Paris
International Centre of Aesthetic Research, Galleria Notizie, Turin
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka

Group Exhibitions

- 2015 *Body and Matter: The Art of Kazuo Shiraga and Satoru Hoshino*, Dominique Lévy Gallery, New York
Between Action and the Unknown: The Art of Kazuo Shiraga and Sadamasa Motonaga, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas
Proportio, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice
- 2013 *Middlegate Geel '13*, CC De Werft, Geel
Présence/Absence, Espace Le Majorat, Villeneuve-Tolosane
Clues of Asia. Asian Contemporary Art from Long Collection, The Long Museum, Shanghai
Gutai: Splendid Playground, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
- 2012 *Tokyo 1955-1970: A New Avant-Garde*, Museum of Modern Art, New York
Destroy the Picture, Painting the Void, 1949-1962, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
After Gutai, McCaffrey Fine Art, New York
Gutai: The Spirit of an Era, National Art Center, Tokyo
Explosion! Painting as Action, Moderna Museet, Stockholm; also traveled to: Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona
A Visual Essay on Gutai at 32 East 69th Street, Hauser & Wirth Gallery, New York
- 2008 *ACADEMIA: Qui es-tu?*, Chapelle de l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris
- 2007 *ARTEMPO*, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice

- 2006 *ZERO International Künstler-Avantgarde der 50/60er Jahre*, Museum Kunst Palast, Düsseldorf; also traveled to: Musée d'Art Moderne, Saint-Etienne
- 2005 *Big Bang. Destruction et création dans l'art de 20^é siècle*, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
- 2004 *Resounding Spirit: Japanese Contemporary Art of the 1960s*, Samek Art Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg
Retrospective Exhibition of Gutai, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
- 2003 *Gutai Bijutsu Kyokai (Concrete Art Association)*, Gallery ART U, Osaka
The Contemplation of Space, Chelsea Art Museum, New York
- 2001 *Kazuo Shiraga - Fred Thieler - Jan Voss*, Galerie Nothelfer, Berlin
- 2000 *Memorial of Earthquake Disaster*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
Guten Morgen Malerei, Kunstverein Augsburg, Augsburg
- 1999 *The Movement of 20th Century in Art*, Fukuoka City Art Museum, Fukuoka
Gutai, Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris
- 1998 *Out of Actions: Between Performance and the Object, 1949-79*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; also traveled to Österreichisches Museum für angewandte Kunst, Vienna; Museu d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona and Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
Picaf -2nd International Contemporary Art Festival Pusan, Metropolitan Art Museum, Busan
- 1996 *Charity Auction for Honsin Disaster*, Seibu Shinjuku PePe Salon, Tokyo
Memory of Friends: Waichi Tsutoka and Shigeru Izumi, Keihan Gallery, Moriguchi
Art on 1953, After the War, Meguro Art Museum, Tokyo
The Yomamura Collection, Chiba City Museum, Chiba
L'Informe: mode d'emploi (Formless: A User's Guide), Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
- 1995 *Contemporary Calligraphy*, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
- 1994 *Japanese Art After 1945: Scream Against the Sky*, Yokohama Art Museum, Yokohama; also traveled to: The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
- 1993 *Gutai II 1959-1965*, Ashiya Municipal Art Museum, Ashiya
XLV Venice Biennale, Venice
The Gutai Group 1955/56, Penrose Institute, Tokyo
- 1992 *Gutai I 1954-1958*, Ashiya Municipal Art Museum, Ashiya
Reconstructed Gutai Field Exhibition, Ashiya Park, Ashiya
Blue Wave, Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo
- 1991 *Soga*, Grand Palais, Paris
Painting of the Showa Period Post-War, Himeji Municipal Art Museum, Himeji
Gutai, Darmstadt Museum, Darmstadt
Line in Contemporary Art, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
Movement of Contemporary Prints, Ashiya Municipal Art Museum, Ashiya
- 1990 *Gutai: Unfinished Avant-garde Group*, Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo
Stream of Contemporary Art, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Toyama

- Giappone all'avanguardia - Il Gruppo Gutai negli anni Cinquento*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Rome
- 1989 *The Visionary Yamamura Collection*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
Shiga, The Masterpieces of Niigata Prefectural Art Museum, Wakayama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
Japan and Australia Interchange Exhibition, Tottori Prefectural Museum, Tottori
- 1988 *Art Kite Show*, traveled to nine Japanese museums and internationally
Locus of Feet 1988, Yurakucho Seibu Art Forum, Tokyo; also traveled to: Tsukashin Hall, Amagasaki; World Children's Art Museum, Okazaki; Fukuyama Art Museum, Fukuyama and Oita Prefectural Art Hall, Oita
Expression of Movement, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
Movement of Japanese Contemporary Art, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Toyama
- 1987 *Japan Art Vivant*, Centre de la Vieille Charité, Marseille
- 1986 *Le Japon des Avant-Gardes 1910-70*, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
- 1985 *Artists in Hyogo*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
Human Documenta '84/85, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo
The Society for Research for the Yamamura Collection, National Museum of Modern Art, Osaka
Jiro Yoshihara and Gutai, Ashiya Citizen Centre, Ashiya
Gutai and Cobra, National Museum of Modern Art, Osaka
40 Years of Contemporary Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
Japanese Contemporary Paintings, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi
Reconstructions: Avant-Garde Art in Japan 1945-65, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford; also traveled to: Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh
Action and Emotion, Paintings of the 50s, National Museum of Art, Osaka
Grupo Gutai-Pintura y Acción, Museo Español de Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid
Japanese Contemporary Art Exhibition, Taipei City Art Museum, Taipei
Japanese Art Today, Mandeville Gallery, University of California, San Diego
The Ohara Museum Collection, Tsukashin Hall, Osaka
Today's Black and White, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
- 1984 *Contemporary Art through the 20 Years*, Gunma Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Gunma
Sadamasa Motonaga and Kazuo Shiraga, Wakayama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
Contemporary Art by Artists in Kansai 1950-1970, Seibu Hall, Yao
Dada in Japan: japanische Avantgarde 1920-1970, Kunstmuseum, Düsseldorf
- 1982 *Panorama of Japanese Contemporary Paintings*, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Toyama
View of 30 Japanese Contemporary Paintings after the War, Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum, Hiroshima

- Space Adesso, Ashiya (with Jiro Yoshihara)
- 1981 *Contemporary Art*, Nara Prefectural Art Museum, Nara
The 1950s: Gloom and Shafts of Light, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo
The Art of Today's Japan, Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai
1960s – Decade of Change in Contemporary Japanese Art, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo; also traveled to: The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
- 1980 *Japanese Modern Art - 20 Years Post War*, Kyoto City Art Museum, Kyoto
- 1979 *Jiro Yoshihara and Current Aspects of Gutai*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
- 1977 *The Japanese Modern Art*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
- 1976 *18 Years of Activity of the Gutai Group*, National Museum of Art, Osaka
- 1975 *4 Abstract Painters*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
- 1970 *Sekihi 70, Expo '70*, Osaka
- 1966 *17th Selected Master Pieces*, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
- 1965 *Groupe Gutai*, Galerie Stadler, Paris
8th Japan International Art Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo
16th Gutai Exhibition, Keio Department Store, Tokyo
The New Japanese Painting and Sculpture, Museum of Modern Art, New York; also traveled to: Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
Nul, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
- 1963 *14th Selected Master Pieces*, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
Movement of the Contemporary Paintings, The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
1er Salon International de Galeries Pilotes Lausannes, Musée Cantonel des Beaux Arts, Lausanne
Exposition d'art modern, Grand Palais, Paris
- 1962 *Salon de Tokyo*, Isetan Department Store, Tokyo
5th Exhibition of Japanese Contemporary Art, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo
- 1961 *Continuité et Avant-garde au Japon*, International Centre of Aesthetic Research, Turin
Experimental Art Today, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- 1960 *4th Exhibition of Japanese Contemporary Art*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo
- 1959 *XI Premio Lissone*, Lissone
Métamorphisme, Galerie Stadler, Paris
- 1958 *International Art of a New Era: 'Informel' and Gutai*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka, also traveled to: Tokyo and New York
- 1957 *First Art Show of Gutai on Stage*, Sankei Kaikan Hall, Osaka; also traveled to: Sankei Centre, Tokyo
International Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Bridgestone Museum, Tokyo
- 1956 *Second Gutai Art Exhibition*, Ohara Hall, Tokyo
- 1955 *First Gutai Exhibition*, Ohara Hall, Tokyo
Experimental Outdoor Modern Art Exhibition to Challenge the Burning Middy Sun, Ashiya Park, Ashiya

1954 Hankyu Department Store, Osaka (with Saburo Murakami)

Selected Bibliography

- 2015 S. Hirai, K. Kawasaki, J. Martin, et al, *Kazuo Shiraga*, New York: Dominique Lévy and Axel Vervoordt Gallery.
G. Ritter, K. Kawasaki, *Between Action and the Unknown: The Art of Kazuo Shiraga and Sadamasa Motonaga*, Dallas: Dallas Museum of Art.
- 2013 N. Kunimoto, "Shiraga Kazuo: The Hero and Concrete Violence", *Art History* vol. 36, pp. 154-179.
- 2012 D. Chong, M. Hayashi, M. Yoshitake, et al, *Tokyo, 1955-1970: A New Avant-Garde*, New York: Museum of Modern Art.
- 2010 E. Schambelan, "Kazuo Shiraga", *Artforum* vol. 48, issue 8, p. 195.
E. Baker, "Kazuo Shiraga", *Art in America* vol. 98, issue 3, p. 146.
- 2009 A. Pacquement, S. Hirai, K. Kudo, et al, *Kazuo Shiraga: Painting Born Out of Fighting*, Azumino: Azumino Municipal Museum of Modern Art.
K. Shiraga, R. Tomii, F. McCaffrey, *Kazuo Shiraga: Six Decades*, New York: McCaffrey Fine Art.
B. Genocchio, "Painting with Hands and Feet", *New York Times*, 23 August 2009, p. L1.11.
- 2007 K. Shiraga, *Kazuo Shiraga: Paintings and Watercolours 1954-2007*, London: Annely Juda Fine Art.
M. Tiampo, "Create what has never been done before!", *Third Text* vol. 21, issue 6, pp. 689-706.
- 2004 G. Didi-Huberman, *Traces: Body and Idea in Contemporary Art*, Kyoto: Kyoto National Museum of Modern Art.
- 1998 P. Schimmel, K. Stiles, *Out of Actions: Between Performance and the Object, 1949-1979*, Los Angeles: Museum of Contemporary Art.
- 1992 A. Tàpies, *Kazuo Shiraga*, Paris: Galerie Stadler.

Public Collections

Les Abattoirs, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Toulouse et Midi-Pyrénées
Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Nagoya
Amagasaki Cultural Center, Amagasaki
Aomori Museum of Art, Aomori
Asago Art Village, Asago
Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Ashiya
Bridgestone Museum of Art, Tokyo
Centre Régional d'Art Contemporain Midi-Pyrénées, Labège
Chiba City Museum of Art, Chiba
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas
Enryakuji Kaikan, Ōtsu
Fukuyama Museum of Art, Fukuyama
Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
Himeji City Museum of Art, Himeji
Hiroshima City Museum of Art, Hiroshima
Honkōji Temple, Amagasaki
Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe

Iwaki City Art Museum, Iwaki
The Kagawa Museum, Takamatsu
Kisoji Art Museum, Agematsu
Kita Modern Art Museum, Nara
Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art, Kitakyushu
Komagata Jūkichi Museum of Art, Nagaoka
Kōsetsuin Temple, Kyoto
Kure Municipal Museum of Art, Kure
Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo
Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu
The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai
Musée Cantini, Marseille
Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
Museum and Archives, Kyoto Institute of Technology, Kyoto
Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
The Museum of Art Ehime, Matsuyama
Museum of Fine Arts, Gifu
The Museum of Art, Ibaraki
The Museum of Art, Kochi
The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
The Museum of Modern Art, Shiga
The Museum of Modern Art, Toyoama
The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
Nara Prefectural Museum of Art, Nara
The National Museum of Art, Osaka
The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
Nerima Art Museum, Tokyo
Niigata Prefectural Museum of Modern Art/The Niigata Bandaijima Art Museum,
Nagaoka
The Office of Tendaishū, Otsu
Ohara Museum of Art, Kurashiki
Oita Museum of Art, Oita
Osaka City Museum of Modern Art, Osaka
Otani Memorial Art Museum, Nishinomiya
Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka
Takamatsu City Museum of Art, Takamatsu
Tanabe City Museum of Art, Matsue
Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya
Tokyo Municipal Museum of Art, Tokyo
Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
The Warehouse, Dallas
Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama
Yokosuka Museum of Art, Yokosuka