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Aya Kakeda

Born and raised in Tokyo, at five Aya Kakeda invented the Toltai Island whose inhabitants she still paints today. Now living and working in Brooklyn, NY, Kakeda lends her lifelong vision to both the commercial and fine arts, producing intricate landscapes populated with characters that have followed her halfway around the world. Kakeda's work has been produced by the likes of Nike, Delta, Disney, The New Yorker and the New York Times. She has been awarded three medals by the Society of Illustrators, SILA and 3x3 Illustrations. Her creations have also been shown in galleries and museums throughout the world in New York, Chicago, Mexico and Japan and England.

EDUCATION

MFA | with honors, Illustration As Visual Essay, School of Visual Art, NY, 2002

BFA | in Illustration, Savannah College of Art and Design, GA, 1999

*Currently studying ceramic at Greenwich Pottery House, New York, NY

SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012

Retrospective: Aya Kakeda, Amarillo Centro de Diseño en Xalapa, México

2009

24th Season, Metropolis Gallery, Lancaster, PA

2008

New Works by Aya Kakeda, Metropolis Gallery, Lancaster, PA

2004

Gathering, Compound 2 Gallery, Portland, OR, 2004

DUO SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2010

Creamy Cat, Gallery One Twenty Eight, New York City, NY

PaoPao's Nest, the Alternative Cafe Gallery, Monterey, CA

PaoPao Nest SF, Fabric 8 Gallery, SF, CA

2007

Aya Kakeda and David Cook, Metropolis Gallery, Lancaster, PA

GoGo monster, Headquarters Galerie, Montreal, Canada

2005

Sawaguzo, Redux Art Gallery, Charleston, SC

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2012

Giant Robot Biennale3, The Japanese American National Museum, L.A., CA

Tiny Trifecta, Cotton Candy Machine Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

Fall/ Winter 2012 show, White Studio, Fort Canning Park, Singapore

It's a pink world after all, Rojo Bermelo New Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico

Tiny Trifecta, Cotton Candy Machine Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

Super Button Mashers, Oh No! Doom Gallery, Chicago

2011

Flux Factory Auction 2011, Center 538, NY



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We are one, Camel Art Space, Brooklyn, NY
5.8 x 4.1 Exhibition, Manchester School of Art, England
Kamen Rider Show, Q POP Gallery, L.A CA
Super I AM 8 BIT, Echo Park, L.A. CA
Pow! Bang! Crash! Women and Comics, Webb Gallery, TX
Bad Luck Club – curated by Aya Kakeda, The Alternative Gallery, CA
Crazy 4 Cult, Gallery 1988, L.A, CA
Print the Fabric, Print it Gallery, Spain
Dear Japan, benefit auction for Japan at Art Connect New York, NY
Post it Barcelona, Atticus Gallery, Barcelona, Spain
We Are One, Auction for Japan, New York Institute of Technology, NY
Tiny Trifecta, Cotton Candy Machine Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Art Connects Benefit Auction, Art Connect New York, NY
Sugar n' Spice, Oh No! Doom Gallery, Chicago, IL
Ghost- images of You I have found in everything, The Box gallery, CA

2010

Flux Factory Auction, Center 548 Gallery, NY
Post It, Giant Robot 2 Gallery, L.A., CA
It's probably worth more than that, Head Quarters Galerie, Montreal, Canada
Giggling Bubbling, Da Gallery Korean American Association of NY, NY
Bad Luck Club New York, My Plastic Heart Gallery, NY
The Tiny Too Show, Gallery Meltdown/ Meltdown Comic, L.A., CA
Pop Up Installation/London Design Festival, The Liberty, London
Happily Unhappy, Blanc Compound gallery, Mandaluyoung, Philippines 2010 *Dark Pop 2.0*,
Last Rites Gallery, NY, NY
Criouser & Curiouser, Gallery Neucleus, L.A, CA

2009

Sur le Fil, Musee International des Arts Modestes, Sete, France
Sur Le Fil, Maison Folie Wazemmes, Lille, France
Crossing the Line Festival, Window display at Macy's, NY, NY
Powers in Numbers 4, Gallery Nucleus, L.A, CA
Dime Bag 3, Giant Robot Gallery, NY, NY
Oshiega Music Festival, Montreal, Canada
Girls vol.2, Galeria de Muerte, Tokyo, Japan
Toy Show, MF gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2008

Beasts!book2 the print show, Fantagraphics Bookstore, Seattle, DC
It's probably worth more than that 3, Headquarters Galerie, Montreal, Canada
APAK, Aya Kakeda, Betsy Walton, Junc Gallery, LA, CA
Last Second First - Narrative Art for the New Century, ISB Gallery, RISD, Providence, RI
The Panorama Project 3, Jonathan LeVine Gallery, NY, NY
Crazians, World of Wonder Gallery, LA, CA
Grizzly Proof in Canada!, Trinity Square Video Gallery, Tronto, Canada
Paint it!, MF Gallery, NY, NY
50th Annual Exhibition, Society of Illustrators Gallery, NY, NY
Alice in the wonderland, Compound gallery, Portland, OR
Girls! Girls! Girls!, MF Gallery, NY, NY
Deep Pop, Kenneth Chapman Gallery Iona College, New Rochelle, NY
Sci-Fi Art Show, MF Gallery, NYC, NY

2007

NYNYNY, Flux Factory gallery, L.I.C, NY
It's probably worth more than that 2, Headquarters Galerie, Montreal, Canada
Scab On My Brain, Space 1026 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Knock your Socks off!, Headquarters Galerie, Montreal, Canada
Project Grizzly, Flux Factory, L.I.C, NY



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Everything but the kitchen sync, La Luz de Jesus Gallery, LA, CA

Lamp show, Headquarters Galerie, Montreal, Canada

2006

WA-POP, Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL

The Rabid Rabbit, Visual Arts Gallery, NY, NY

Group show curated by Jordin Isop, Aidan Savoy Gallery, NY, NY

Four under 30, The New York Times gallery, NY, NY

Cover Me: Covers of Covers, Cafe esperanza Gallery, Montreal, Canada

it's all wood, Renowned Gallery, Portland, OR

Getting to know you, Headquarters Galerie, Montreal, Canada

Curvy 3, DAS Gallery, Australia

See you in hell, MF Gallery, NY, NY

Works on paper, Flux Factory gallery, L.I.C, NY

Tomodachi ten, DIC color square gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Group show, Front room Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2005

Mystery Meat, Future Prospects Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines

Comix Ex Machina, Flux Factory Gallery, L.I.C, NY

Letters from a small room: contemporary sequential art by women, Jannotta Gallery at Smith College, MA

2004

Cute&Scary, Flux Factory, L.I.C, NY

Childhood, Memory, and the Fantastic, Nuture Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

Group show, Junc Gallery, L.A, CA

Book Show, Flux Factory, L.I.C, NY

Cartoonal, Flux Factory, L.I.C, NY

Road Sign Project, France Nuits Sonores Festival, Lyon, France

GUEST LECTURES

MFA Illustration Dept, School of Visual Arts, 2012

MFA Illustration Dept, Maryland Institute College of Art, 2012

BFA Illustration Dept Senior Theses Classes, Parsons School of Art, 2012

BFA Fashion Illustration and Beyond Class, School of Visual Arts, 2012

BFA Fine Art Class, Hampshire College, 2012

BFA Illustration Dept, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, 2012

BFA 3D Illustration Class, Parsons School of Art, 2012

BFA Principal of Illustration Class, School of Visual Arts, 2012

BFA Photoshop Illustration Class, Queens College, 2011

BFA Illustration Class, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, 2011

BFA 3D Illustration Class, Parsons School of Design, 2011

MFA Illustration Dept, School of Visual Arts, 2010

BFA Senior Class, Maryland Institute College of Art, 2010

BFA Senior Class, Parsons School of Design, 2010

BFA Illustration Class, School of Visual Arts, 2010

BFA Illustration Class, Parsons School of Design, 2009

BFA Fashion Illustration and Beyond Class, School of Visual Arts, 2008

BFA Senior Illustration Class, Parsons School of Design, 2008

AIGA (American Institute of Graphic Arts) NY "Pretty Ugly", 2005

Simons Center for the Arts, SC, "Japanese Contemporary Artists", 2005