

RYUJI TANAKA

BIOGRAPHY

Born 1927 in Higashi Futami, Futami-cho, Kako-gun, Hyogo Prefecture (now part of Akashi City), Japan
Died 2014 in Japan

EDUCATION

- 1944 - 1948** B.F.A. in nihon-ga (Japanese-style painting), Kyoto Municipal School of Painting (now Kyoto City University of Arts), Kyoto, Japan
- 1952** Postgraduate course at Kyoto Municipal School of Painting, Kyoto, Japan

TEACHING POSITIONS

- 1963-1993** Konan Boys' High School, Ashiya, Japan

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 1997** Kobe City Cultural Contribution Award, Kobe, Japan
- 1962** Nihon-ga Contest Prize, 5th Contemporary Japanese Art Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1960** New Art Association Prize, 7th New Art Association Exhibition, Osaka, Japan

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

- 2017** *Ryuji Tanaka*, Simon Lee Gallery, London, UK

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016** *Ryuji Tanaka*, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
Ryuji Tanaka, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2002** *Painting/Passion and Sharpness, Ryuji Tanaka Exhibition*, JR Osaka Service Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 2001** *Ryuji Tanaka: Two Expressions*, Kobe Citizens Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1991** *Ryuji Tanaka Exhibition*, Hyogo Prefectural Citizens Hall Special Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1987** *TANAKA RYU peinture - suibokuga*, Espace Japon, Paris, France
Ryuji -8 months in Paris, Gallery Avenue Kobe, Kobe, Japan
- 1985** *Drawing Exhibition*, Hyogo Prefectural Citizens Hall, Kobe, Japan
- 1982** *Small Work Exhibition*, Space Adesso, Ashiya, Japan
Impression of Europe, Kaneko Pearl, Kobe, Japan
- 1979** *Lithograph Exhibition - Impression of Mongolia*, Gallery Ashiya Mate, Ashiya, Japan
- 1977** *Ryuji Tanaka*, Miyako Gallery, Osaka, Japan

- 1971** *Ryuji Tanaka Small Works Exhibition*, Ikuta Shrine Hall Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1967** *Impression of Europe; Ryuji Tanaka nihon-ga*, SOGO Department Store Kobe Annex Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1966** *Commemorative of the Visiting Europe Exhibition*, Kobe International House, Kobe, Japan
- 1965** *Ryuji Tanaka*, Kobe International House 5F, Kobe, Japan
- 1963** *Ryuji Tanaka*, Takekawa Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1960** *Ryuji Tanaka*, Kobe Hankyu Department Store Gallery, Kobe, Japan

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014** *12th nihon-ga Exhibition*, Himeji Citizen Gallery, Himeji, Japan
- 2003** *Ryuji Tanaka and Yoshiko Kamei: Art as an Interior*, Kansai Electric Power Kobe Branch Elle Galley Noppo, Kobe, Japan
- 2002** *Kawajiri Brush "Brush and Art Festival"*, All Japan Ink Painting Invitational Exhibition, Human Rights Center "Asunaro Hall", Masuda, Japan
- 2000** *Sesshu Grand Prix Masuda Art Awards Exhibition*, Human Rights Center "Asunaro Hall", Masuda, Japan
- 1998** *The New Year's Celebration Nihon-ga Small Paintings Exhibition*, Gallery Ajisai, Kobe, Japan
- 1997** *23rd Kobe Literature and Art Exhibition*, Kobe Hankyu Museum, Kobe, Japan
- 1994** *The New Year's Celebration Nihon-ga Small Paintings Exhibition*, Gallery Ajisai, Kobe, Japan
Hyogo Prefecture nihon-ga Paintings Exhibition, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts (PICA), Perth, Australia
- 1993** *1st Akashi Contemporary Artists Exhibition*, Akashi City Museum of Culture, Akashi, Japan (Ryuji Tanaka continued to participate in the exhibition until 2014)
Gutai III: 1965-1972, Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Ashiya, Japan
13th Tenri Biennale '93, Osaka Museum of Fine Arts, Osaka, Japan
- 1992** *Japanese Avant-Garde Gutai*, The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan
- 1991** *11th Tenri Biennale '91*, Osaka Museum of Fine Arts, Osaka, Japan
- 1990** *Nihon-ga Painting after World War Two in Kobe -PART I-*, Kobe City Hall Citizen Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1989** *The Japan Spanish Society of Kobe: 3rd Sol y Sombra Exhibition*, Gallery Santica, Kobe, Japan
9th Imadate Exhibition of Contemporary Paper Art Works, Imadate Town Fureai Plaza, Fukui, Japan
- 1986** *12th Kobe Literature and Art Exhibition*, Gallery Santica, Kobe, Japan
- 1985** *Hyogo Prefecture Contemporary Art Exhibition - Music*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1982** *Hyogo Prefecture Art Association Local Tour Exhibition* (Awaji exhibit tour), Hyogo Prefectural Awaji Cultural Hall, Awaji, Japan
Hyogo Prefecture Nihon-ga painters' Association Shikishi Painting Exhibition, Gallery Kan, Kobe, Japan
Hyogo Prefecture Nihon-ga painters' Association Spring Exhibition, Hyogo Prefecture Hall Art Gallery, Kobe, Japan

- 1981** *Portopia '81: The Amicable Exhibition between Artists from Kobe city and Tianjin city*, Gallery Portico, Kobe, Japan
Portopia '81: Hyogo Contemporary Art Exhibition - The Sea, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
Local Artists' Painting (Nihon-ga and Yo-ga) Exhibition, Daimaru Kobe, Kobe, Japan
Hyogo Kobe nihon-ga Painting Exhibition, Gallery Portico, Kobe, Japan
4th Local Artists' nihon-ga "Shikishi (signature board)" Painting Exhibition, KCC Art Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1979** *Jiro Yoshihara and Today's Aspects of the Gutai*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
Local Artists' Comprehensive Art Exhibition: 7th Hyogo Prefecture Art Festival, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
1st Danton Exhibition, Gallery Santica, Kobe, Japan
- 1978** *7th Coloring Your Life with Small Works Exhibition*, KCC Art Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1977** *Local Nihon-ga Painters' New works Exhibition*, Yamatoyashiki Art Gallery, Himeji, Japan
- 1976** *The "Bunka" 5 Artists Exhibition*, Ikuta Shrine Hall Gallery, Kobe, Japan
18 Years of Gutai Art, Osaka Prefectural Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1975** *5th Hyogo Prefecture Art Festival*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1974** *10 Local Artists' Exhibition*, Gallery Santica, Kobe, Japan
Selected nihon-ga Painters in Hyogo Prefecture Exhibition, Gallery Kobe, Japan
2nd Ashiya River International Biennale, Tekisui Museum, Ashiya, Japan
- 1973** *3rd Hyogo Prefecture Art Festival*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1972** *1st Ashiya River International Biennale*, Ashiya Citizens Center, Ashiya, Japan
- 1971** *1st Hyogo Prefecture Art Festival*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1969** *The Recommended Artists' Exhibition of Hyogo Prefecture*, Daimaru Kobe, Kobe, Japan
- 1967** *19th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Tokyo Central Museum, Tokyo, Japan. This exhibition travelled to Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
13th New Art Association Exhibition, Osaka, Japan
- 1966** *Ichiro Hariu presents "This is nihon-ga!"*, Gallery Nippon, Tokyo, Japan
13th New Art Association Exhibition, Osaka, Japan
- 1965** *The selected Nihon-ga Painters' Exhibition*, Nishi Ginza Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan. This exhibition travelled to Tsubaki Kindai Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
16th Gutai Art Exhibition, Keio Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
15th Gutai Art Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
12th New Art Association Exhibition, Osaka, Japan
- 1964** *6th Contemporary Japanese Art Exhibition*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
11th New Art Association Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1963** *Nihon-ga Painters' Exhibition in Hyogo Prefecture*, Toyota Shoundo, Kobe, Japan
The Selected 50 Artists from Hyogo Prefecture, Daimaru Kobe, Kobe, Japan
The First Annual Exhibition of the Sumi-e Society of America, The Nippon Club, New York, NY
7th Japan International Art Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
10th New Art Association Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1962** *5th Contemporary Japanese Art Exhibition*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
9th New Art Association Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

- 1961** *Pan Pacific Youth Artists Exhibition*, Daiichi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
8th New Art Association Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1960** *7th New Art Association Exhibition*, Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts, Osaka, Japan
- 1956** *3rd New Art Association Exhibition*, Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts, Osaka, Japan
- 1951** *Hyogo Prefecture nihon-ga Painters' Association Exhibition* (continued annual participation until 2003)
- 1950** *4th Pan-real Exhibition*, Fujii Daimaru, Kyoto, Japan
5th Pan-real Exhibition, Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts, Osaka, Japan. This exhibition travelled to Fujii Daimaru, Kyoto, Japan
- 1949** *3rd Pan-real Exhibition*, Fujii Daimaru, Kyoto, Japan
2nd Pan-real Exhibition, Osaka City Museum of Fine Arts, Osaka, Japan
1st Pan-real Exhibition, Fujii Daimaru, Kyoto, Japan

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

ARTIST BOOKS

- 1975** R. Tanaka, *The Study of Saburo Hasegawa*, self-published.
- 1993** R. Tanaka, *Ryuji Tanaka: My Selection*, self-published.

MONOGRAPHS

- 2016** *Ryuji Tanaka*, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp in collaboration with AsaMer, Ghent.

CATALOGUES

- 1998** *The Genesis of Pan-real*, (Otani Memorial Art Museum, Nishinomiya City).
- 1977** *The 30th Anniversary of Establishment: 35th Pan-real Exhibition*, (Pan-real Art Association).

ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

- 2017** L. Muñoz-Alonso, 'Two Fairs Battle for Primacy in Brussels, Europe's Rising Art Capital', *Artnet News* (21 April).
'Art Brussels Sheds Light on the Forgotten', *Harper's Bazaar Arabia*, (20 April).
'Artistic Mementos', *Aesthetica Magazine*, (31 March).
- 2016** E. Crichton-Miller, 'Japanese historic art with contemporary sensibility', *Financial Times* (23 September).
'Fall Forward: Hong Kong', *Artforum* (11 April).
E. O'Kelly, 'Wabi savvy: Antwerp aesthete Axel Vervoordt has built an ever-expanding empire on art', *Wallpaper** (3 November).
- 1987** 'Ryuji Tanaka Solo Exhibition', *The Kobe Shimbun* (24 July): 5.
- 1963** T. Uemura, 'From the Gallery', *Bijutsui Shuppan-sha*, No. 700 (June): 90.

TEXTS BY THE ARTIST

- 1977** 'Saburo Hasegawa – a note about the composition of woodcut print and method of engraved print', *Hasegawa Saburo Gahaku Kenkyujo at Konan Boys' High School* (August).
'The Reading Class Series 4: Saburo Hasegawa Special Issue', *Konan Ikuyukai* (January): 38-41.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- JAPAN** Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe
The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai
Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Ashiya
Osaka City Museum of Modern Art, Osaka
Hyogo Prefectural Private School Hall, Kobe
KONAN Gakuen, Ashiya
Kobe Municipal Motoyama Junior High School, Kobe
Sugimoto Nursery and Kindergarten, Kishiwada
Ninomiya Shrine, Kobe
Nofukuji Temple, Kobe

- UK** Tate, London