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Uemae (1920-2018), born in Kyoto, was first educated in nan-ga – the southern school of Chinese painting. Later he joined the Gutai movement. Unlike many of his Gutai peers, Uemae is not known for using action as the basis of his mixed-media works. Uemae's painting style is characterised by repetitive gestures and by an interest in ordinary materials such as matches, paint tubes and sawdust. The canvases themselves are often patched together from scraps, evincing post-war frugality and a lack of fetishism for the traditional materials of painting.

Solo Exhibitions

- 1951 First solo exhibition at Library of Nishi-Maizuru, Kyoto
- 1966 Solo exhibition at GUTAI Pinacoteca, Osaka
- 1982 Solo exhibition "Oil Paintings" and "NUI-works", Osaka Prefectural Contemporary Art Center, Osaka
- 1983 Solo exhibition "Ink Painting" and "Print-works", Osaka Prefectural Contemporary Art Center, Osaka
- 1992 Chiyu Uemae Self Selection of Stitch Exhibition, ABC Gallery, Osaka
- 1999 Chiyu Uemae Exhibition; Cosmology of Set and Dense, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka
- Chiyu Uemae in Maizuru, Maizuru Municipal Administration Memorial Museum
- 2001 Exhibition of Stitch, The Museum of Arts & Crafts, Itami
- 2002 Chiyu Uemae Print Works, Gallery 1100, New York, USA
- 2005 Chiyu.Uemae and Gutai Art Association, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka
- 2006 Exhibition "World of Chiyu.Uemae" at CASO Museum, Osaka
- 2010 Exhibition "Chiyu Uemae," at Miyazaki Prefectural Art Museum
- 2011 Exhibition "Chiyu Uemae," at Gallery LADS, Osaka
- 2012 Chiyu Uemae Special Exhibition at Los Angeles Art Platform 2012
- The Solo Exhibition "Chiyu Uemae – Jigado", at BB Plaza Museum of Art, Kobe
- The World of Chiyu Uemae, Gallery Shimada, Kobe
- 2013 Chiyu Uemae Special Exhibition at The Armory Show Modern 2013, Pier 92 (Booth 454) Chiyu Uemae Sato-kaeri-ten, Omiya "Fureai" Factory, Kyotango city
- 2015 Exhibition "Chiyu Uemae- A Solitary Path", Whitestone Gallery Hong Kong
- 2019 Chiyu Uemae- solo exhibition, Whitestone Gallery Hong Kong
- 2020 Solo exhibition, Gallery Nippon, Tokyo
- 2023 Solo Exhibition "Chiyu Uemae", Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Kanaal, Antwerp

Group Exhibitions

- 1947 1st Niki Group Exhibition at Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum
- 1958 The International Art of a New Era: Informel and Gutai , Takashimaya, Osaka,
World Exhibition of New Art (GUTAI), Martha Jackson Gallery, New York, USA
- 1959 Gutai in Torino, Gallery in Torino, Italy
- 1961 Continuité et avant- garde au Japon, international Center of Aesthetic
Research, Torino, Italy
- 1963 Modern Artists in Kobe, Musée Cantini, Marseille France
- 1964 Trends of Contemporary Art, The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
- 1965 Gutai in Paris, Stadler Gallery, Paris, France
Modern Artists in Kobe, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, USA
- 1966 Gutai pinakoteka, Osaka, Japan
Gutai in Holland, The Netherlands
International Contemporary Art Exhibition, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 1970 Gutai Exhibition at the Expo, Osaka, Japan
- 1971 Hiroshima Renaissance, Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum, Hiroshima,
Japan
- 1972 GUTAI: record for 17 years, GUTAI mini Pinacoteca, Osaka
- 1976 18 years of GUTAI, Osaka Prefectural Gallery, Osaka
- 1979 Jiro Yoshihara and after GUTAI, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art,
Kobe
- 1980 Art Now '80, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
Contemporary Art '80 (AU), Osaka Prefectural Contemporary Art Center,
Osaka
- 1983 Sechs Japanische Künstler der Gutai-Gruppe, Hildebrandt Studio,
Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1984 Fiber Work Miniature Japan, Wacoal Ginza, etc
- 1985 Storm of Art - Informel, Gutai, and Cobra, The National Museum of Art,
Osaka
Yamamura Collection Study Group, The National Museum of Art, Osaka
Gutai Exhibitio, Spain and Yugoslavia
- 1986 Fabric and Threads in the Contemporary Art Scene, Spiral Garden, Tokyo
GUTAI: action and painting, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art,
Kobe
- 1987 Needle Art Exhibition (1st), The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
- 1989 Maboroshi no Yamamura Collection exhibition, Hyogo Prefectural Museum
of Modern Art, Kobe
- 1990 Japanese Concrete Group of avant-garde art in 50's, Galleria Nazionale
d'Arte Modern, Rome, Italy
GUTAI Exhibition, The Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo
- 1991 Gutai - Japanese Avant-Garde 1954-1965, Institut Mathildenhöhe
Darmstadt, Germany
Gutai exhibition, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka
- 1992 DADA in Japan, Stadtmuseum Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf Germany
GUTAI 1: 1954-1958, Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Ashiya
- 1993 GUTAI 2: 1959-1965, Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Ashiya

- GUTAI 3: 1965-1972, Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Ashiya
- 1996 10 years of Avant-Garde Artists, Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997 Abstract Art 1957-64, Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Ashiya
Contemporary Stitch Japan Style, Montclair State University, USA
- 1999 Gutai Exhibition, Musée Le Jeu de Paume, Paris, France
- 2001 110 Selected Collections of Osaka City, ATC Museum, Osaka
Exhibition of Prints, 1100 Madison Square Garden, New York, United States
- 2004 50th Anniversary of Gutai Exhibition, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art,
Hyogo
- 2007 Exhibition of New Prints at Gallery LADS, Osaka
Collection of The National Museum of Art, Osaka
- 2008 Gutai to Contemporary, Gallery LADS, Osaka
Gutai and after, DOKA Contemporary Arts, Tokyo
Exhibition of 3 Artists, The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
- 2009 Exhibition "Museum Collection 2009-1," The Tokushima Modern Art
Museum
- 2012 Wind of Karuizawa - 19 Uemae works, Karuizawa New Art Museum,
Karuizawa
Exhibition "GUTAI: The Spirit of an Era," The National Art Center, Tokyo
Exhibition "Destroy the Picture - Painting the Void: 1949-1962," Los Angeles
MOCA, USA Tokyo 1955-1970: A New Avant-Garde, The Museum of
Modern Art, New York USA
- 2013 GUTAI: Splendid Playground, The Guggenheim Museum, New York
Parallel Views: Italian and Japanese Art from the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, The
Warehouse, Dallas, USA
- 2014 Gutai in in Karuizawa, Karuizawa New Art Museum
- 2015 Gutai, de Sarthe Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2016 Gutai: Selected Small Works, Whitestone Gallery, Hong Kong
- 2017 Gutai & The Japanese Avant-Garde: Small Painting and Drawings 1958-1996,
W. Alexander, Brooklyn
Binding Threads / Expanding Threads, Hiroshima City Museum of
Contemporary Art, Hiroshima
Impasto: The Gestural and Sensuous in Japanese Abstract Paintings,
Sakurado Fine Arts, Tokyo
Gutai Spirit, H.Arts Collective, Singapore
- 2018 Gutai, l'espace et le temps, The Soulages Museum in Rodez, Aveyron, France
- 2019 Worldwide Artists of Asia with Continuous Evaluation from Today's
Perspective---vol.3, Karuizawa New Art Museum, Karuizawa
Yamamura Collection Exhibition, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe
- 2022 Into the Unknown World - GUTAI: Differentiation and Integration
- 2024 Repetition and Accumulation II, Enokojima Art, Culture and Creative
Center, Osaka Prefecture / enoco , Osaka

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- Aruhito eno Hensho (a Reply to a Certain Person), ed. Kyodo-Shuppan, Kobe, 1998.
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- Memories at Nadahama in Kobe, ed. Miura-Insatsu, Kobe, 2010.
- The Uemae Diary: 1947-2010 - Chiyu Uemae and Gutai, Chiyu Uemae Memorial Foundation, ed. Hiroyuki Nakatsuka, 2019.
- Chiyu Uemae ---NUI--- Stich Works, Chiyu Uemae Memorial Foundation, 2022.

Public Collections

Artizon Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Ashiya, Japan
Axel & May Vervoordt Foundation, Antwerp, Belgium
Enokojima Art, Culture and Creative Center, Osaka, Japan
Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe, Japan
The National Museum of Art, Osaka
Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo, Itabashi, Japan
Niigata Art Museum, Japan
Fukuoka Art Museum, Japan
Goetz Collection, Sammlung Ingvild Goetz, München, Germany
Kitakyushu Art Museum, Japan
Kyotango City, Japan
Les Abattoirs, Toulouse, France
International Print Museum in Machida, Tokyo
MACAN Museum, Jakarta, Indonesia
Municipal Administration Memorial of Maizuru City
Musée Cantini, Marseille, France
The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan
Nakanoshima Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
Chiba City Museum of Art, Japan
Nerima Art Museum, Japan
Yokohama Museum of Art, Japan

Axel Vervoordt Gallery

The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan
Fukui Fine Art Museum, Japan
The Tokushima Modern Art Museum, Japan
The Rachofsky Collection, Dallas, Texas, USA