

Yuko Nasaka

Born in 1938, Osaka, Japan.

Lives and works in Osaka, Japan.

1938

Born in Konohana Ward, the second daughter of six children, to Yogashige Takeda and his wife Matsue.

1944

Evacuates to Takarazuka while in elementary school.

c. 1950

Begins oil painting while attending Osaka Municipal Utashima Junior High School, greatly inspired by an exhibition of art from the Louvre. Nasaka's father Dies.

1953

Enters Osaka Prefectural Ichioka High School, where she joins the art club. As Ichioka was the alma mater of noted Japanese painter Narashige Koide, there is a great emphasis on art. Senkichiro Nasaka, whom Yuko would later marry, was also a teacher at the school.

1956

Enrolls in the Daily Life course at Osaka Shoin Women's University.

1959

Graduates from university. Marries Senkichiro Nasaka and moves to Ibaraki City.

1960

First daughter born.

c. 1962

Inspired by Kazuo Shiraga, a classmate of Senkichiro's at the Kyoto City Specialist School of Painting, Yuko submits her work to the Ashiya City Exhibition. Receives the Mayor's Prize in the 15th Ashiya City Exhibition.

Begins submitting work to the Ibaraki City Exhibition on an annual basis and also serves as a judge. Shows work with holes in it at the 47th Nika Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Art. Meets Jiro Yoshihara. Shows work in the inaugural exhibition at Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka. Participates in the exhibition every year until Gutai dissolves.

1963

Joins the Gutai Art Association.

1965

Receives honourable mention at the 9th Shell Art Exhibition.

1966

Second daughter born.

1970

Designs the exterior walls for "Little World," part of the Japan Science and Technology exhibition created for the Japan Pavilion at Expo '70. Helps pay production costs for *Garden on Garden*, a collaborative work made by the Gutai members for the outdoor art exhibition at the expo.

1972

Yoshihara dies and the Gutai Art Association dissolves.

1986

Nasaka Senkichiro and Yuko Exhibition, ABC Gallery, Osaka.

1987

Wins grand prize in the IBM P.I. Exhibition, ABC Gallery, Osaka.

Exhibition history – selected solo exhibitions

2019

Solo Exhibition, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Wijnegem, Belgium

2017

Solo Exhibition, SI2 Gallery, Sotheby's, London, United Kingdom

2015

Solo Exhibition, Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium

2014

Solo Exhibition, Whitestone Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1986

Nasaka Senkichiro and Yuko Exhibition, ABC Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1985

Solo Exhibition, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan

1984

Solo Exhibition, Haku Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1969

Solo Exhibition, Petite Imabashi Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1964

First solo exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan

Exhibition history – selected group exhibitions

2018

Wonderkamer I. Axel Vervoordt, DIVA | Antwerp Home of Diamonds, Antwerp, Belgium

2017

INTUITION, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy

2015

PROPORTIO, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy

2013

Gutai: Splendid Playground, Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA

2012

Gutai: The Spirit of an Era, The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

2008

*Women Artists in Osaka, 20th Century Art from Japanese-style
Bijinga Paintings to the Postwar Avant-garde*, Shinsaibashi Exhibition Room,
Osaka City Museum Planning Office, Osaka, Japan

2005

Avant-Garde Women 1950-1975, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Art,
Tochigi, Japan

2004

50th Anniversary Gutai Retrospective, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Hyogo,
Japan

1993

Gutai II 1959-1965, Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Ashiya, Japan
Osaka Triennale 1993, My Dome, Osaka, Japan

1992

Gutai, Miyagi Prefectural Art Museum, Miyagi, Japan

1991

Women's '91, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan

1990

Osaka Triennale 1990, My Dome, Osaka, Japan

1989

Women's '89, Osaka Contemporary Art Center, Osaka, Japan

1988

10th Emba Prize Exhibition, Emba Museum of Chinese Modern Art, Ashiya, Japan

1985

Yoshihara Jiro and Gutai 1954-1972, Ashiya Civic Center, Ashiya, Japan

1979

Jiro Yoshihara and Contemporary Aspects of Gutai, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan

1976

18 Years of Gutai Art, Osaka Prefectural Gallery of Contemporary Art, Osaka, Japan

1972

Yoshihara Jiro and His Circle, Fujimi Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1970

Gutai Japan Expo '70, Midori Pavilion, Expo'70, Osaka, Japan

1968

20th Gutai Art Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan

21th Gutai Art Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan

Nighttime-Only Gutai Exhibition, Miyazaki Kanko Hotel, Miyazaki, Japan

Gutai Small Work Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan

2nd 100-person Contemporary Art in Osaka Exhibition, Ano Gallery, Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka, Japan

1967

4th International Young Artists Exhibition, Japan
18th Gutai Art Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
Gutai, Heide Hildebrand Gallery, Wulfengasse, Austria
19th Gutai Art Exhibition, Central Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Gutai Small Work Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan

1966

Nul 1966, International Art Gallery Olez, The Hague, The Netherlands
Gutai Small Work Exhibition, Mickerey Art Gallery, Loenersloot, The Netherlands
2e Salon International des Galeries Pilotes Lausanne, Musee Cantonal des Beaux-Arts Palais de Rumine, Lausanne, Switzerland
17th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Dept. Store, Yokohama; travels to Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
1st Mainichi Art Competition for French Exchange Student Program, Japan

1965

15th Gutai Exhibition, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan
16th Gutai Exhibition, Keio Dept. Store, Tokyo, Japan
9th Shell Art Exhibition, Gallery Itoh, Tokyo, Japan

1964

14th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Dept. Store, Osaka, Japan

1963

12th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Dept. Store, Tokyo, Japan
13th Gutai Art Exhibition, Takashimaya Dept. Store, Osaka, Japan

1962

15th Ashiya City Exhibition, Ashiya Seido Elementary School, Ashiya, Japan
Ibaraki City Exhibition, Ibaraki, Japan
47th Nika Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
Inaugural exhibition of the Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan

Public collections

Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Hyogo
Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Hyogo
Osaka City Museum of Modern Art, Osaka
The Miyagi Museum of Art, Miyagi
Tate Modern, London
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
The George Economou Collection, Athens
Axel & May Vervoordt Foundation, Antwerp