

## **AKIRA YOSHIKAWA**

### **Background**

Born in Hiroshima Japan, 1949. Immigrated to Canada, 1961. Canadian Citizenship, 1976. Residing in Toronto, Ontario Canada.

### **Education**

Graduated from the Department of Experimental Art, Ontario College of Art with Special Commendation Award, Toronto ON. 1974.

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2015 Reciprocity. Katzman Contemporary, Toronto, ON.
- 2011 Surrender. Leo Kamen Gallery. Toronto. ON.
- 2008 Akira Yoshikawa: The Way of Now. Curated by Georgiana Uhlyarik. The Koffler Gallery, Toronto, ON.
- 2006 Akira Yoshikawa: Select Works. Curated by Bryce Kanbara. Gendai Gallery, Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON.
- 2004 Random and Imposed Order. Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON.
- 2003 Tempo. Leo Kamen Gallery, Toronto, ON.
- 2001 Accord. Leo Kamen Gallery, Toronto, ON.
- 1997 The Champions of the Freedom Seekers. Showcase Project. The Redhead Gallery, Toronto, ON.
- 1996 Akira Yoshikawa. Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery, Owen Sound, ON.
- 1991 Empty Your Cup. Justina Barnicke Gallery, Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
- 1990 Recent Thoughts. Gallery/Stratford, ON.
- 1989 Akira Yoshikawa. Kingston Artists' Association, Kingston, Ontario. Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.
- 1989 Akira Yoshikawa. Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON.
- 1989 Akira Yoshikawa Recent Work. Curated by Linda Paulocik Station Gallery, Whitby, Ontario.
- 1983 Akira Yoshikawa at Mercer Union. Mercer Union, Toronto, ON.

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2020 "New Art Now: Recent Acquisitions" Curated by Sally Frater, Art Gallery of Guelph.
- 2019 Toronto Photoworks. Curated by Bryce Kanbara. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Don Mills. ON.

2014 Continuum. Curated by Patrick Macaulay, Harbourfront Centre, Toronto.

2012 Less. Curated by Alicia Boutilier. Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.  
 TransFormal. (Nobuo Kubota, Louise Noguchi, Naomi Yasui, Akira Yoshikawa) Curated by Chai Duncan. Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, ON.

2008 Transcient. Toronto International Airport, Air Canada International Departure Lounge, Toronto, ON.

2008 Order/Disorder: A Sculpture Show (Flavio Trevisan, Cal Lane, Kristina Lahde, Michelle Allard, Akira Yoshikawa) Curated by Georgiana Uhlyarik & Maura Broadhurst. Latcham Gallery, Stouffville, ON.

2002 In case of Rapture. Agnes Etherington Arts Centre. Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

2001 Take a Closer Look. Robert Langen Gallery, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON.

1997 Observance. (Nobuo Kubota, Louise Noguchi, Akira Yoshikawa) Leo Kamen Gallery, Toronto, ON.

1996 Temporal. (Therese Bolliger, Peter Cosco, Akira Yoshikawa) Cold City Gallery, Toronto, ON.

1994 Transitional State of Mind and Body. Harbourfront Centre, Toronto, ON.

1991 Visions of Power: Contemporary Art by First Nations, Inuit & Japanese Canadians. Curated by Bryce Kanbara. Harbourfront Centre & Leo Kamen Gallery, Toronto, ON.

1990 Rock, is there something you're not telling me? Curated by Ihor Holubizky. The Koffler Gallery, Toronto, ON.

1989 Systems and Processes. Agnes Etherington Arts Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Scaled to the Body. Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON.

1988 Today Show: Contemporary Art by Japanese Canadians. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Don Mills, ON.

1987 Shikata ga nai: Contemporary Art by Japanese Canadians. Organized by the Hamilton Artists' Inc. and circulated in southern Ontario.

1987 Secret Life of Object. Organized by the REPUBLIC. Art Resource Centre, Toronto, ON.

1985 Toronto/Drawing. Curated by Marshall Webb. Wynick/Tuck Gallery. Toronto, On.

1978 Aspect of Sculpture, 10th International Sculpture Conference. Curated by John Scott. Ontario College of Art, Toronto, ON.

1977 The Japanese Canadian Centennial Art Exhibition. Organized and circulated by The National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, ON.

1977 Four Japanese Canadians. Art Gallery of Harbourfront. Toronto, ON.

1975 13 Experimental Artists. Gairloch Gallery, Oakville, ON.

1974 SCAN '74. Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, B.C.

## **Collections**

Agnes Etherington Arts Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.  
AIM Funds Management Inc. Toronto, ON.  
Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.  
Art Gallery of Guelph. Guelph, ON.  
Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton, ON.  
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON.  
Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON.  
Bank of Montreal, Toronto Head Office, Toronto, ON.  
Baycrest Health Care, Toronto, ON.  
Burlington Art Centre, Burlington, ON.  
Canada Council Art Bank, Ottawa, ON.  
Chalmers Foundation, Toronto, ON.  
Gallery/Stratford, Stratford, ON.  
Glenbow Museum, Calgary, Alberta.  
Grimsby Art Gallery, Grimsby, ON.  
Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.  
MacLean/Hunter, Toronto, ON.  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ottawa, ON.  
Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, ON.  
Morlock and Associates, Toronto, ON.  
Niagara Falls Arts Foundation, Niagara Falls, ON.  
Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, ON.  
University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON.  
Station Gallery, Whitby, ON.

## **Selected Grants/Awards**

2015 Ontario Arts Council Established Artist Grant.  
2013 Banff Artist in Residency Program (BAIR), Banff Centre, Alberta.  
2008 Residency Program, The Koffler Gallery.  
1998 Ontario Arts Council Individual Artist Grant.  
1995 Open Studio Visiting Artist Program.  
1991 Ontario Arts Council Project Cost Grant.  
1985 Ontario Arts Council Project Cost Grant.  
1984 Canada Council Project Cost Grant.  
1982 Canada Council Project Cost Grant.

## **Selected Guest Lectures/Studio Workshops**

2006 Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto, ON.

2004 Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON.  
 2001 Innis College, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.  
 1998 Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough, ON.  
 1992 Tom Thomson Memorial Art Gallery, Owen Sound, ON.  
 1990 Gallery/Stratford, Stratford, ON.  
 1989 Kingston Artists' Association, Kingston, ON.  
     Niagara Artists' Centre, St. Catharines, ON.  
 1985 Department of Experimental Art, Ontario College of Art.

## **Selected Bibliography**

- 2020 "AGO Acquires Art of Akira Yoshikawa" Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Newsletter. Nov. 2020 issue by John Ota.
- 2020 "Artist Akira Yoshikawa Joins JC Giants at Toronto's Art Gallery of Ontario Part 1 & 2" Discover Nikkei, July 2020 by Norm Ibuki.
- 2019 Japanese Canadians in the Arts. Royal Ontario Museum. Essay by Bryce Kanbara.
- 2012 Doubling Up. Kendra Jackson. Canadian House & Garden, Sept. issue  
 A Conversation with Akira Yoshikawa. David Fujino. The Bulletin: The Journal Of Japanese Canadian Community. (JCCA) November issue.  
 Less. Alicia Boutilier. Exhibition essay. Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
- 2008 The Way of Now. Exhibition essay by Georgiana Uhlyarik, Koffler Gallery.
- 2008 Artists voice mixed feelings about AGO. Peter Goddard, The Toronto Star, Nov.15th
- 2008 Critics' Choice. Peter Goddard, The Toronto Star. Sept.11th.
- 2008 Espace (Sculpture) Magazine summer 2008. Order/Disorder: A Sculpture Show, review by Gil McElroy
- 2006 Akira Yoshikawa: Select Works. Exhibition Brochure essay by Bryce Kanbara.
- 2004 A Clear and Open Poetry of Suchness: Recent works by Akira Yoshikawa. Exhibition catalogue essay by Ted Rettig for Akira Yoshikawa: Random and Imposed Order. Art Gallery of Peterborough.
- 2004 Art Papers Magazine, July/August 2004 issue. Review International review by Gil McElroy.
- 2003 The Toronto Star, Arts Review January 23rd, 2003 issue, Peter Goddard.
- 2000 Nikkei Voice, April 2000 Vol. 14, No. 3 issue, The Lightness of Being, The Art of Akira Yoshikawa, by Jesse Nishihata.
- 1997 The Globe & Mail, August 23rd 1997 issue, Nobuo Kubota, Louise Noguchi & Akira Yoshikawa at Leo Kamen Gallery, by Betty Ann Jordan.
- 1991 Visions of Power Art Show's Reach is Far Beyond Its Grasp, By Kate Taylor. The Globe & Mail July 5th 1991.  
 Earth Spirit Cultures Celebrate Similar Visions, by Christopher Hume. The Toronto Star June 28th, 1991.
- 1989 "Fiction of the Real" Station Gallery exhibition essay 1989 by David Fujino.

1986 Akira Yoshikawa, Art Gallery of Hamilton by Marshall Webb. Vanguard Magazine, September, 1986.

### **Jury/Selection Committee**

2008 Toronto International Airport (GTAA) Toronto, Ontario.  
2006 Sculpture Society of Canada, 11th Graduating Sculpture Student Jury Committee.  
1999 Ontario Arts Council Individual Artists Grant Jury Committee.  
1997 Open Studio Visiting Artists Program Selection Committee.

### **Curatorial Organization**

2018 Chirashi Sushi: An Array of Artworks 1972 - 2016 by Bryce Kanbara. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Don Mills, ON.  
2014 Ochawan Transformation Exhibition. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. Don Mills, ON.  
1988 Today Show. co-curated with David Fujino. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre. Don Mills, ON.