

Masami Aihara

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1961 born and raised in Mitaka city, Tokyo.

1980 Tokyo Art and Music high school, sculpture course.

1987 Tama Art University postgraduate, sculpture department.

1989 Rikkyo University completed the curator course.



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1991- start to take part in International Sculpture Symposium in Georgia, Turkey, Greece, and Vietnam.

1997- opened the studio in Obihiro, Hokkaido and moved there.

Involved as an art coordinator in urban development, store design, NPO activities, and teaching at JHS.

2006- have been an artist-in-residence in Finland, The Netherlands, and The United Kingdom, where I have produced workshops and exhibited on the site.

In recent years, focusing on workshops and collaborative work by my own project, and have been deepening my own sculpture expression while working with children and adults who are a little bit difficult to work with in the local community.

Public art works in Hokkaido: Kitanoyatai, and Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.

If you have plan to come to Obihiro, please contact me anytime.

Let's enjoy art together!

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System 2017 @KushiroCityMuseum



Water Vein 2012 @PSQT.UK



Sounds of human 2021 @popke Hokkaido

[Exhibition]

- 1987. Echo of the day / Okurayama memorial hall [Kanagawa Japan]
- 1987. Echo of the day·2 / Nerima museum [Tokyo Japan]
- 1988. Solo show / Sone gallery [Tokyo Japan]
- 1990. Solo show / Atagoyama gallery [Tokyo Japan]
- 1996. Helen Ramsaran + Masami Aihara / Atagoyama gallery [Tokyo Japan]
- 1998. Fountain / Hokkaido hotel [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2005~20「NPO Northern brick lovers」 permanent exhibition / Kita Renga gallery [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2014. Mini show / Shanghai Garden [Tokyo Japan]
- 2016. Face to Face / Kulttuuri Kauppila [Ii Finland] / Tokarune [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2017. Face to Face / Galleria Oryza [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2017. Solo show Circ-Shift / Galleria Oryza [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2017. Katsumizu + Aihara Path-art / Kushiro city museum [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2019. Helene Kaikkonen + Masami Aihara / AnnaAnna [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2020 Solo show / Kushiro city museum touring exhibition [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2021. Senbei + Masami collaboration show / popke [Hokkaido Japan]

[Group show / Symposium]

- 1988. Party-3 / Toshiba build [Tokyo Japan]
- 1990. Party-5 / Toshiba build [Tokyo Japan]
- 1993. International sculpture symposium / Rustavi [Georgia USSR]
- 1995. International sculpture exhibition / Tbilisi [Georgia USSR]
- 1999. International sculpture symposium / Thessaloniki [Greece]
- 2000. International sculpture symposium "Cultural MAY 2000" / Drama [Greece]
- 2001. 11th The stone gathering / Hirukawa [Gifu Japan]
- 2002. International biennale miniature-art / Quebec [Canada]
- 2002. 12th The stone gathering / Hirukaewa [Gifu Japan]
- 2002. LIFE·COLOR·FORUM 2002 / Gallery Brocken [Tokyo Japan]
- 2002. 2nd Huseyin Gezer International sculpture symposium / Mersin [Turkey]
- 2002. 4th Exhibition of international creative-women / Setagaya museum [Tokyo Japan]
- 2003 Japan – Turkey International sculpture exhibition "Interaction"
/ Kyoto Seika University ·Keio plaza hotel [Kyoto·Tokyo Japan]
- 2003. International sculpture symposium for 65th / Solnechnogorsk [Russia]
- 2004. 2nd International sculpture symposium / Ankara [Turkey]
- 2004. 3rd Trolls in a Metropolitan green park / Zenpukuji [Tokyo Japan]

- 2005. 2nd International sculpture symposium / Chau doc [Vietnam]
- 2005. Torso exhibition / Nanohana [Odawara Japan]
- 2006. Kulttuuri Kauppila Artist in residence / Ii [Finland]
- 2007. Op de Rotte / Rotterdam [Holland]
- 2007. International sculpture exhibition / Gifu Museum [Gifu Japan]
- 2008. Art Keukenhof / Lisse [Holland]
- 2008. 6 Sculptors / Gallery Seiho [Osaka Japan]
- 2009. 60th Art Keukenhof / Lisse [Holland]
- 2010. Symposion Gorinchem·Beelden aan de rivieren / Gorinchem [Holland]
- 2011. The 100days in the Shinshokaku·Obihiro Contemporary Art
/ Manabe Garden [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2012. Artist In Residence / Portland Sculpture Quarry Trust [England]
- 2012. Micro residence report exhibition / Youkobo [Tokyo Japan]
- 2012. Oketo Contemporary Art / former Akita Primary school [Hokkaido]
- 2013. Face / Gallery Espace [Tokyo Japan]
- 2015. Minus art exhibition [Obihiro Hokkaido]
- 2016. Artist in Residence Kulttuuri Kauppila [Ii Finland]
- 2017-18. Obihiro Hot mug festa touring exhibition in Obihiro city [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2019. AMUAI Autumn art event AMUAI [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2021. Wind, gathering / Makura showcase [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2022. Wind, gathering 2022 / Makura showcase [Hokkaido Japan]
- 2022. My class II / Setagaya city museum [Tokyo Japan]

[Public Appearances / Collections]

2016.	36 Garage	Private collection / Hokkaido Japan
2011.	Silent Flame	Private collection / Hokkaido Japan
2009.	Lesves / Bird	Keiai hospital / Hokkaido Japan
2008.	Keuken	Private collection / Osaka Japan
2008.	Hidden Water	Garden Iori no Sakura / Hokkaido Japan
2007.	Tree House	Private collection / Hokkaido Japan
2006.	Lotus	Ii Town hall / Ii Finland
2002.	Window of Passage	Tokachigawa hot spring / Hokkaido Japan
2001.	I k i n u k i n	Kita no Yatai / Hokkaido Japan
2000.	Begin	Rafure Saitama / Saitama Japan
1997.	Bring up water	Miyamae post office / Kanagawa Japan
1997.	Immanence	Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine / Hokkaido Japan
1995.	Earth mirror	Melpark Yokohama / Kanagawa Japan
1990.	Saezuri	Utsunomiya / Tochigi Japan

1989. Talking bird Shikaribestu / Hokkaido Japan
1988. Birds in the forest Shikaribestu / Hokkaido Japan
1987. Birds in the forest Koshoku / Nagano Japan

[Workshop, Lecture, Teaching]

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- 2016-17. [Face to Face] Kulttuuri Kauppila, Tokarune / Ii Finland , Hokkaido
2017. [plaster Molding] All SeeD Association / Obihiro Hokkaido
2021. [Plaster Molding] Makura showcase / Makubetsu Hokkaido
2024. [Language Barrier] sculpture studio / Obihiro Hokkaido
- 2017-19. Teaching art course Kuttari JHS / Shintoku Hokkaido
2018,2023. Lecture [become a sculptor] Shintoku JHS / Shintoku Hokkaido