

Portfolio Biography: Ayako Noguchi



Five books

In 2009, first tanka collection "Kubisuji no Kakeru" (Pieces of Kubisuji). In 2012, second tanka collection "Natsu ni fureru" (Touching the Summer). In 2014, e-book, "First Letter with Bronchus", co-authored with poet Mizuki Misumi. In 2015, third tanka collection "Kanashiki Gangu Tan". In 2017, a collaborative tanka collection "Nemureru Umi" with photos, costumes and tanka. Gave a live reading performance at the same time.

2015

- Formed an improvisation unit "Miwo", with music, video and reading.

2016

- Performed a tanka reading in Lyon and Paris in France.

2017

- Collaborated with a dancer to perform dancing and tanka reading of "Midaregami", inspired by the love from the poet Akiko Yosano.
- Performed a concert with a pianist and a flutist; tanka reading of Wakayama Bokusui by duo, Ravel by piano, and Akiko Yosano's tanka reading

2018

- Appointed a member of selection committee of the tanka newcomer award "Hiroyuki Sasai Award". Performed for five years.

- Appointed an advisor for "AI Poet in Love" jointly developed by NTT Resonant.
- **Published 300 tanka poems on the theme of "Shinju Tenmijima", a bunraku piece by Monzaemon Chikamatsu in a tanka magazine for two months at a time.**
- Member of a selection committee of tanka contest with the theme of beauty in a beauty magazine "Aryukus."
- **Performed in the "Ueno Poetrical Jam", the largest reading festival in Japan.**

2020

- Provided 10 tanka poems for the painter Suzume Uchida's new painting exhibit, "The Stars That Won't Disappear".
- Started online lecture "Noguchi and Tanka Rally". Ongoing.
- Broadcasted a skype documentary "Seishun Milestone" and "Kanaeyuku: Why She Lives in Tanka World".

2021

- **Published my tanka work in a junior high school Japanese textbook.**
- Part-time lecturer at Nagoya University of Arts, teaching tanka composition and short stories.

2022

- Speaker with poet Yasuhiro Mitarai at Gifu Shimbun event "Genderless Fashion Collection".
- Instructor of tanka class "Amigo Uta-kai". Still continuing.
- Planning, lecturing and installation of tanka poems at "Kotoba DE Stretch," a literary project of Kagamihara City.
- Provided tanka to Dogo Onsen Art Project "Kaze ni Naru Uta".

2023

- Appeared twice as a poet on N H K
- **Performed waka work with Yasuhiro Mitarai, waka researcher and poet, at Taiwan Poetry Festival.**
- Contributed a palm novel about the family ship system, "The Enkosya," to a newspaper.

2024

- Wrote a book review about kimono on Instagram by kimono shop, Yashironi.
- Provided new tanka poem and essay on the tale of Genji tribute to the magazine "Tokyo-jin"