

Yudai Nakaya

Contemporary artist based in Tokyo, Japan.

"My work is a philosophical exploration through Japanese aesthetics, reimagining the contradictions of contemporary life." Nakatani is an artist who explores free expression across various media—ranging from lifescapes and organic materials to technology—guided by the aesthetics of Japanese sensibility. Rooted in a deep inner inquiry, he has established a uniquely integrated style that subtly shifts the viewer's perspective.

In 2009, Nakaya suspended activities after transitioning to a service-based approach to art. In 2024, they made a comeback, winning two Grand Prizes in Japan and receiving an international award the following year. Through exhibitions and collaborations with educational institutions and NGOs, Nakaya continues to explore new relationships with society.

Awards

2025 Finalist, Metro Ad Creative Award, Japan
2025 Award (Honorable Mention), Annual Photography Awards, United States of America
2025 Selected, Kudoyama Art Festival, Japan
2025 Selected, ACT Art Award Exhibition, Japan
2025 Selected, Shoto Art Museum Open Call Exhibition, Japan
2025 Selected, Zero Exhibition, Japan
2025 Selected, Sakai City Exhibition, Japan
2025 Nominee, Fine Art Photography Awards, United States of America
2024 Grand Prix, Asia Digital Art Award, Japan
2024 Grand Prix, ACTA+ ART AWARD, Japan
2023 Award, Asia Digital Art Award, Japan
2023 Selected, Watowa Art Award (First Screening Passed)
2009 Award, Good Design Award, Japan

Artist Programs / Fellowships

2025 Selected, The Artscene Artist Development Program (First Screening Passed)

Solo Exhibitions

2009 Yellow, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
2008 People, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo, Japan (within an art Event)
2008 Red, Kichijoji, Tokyo, Japan

Art Festival

2025 Kudoyama Art Festival, Wakayama, Japan
2025 Selected, Trolls in the Park, Tokyo, Japan (First Screening Passed)

Group Exhibitions

2025 TSUNAGU ACTION – ACTA+ POPUP STORE, Tamagawa Takashimaya, Tokyo, Japan
2025 Asia Digital Art Award, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
2025 ACT Art Grand Prize Exhibition, Art Complex Center, Tokyo, Japan
2025 ACTA+ ART AWARD Finalist Exhibition, COIL, Yamaguchi, Japan
2025 ZERO Exhibition, Toyonaka City Cultural Arts Center, Osaka, Japan
2025 Shoto Museum of Art Open Call Exhibition, Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
2025 Sakai City Exhibition, Sakai City Cultural Center, Osaka, Japan
2024 ACTA+ ART AWARD, Nihonbashi Mitsui Tower Atrium, Tokyo, Japan
2024 NARU FES / ARTEAT / +NARU, Tokyo, Japan
2024 Asia Digital Art Award, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
2012 Xperia 100 Design Collection, TABLOID, Tokyo, Japan
2010 P.C.A.D.EXHIBITION, Zuishoji Temple, Tokyo, Japan
2009 Good Design Expo, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo, Japan
2007 Spiral Bank Exhibition 9 × 9, Spiral, Tokyo, Japan

Contributions / Donations

2025 Anatanolbasyo, Tokyo, Japan
2024 Anatanolbasyo, Tokyo, Japan
2021 Anatanolbasyo, Tokyo, Japan

Lectures

2012 Tokyu Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
2012 Cruise Inc., Tokyo, Japan
2011 Newspapers Sankei x TCPL, Tokyo, Japan
2010 Good Design Expo, Tokyo, Japan
2009 Sanctuary Publishing, Tokyo, Japan
2009 Tokyo Content Producers Lab, Tokyo, Japan

Press

2024 Tokyo Newspaper
2024 Yamaguchi Newspaper
2009 TV Nippon "News Real Time"
2009 TV Fuji "Mezamyu"
2009 TV Fuji "Tokudane"
2009 TV Asahi "Super J Channel"
2009 TV Tokyo "Takeshi's Nippon no Mikata"
2009 Newspapers Yomiuri
2009 Newspapers Mainichi
2009 Newspapers Asahi
2009 Newspapers Nihon Keizai
etc.



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