FUMIKA TANAKA ARTIST PORTFOLIO







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1. INTRODUCTION / ARTIST STATEMENT



My work explores a path to peace by combining the unique traditions and backgrounds of different cultures with modern influences,

allowing these elements to coexist without merging completely.

Traditional Japanese techniques are paired with modern design to create art that connects these diverse aspects, respecting both heritage and progress. Growing up in Japan, the generational and cultural differences I witnessed sometimes led to misunderstandings. Yet, accepting these differences without forcing them to blend is, in my view, a way to achieve mutual respect and harmony. The coexistence of all living things—plants, animals, spirits, people, and cultures—is celebrated through my art. It offers a vision of a world where diversity enriches our lives, bringing us together rather than dividing us.

MY BACKGROUND

Education

- Aichi Shukutoku University Bachelor of Arts in Japanese Literature | 2002
- Kyoto University of Art & Design (Graduate Program Incomplete) Focused on design, art theory, and traditional art techniques. 2022
- Cosmo Global Communication School Business English Program
- Accademia Riaci, Italy Short-term Art Course | 2008

EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS

- Solo Exhibition in Florence, Italy (2018)
- Solo Exhibition at iOUCHI GALLERY, NY(2011)
- "Ametsuchi" Solo Exhibition Tokyo, Japan (2019)
- "Bright Milky Night" Solo Exhibition Kyoto, Japan (2018)
- All Japan Ink Painting Exhibition: Winner of "Hajin who Prize" and "Ise Newspaper Award" for outstanding ink painting (2010, 2012).
- Solo Exhibitions in Hiroshima & Kanagawa, Japan(2022)
- ADIHEX2023, ADIHEX2024 in Abu Dhabi , UAE(2023, 2024)
- world Art Dubai,UAE(2024)



2. SELECTED WORKS





ART& LIVE PERFORMANCES

PRODUCT DESIGN & ART DIRECTION

CORPORATE COLLABORATIONS



ART& LIVE PERFORMANCES



Art exhibition in ADIHEX, UAE (2023 • 2024)

At Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) in 2023/2024, I performed live painting and donated my work to the Japanese Embassy in the UAE. Utilizing traditional ink painting techniques, the spontaneous performance captivated the audience. Torrent of life 2022 Expressing the Joy of Existence and Celebrating Vitality through the Movement of Plants and Horses

material ink, paper ,silk gold, Pigments **size**64×45cm





Sky water 2024 Connecting abundant water, life, andheaven and earth

material ink ,paper,Pigments
gold,silk
size 65×35cm





Rondo 2024 I painted this piece with the hope that different cultures and creatures can enjoy interacting with each other while changing like a rond.

material ink ,paper,Pigments
gold,silk
size:65×35cm





Moonlight Upon You 2023 Blessing from the crescent moon

material ink ,paper,Pigments gold,silk





celebrates running Saluki 2023

material ink ,paper,silk **size:**65×35cm





Starry moonlit night 2023 Each star a story, each twinkling a rhyme

material ink ,paper,Pigments gold,silk

size:65×35cm





Moonlight Upon You 2023 Blessing from the crescent moon

material ink ,paper,Pigments gold,silk





Five thief cats Motifs of five famous thieves in Japanese Kabuki 2019 **material** ink ,paper,Pigments ,silk size:75×27cm



ghost parade`s top is the fortune cat 2019 livepainting

material ink ,paper,Pigments **size**70cm×180cm





Tree of life 2023

A symbol of the world where people, animals and trees are unitedConnect everything from heaven to earth and circulate. sizeA0105×64cm

material ink ,paper , Pigments ,metal





PRODUCT DESIGN & ART DIRECTION









Ryukyu Zodiac Dragon Cards (2024)

In 2024, the Ryukyu Zodiac Dragon Cards feature 29 designs based on traditional Ryukyu culture and the zodiac. The collection combines delicate ink brushwork with digital techniques, resulting in a series of cards that reflect a unique artistic vision.





The Yamato Sprits Oracle Cards(2022)

The Yamato Spirits Oracle Card collection, comprising 44 cards, fuses traditional Japanese mythology with spiritual themes. This project blends digital and analog techniques, and I handled every aspect of design and production, applying traditional ink painting techniques to a contemporary concept.



ARCHITECTURE



Exterior Visual for Beauty Salon (2020)

Promotional Visuals & Illustrations (Architecture)

Interior Concept Visual for Men's Spa (2023)



BRAND COLLABORATION



Leather Goods Customization Yuhaku Ginza Gallery, Tokyo <u>April 2024 yuhaku Ginza Gallery</u>

Designed exclusive leather goods with personalized motifs for high-end clients. Year: 2024

https://fumikaya.com/event/20240410-0423yuhaku-ginza-gallery-fe-line/ Long wallet / acrylic paint /

BRAND COLLABORATION





CATUX ZEN (2018)

In 2018, I handled the rebranding of the luxury cat product brand CATUX ZEN. The project was centered on a Zen concept, where I designed the logo and main visuals. The hand-drawn enso (circle) symbolized the brand's philosophy while integrating the essence of the cat, bringing visual coherence to their brand identity.





<u>Jikko Knives (2022)</u>

For Jikko Knives, I was responsible for the visual rebranding in 2022. The project aimed at expanding the brand into international markets, and I incorporated traditional Japanese ink painting techniques into the main visuals and illustrations. The project successfully enhanced Jikko's global presence by emphasizing its craftsmanship.

2024 CALENDAR

MIZHO

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Mizuho Securities (2024)

For Mizuho Securities, I designed their 2024 corporate calendar, combining traditional Japanese motifs with modern design elements to strengthen the company's visual identity.



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