

Minoru Ohira

Studios

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1950 Born in Niigata, Japan

education

Kanazawa City Arts and Crafts College
1975 Bachelor of Fine Arts, B.F.A

Tokyo National University of Arts
1977 Masters in Art Education, M.F.A

Mexico National Institute of Art (La Esmelarda)
1979-81

solo exhibition

- 2014 Minoru Ohira Solo Exhibition commemorating the 26th the Denchu Hiraokushi Award, Denchu Art Museum, Ibara, Okayama, Japan
- 2013 Minoru Ohira Solo Exhibition commemorating the 26th the Denchu Hiraokushi Award, Takashimaya Nihombashi, 6fl. Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 Minoru Ohira Solo Exhibition Space · S, Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2007 Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida
- 2005 Ise Contemporary art Museum, Mie, Japan
- 2004 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Yamaki Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 2004 OSU Fairbanks Gallery, Corvallis, Oregon
- 2003 Bryan Ohno Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2003 Kittredge Gallery, The University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
- 2002 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Bryan Ohno Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2001 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

- 2001 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" INAX Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" NOB Gallery, Okazaki, Japan
- 2000 Elayne Jordan Collection, Pacific Design Center, L A, CA
- 1999 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Mitsubishi-jisho Street Gallery, Hiroshima, Japan
- 1999 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" NOB Gallery, Okazaki, Japan
- 1999 Golden West College Fine Art Gallery, Huntington Beach, CA
- 1999 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Gallery EMON, Nagoya, Japan
- 1998 L.A Artcore center, L.A, CA
- 1997 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" NOB Gallery, Okazaki, Japan
- 1996 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Gallery EMON, Nagoya, Japan
- 1996 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Gallery OH , Owari-Ichinomiya, Japan
- 1996 Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum, Cal State University San Bernardino, CA
- 1995 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" NOB Gallery, Okazaki, Japan
- 1995 The 8th Nagoya Contemporary Art Fair, Nagoya Municipal Art Gallery, Japan
- 1994 Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 1993 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Yamaki Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1993 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Gallery T.Y.K2, Tokyo, Japan
- 1993 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" NOB Gallery, Okazaki, Japan
- 1992 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1991 Space Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1991 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" NOB Gallery, Okazaki, Japan
- 1991 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Hiro Chikashige Gallery, Okayama, Japan
- 1990 The National Gallery, Bangkok, Thailand
- 1990 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Sakura Gallery, Nagoya, Japan
- 1990 Don Soker Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1989 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1989 Space Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1988 Sakura Gallery, Nagoya, Japan
- 1987 Space Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1987 Don Soker Contemporary Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1986 Space Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1986 L.A Artcore Center, L.A, CA
- 1986 Santa Monica College Art Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1986 Chabot College Art Gallery(two men), Hayward, CA
- 1985 James Tucotte Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1978 "Minoru Ohira one-man show" Daiwa Niigata Gallery, Niigata, Japan

selected group exhibition

- 2013 "SIZE REALLY DOES MATTER", L.A Municipal Art Gallery, L.A, CA
- 2009 "Artist File 2009 - The NACT Annual Show of Contemporary Art" The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 "INSIGHT/INSIDE LA "José Drudis-Biada Gallery, Mount Saint Mary's College, USA

- 2008 "Space Gallery December 1975 – August 1995" W. Keith and Janet Kellogg University Art Gallery, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, USA
- 2008 "oHIRa NOWling"- Echiko and Minoru Ohira's Sculptures and works on paper, Todd Madigan Gallery, California State University, Bakersfield, California, USA
- 2007 "Minoru & Echiko Ohira, Nature of Materials", Davis & Cline Gallery, Ashland, Oregon
- 2007 "Resonance", Poissant Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2006 "Two Men Show", Atagoyama Artworks, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 "GroupExhibition", Davis & Cline Gallery, Ashland, Oregon
- 2006 "Minoru & Echiko Ohira, Materials & Nature", The Armory Center For The Arts, Pasadena, CA
- 2005 "Grouplexhibition", Manhattan Beach Creative Arts Center, Manhattan Beach, CA
- 2004 "Ichigo-ichie", Gallery 727, L A, CA
- 2004 "Celebrating Nature", Craft & Folk Art Museum, L A, CA
- 2004 "TwoMen Exhibition (with Marc Katano), Sabina Lee Gallery, LA , CA
- 2003 "TheInspired Vessel", Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, LA, CA
- 2002 "TheWind from The West Coast", (three men show), Niigata City Art Museum, Niigata, Japan
- 2002 "Global Address", USC Fisher Gallery, LA, CA
- 2002 "Sculptors of Eastern Japan", Tokyo Station Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 "Of Materials and Memory"(with Echiko Ohira), El camino College Art Gallery Torrance, CA
- 2001 "Osaka Triennial2001", Osaka, Japan
- 2001 "Thoughts of Nature(With Mark Katano)", Bryan Ohno Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 1999 "Plant Life", Angeles Gate Cultural Center, San Pedro CA
- 1999 "Millennium", Gallery Soolip, Los Angeles, CA
- 1999 "OrganicDrift", Dian Nelson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 1999 "Open and Closed: Artists contemporary Books as Sculpture", Fullerton College Art Gallery, Fullerton, CA
- 1998 "Tale of Los Angeles", Couturier Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1998 "Osaka Triennale 1998-Sculpture", Osaka, Japan
- 1998 "Five Sculptors Figurative Works, Dian Nelson Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 1998 "Japanese Mind", Book Art Gallery, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica, CA
- 1997 "West Coast Painting & Sculpture", Oceanside Museum of Art, Oceanside, CA
- 1997 "Duet"(with Echiko Ohira), Gallery Soolip, L.A, CA
- 1997 "The 6th International Shoes box Sculpture Exhibition, University of Hawaii Monoa Art Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1997 "Pacific Rim Artists in California", Cal State University of Bakersfield, CA
- 1996 "The Asahikawa Prize for Contemporary Wood Sculpture Exhibition", Hokkaido Asahikawa Museum of Art, Asahikawa, Japan
- 1996 "Blessings and Beginnings", Hebrew Union College Skirbal Museum, L.A
- 1996 "Dichotomy(with Richard Johnston), Fullerton College Art Gallery, Fullerton, CA
- 1996 "Drawn From L.A", The Armory Center For The Arts, Pasadena, CA
- 1996 "The Essential Object", Palo Alto Cultural Center, Palo Alto, CA

- 1995 "BodyMind and Spirit", Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery Scripps College, Claremont, CA
- 1995 "Surroundingtwo men show)", Brand Gallery, Santa Ana, CA
- 1995 "California In Three Dimensions" California Center for The Arts Museum, Escondido, CA
- 1994 "The 5th International Shoesbox Sculpture Exhibition, University of Hawaii Manoa Art Gallery,
Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1994 "LAX(five japanese Artists in L.A)", JACCC Doizaki Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1994 "New Structuralists", Boritzer/Grey/Hamano Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 1994 "Summer Sculpture Exhibition", Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Franciaco, CA
- 1994 "Common Language(With Mark Katano)", Sharon Truax Gallery, Venice, CA
- 1993 "Choice Encounters(permanent collection)", Long Beach Museum of Art, CA
- 1993 "Elegant,Irreverent & Obsessive:Drawing in Southern California", Cal State University Fullerton
Main Art Gallery, Fullerton, CA
- 1993 "Engaging Materials", L.A Municipal Art Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1993 "Breaking Barriers", Santa Monica Museum of Art, Santa Monica, CA
- 1992 "Sensibilities: Substance and Surface", Jose Drudis-Biada Art Gallery, Mount ST Mary's College,
Los Angeles, CA
- 1992 "Drawing as Poem", The Armory Center for The Arts, Pasadena, CA
- 1992 "Contemporary Drawings", Claremont Graduate school West Gallery, CA
- 1992 "Pacific Rim", Andrew-Shire Gallery, L.A , CA
- 1991 "Human Mark", Yorba Buena Gardens Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA
- 1991 "The 4th International Shoesbox Sculpture Exhibition", University of Hawaii, Manoa Art Gallery
Honolulu, Hawaii
- 1991 "The Nature of Sculpture", Jacksonvill Art Museum, Jacksonvill, Flirida
- 1991 "Professor's Choice", Lang Art Gallery, Scripps College, Claremont, CA
- 1990 "East Bound,West Bound", Korean Cultural Services Art Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1990 "Accretions:Collage and Assemblage", Space Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1990 "Natural Forces", L.A Municipal Art Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1989 "American-Japanese Artists", George J Doizaki Gallery, JACCC, L.A, CA
- 1988 "Two Artists Exhibition(with Seiji Kunishima)", Murazumi Gallery, Okazaki, Japan
- 1987 "Metamorphosis Once a Tree", Century Gallery , Sylmar, CA
- 1987 "Natural Sources", Angeles Gate cultural Center, San Pedro, CA
- 1987 "Language of Forms/Vice of Materials", Richmond Art Center, Richmond, CA
- 1987 "Survey of Object", Space Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1987 "Natural Elements", Transamerica Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1986 "Only L.A. Contemporary Variations", Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, L.A, CA
- 1986 "Japan/America", Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA
- 1986 "Asian/America", Cal State University L.A Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1985 "Gallery Artists Exhibition", James Turcotte Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1984 "Japanese Artists in L.A", Dejong Gallery , L.A, CA
- 1983 "Drawing Exhibition", L.A Artcore Center, L.A, CA

- 1981 "Mexico Contemporary Sculptures", Museo de Banco National de Mexico, Mexico City
- 1980 "Pair City", 1st Monumental Sculpture Competition, Tokyo, Japan
- 1980 "Biwako Open-Air Sculpture Exhibition, Shiga , Japan
- 1979 "Japanese Artists in Mexico", Gallery Encuentro, Mexico City
- 1977 "Group Exhibition", Yokohama Municipal Art Gallery, Yokohama, Japan
- 1976 "Group Exhibition", Minori Kogei Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1976 "Tree Men Exhibition", Tokiwa Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1975 "11th Japan Contemporary Art Exhibition", Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1975 "4th New Talent Award Exhibition", Modern Sculpture Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 1974-77 "Shinseisaku Art Exhibition", Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum , Tokyo, Japan

lecture & residency

- 2010 Kyoto Seika University, Kyoto, Japan (slide lecture)
- 1998~2008 Kanazawa College of Art, Kanazawa, Japan (as a guest artist every year)
- 2007 University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, (slide lecture)
- 2004 Oregon State University, Corvallis , Oregon (video lecture)
- 2004 University Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA (artist in resident , one month period)
- 2003 University Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA (slide lecture)
- 2002 Microsoft, Seattle, WA (slide lecture)
- 2002 El Camino College , L A, CA (lecture)

award

- 2013 The 26th Denchu Hirakushi Award, Ibara-City Okayama, Japan
- 2009 The 36th Teijiro Nakagawa Award, Hokkaido Asashikawa, Japan
- 2001 Special Prize (10th Osaka International Triennale), Osaka, Japan
- 1998 Special Prize(Osaka International Sculpture Triennale), Osaka, Japan
- 1996 Hokkaido Asahikawa Museum Prize, Japan
- 1986 Lorser Feitelson Foundation, Los Angeles
- 1980 Second Prize(1st Monumental Sculpture Competition,"Pair City"), Tokyo, Japan
- 1974 New Talent Prize(Shinseisaku Art Exhibition), Tokyo, Japan