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Ikko NARAHARA

1931 Born in Fukuoka, Japan

1954 Graduated from Faculty of Law, Chuo University

1955 Joined the "Seisakusha-Kondankai (Creator's Round-Table Conference)" and interacted with Tatsuo Ikeda and On Kawara
Joined the innovative artist group "Jitsuzisha (Real Existence)" with Masuo Ikeda, and Ay-O

1959 Received MA in Art History, Waseda University

1959 Organized a photographers' agency "VIVO" with Eiko Hosoe, Shomei Tomatsu, and others.
(Disbanded in 1961)

1962 Travelled to the United States, stayed in Paris for 3 years (Returned in 1965)

1966 Became a professor in Tokyo Zokei University

1970 Traveled to the United States, stayed in New York for 4 years (Returned in 1974)

2020 Passed away

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 *Art Document 2025 Commemorating the Donation of Works: A Journey Through Time and Space Photographs* by Ikko Narahara, Kanaz Forest of Creation, Fukui, Japan

2025 *Where Time Has Vanished*, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
From "Tokyo, the '50s" (Corner Exhibition), Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Where Time Has Vanished, Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film, Tokyo, Japan
Ikko Narahara: Where Time Has Vanished, Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum, Nagasaki, Japan

2024 *Venice-Nightscapes and Japanesque*, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
Ikko Narahara: Light and Shadow in Venice, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Humanscape, JCII Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan

2023 *IKKO'S AMERICA*, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Domains, Fukuoka Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
Narahara IKKO Exhibition: Light across Time and Space, Kushiro Art Museum, Hokkaido, Japan
Narahara Ikko Photographs from New Acquisitions, the Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan
Fashion, amanaTIGP, Tokyo, Japan
Narahara Ikko "Gaze on the boundaries", Kure Municipal Museum of Art, Hiroshima, Japan

2022 *Domains*, Hakodate Museum of Art, Hokkaido, Japan

2021 *New Acquisitions: Photographs by Narahara Ikko*, Kushiro Art Museum, Hokkaido, Japan

2020 *Celebration of Life*, Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film, Tokyo, Japan
Ikko Narahara 'Domains' and the age of VIVO, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Where Time Has Vanished, Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film, Tokyo, Japan
Human Land/Domains, JCII Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

2019 *Ikko Narahara Photographs: The Promised Journey to Spain*, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
Japanesque, La Vieille Eglise Saint-Vincent de Merignac, Merignac, France

2018 *'Human Land' and the Jitsuzisha Group*, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Human Scape, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan

2016 *Venice – Nightscapes*, Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film, Tokyo, Japan
Where Time Has Vanished (Part One: Journey to "A Land So Near and Yet So Far" 1954 – 1974, Part Two: Beyond Perspective 1970 - 2002), FUJI FILM SQUARE, Tokyo, Japan

2015 *Where Time Has Stopped*, Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film, Tokyo, Japan

2014 *Domains*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

2010 *The Sky in my Hands IKKO NARAHARA*, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan [Cat.]

2004 *IKKO NARAHARA*, Photo Forum, Bienne, Switzerland
En – Circle Vision, Shinjuku Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, Nov. 9 – 22; Traveled to: Osaka Nikon Salon, Osaka, Japan, Dec. 16 – 28.

2003 *Heaven*, Photo Gallery International, Tokyo, Japan, May 8 – 30; Traveled to: Gallery RAKU, Kyoto, Japan, Jun. 10 – 22; Museum of Kyushu Sangyo University, Fukuoka, Japan

2002 *Domains*, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Ikko Narahara, Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France [Cat.]

2000 *Zen*, Piccolo Teatro Strehler, Milano, Italy
Human Land, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan

1999 *En – 7 Heavens + Circular Vision*, VERSO Photo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1998 *Where Time Has Vanished*, Photo Gallery International, Tokyo, Japan, Mar. 24 – Apr. 24; Traveled to: Gallery 807, Hokkaido, Japan, May 14 – 26; etc.

1997 *Pocket Tokyo 1992 – 1997*, Konica Plaza East Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Where Time Has Vanished, Taichung Photography Gallery, Taichung City, Taiwan; Traveled to: Taipei Photography Gallery, Taipei City, Taiwan

1995 *Pocket Gallery*, Konica Plaza West Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo Skyline – Vertical Horizon, Konica Plaza West Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo, the '50s, Mole, Tokyo, Japan

1994 *Blue Yokohama*, Past Rays Photography Gallery, Kanagawa, Japan
Fifteen Thousand Nights, Plaza Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1991 *Broadway and Rebirth*, Photo Gallery International, Tokyo, Japan

1989 *Bergamo*, Unac Salon, Tokyo, Japan

1987 *Human Land*, Photo Gallery International, Tokyo, Japan, Apr. 1 – 28; Traveled to: Picture Photo Space, Osaka, Japan

Stateless Land, Unac Salon, Tokyo, Japan

Stella Memories, Parco Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1986 *Digital City*, Ginza Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, May 13 – 18; Traveled to: Shinjuku Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, May 20 – 26; Osaka Nikon Salon, Osaka, Japan, Jul. 1 – 7

1985 *Ikko Narahara*, Fotografia'85, Trino, Italy

Light and Darkness: Ikko's World, Walkerhill Art Hall, Seoul, Korea

Humanscape, Yurakucho Asahi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1984 *Ikko Narahara*, Foto'84, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Six Contemporary Photographers – Polaroid 20"×24", Ikebukuro Seibu Art Forum, Tokyo, Japan

1983 *Aerial Perspective*, Seibu Contemporary Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Ikko Narahara Photography Exhibition, release of book and poetry collection: Aerial Perspective, Ikebukuro Seibu Galleria Iki, Tokyo, Japan

Luminous City: Venezia, Ginza Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, May 10 – 15; Traveled to: Shinjuku Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, May 17 – 23; Osaka Nikon Salon, Osaka, Japan, June 1 – 7.

1982 *Arcades of Light – Piazza San Marco release exhibition*, Parco Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1981 *IKKO NARAHARA*, Photographers' Gallery, London, England

1980 *Light in Venezia*, Shinjuku Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, Nov. 1 – 7; Traveled to: Osaka Nikon Salon, Osaka, Japan, Nov. 1 – 7.

Light and Waves, Maruzen Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1979 *Journey to "A Land So Near and Yet So Far"*, Ginza Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 2 – 7; Traveled to: Shinjuku Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 9 – 15; Iida Gallery Annex, Tokyo Japan, Oct. 1 – 14; Unac Salon, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 1 – 14; Osaka Ban Garow, Osaka, Japan

Arcades of Light – Piazza San Marco, Wako Hall, Tokyo, Japan

1977 *Broadway '73 - '74*, Iida Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1975 *Where Time Has Stopped*, Shadai Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

IKKO, Light Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1974 *IKKO'S AMERICA*, Ginza Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan

1973 *The World Selections by the Critic*, Neikrug Gallery, New York, NY, USA

IKKO, Neikrug Gallery, New York, NY, USA; Traveled to: Nikon House, Tokyo, Japan; George Eastman Museum, Rochester, NY, USA

1972 *Celebration of Life*, Seibu Department Store, Tokyo, Japan

1970 *España Grand Tarde*, Ikebukuro Seibu Department Store, Tokyo, Japan

1965 *España Grand Tarde*, Fuji Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 7 – 20; Traveled to: Ichibannkan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 7 – 20

1960 *Land of Chaos*, Fuji Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan
Blue Yokohama, Gekko Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1959 *Image of Castles*, Marunouchi Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1958 *Domains*, Fuji Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan, Sept. 9 – 15; Traveled to: Fuji Photo Salon, Osaka, Japan, Sept. 9 – 15.

1956 *Human Land*, Matsushima Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 *The National Museum of Art Collection PLUS - The Beginning of Contemporary Photography and Beyond*, Kushiro Art Museum, Hokkaido, Japan
Collection Exhibition, Yokohama Museum of Art, Kanagawa, Japan
30th Anniversary Commemorative Exhibition Part Two: Photography and Portraiture: From Faces to Landscape, Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi, Japan
70th Anniversary: Ikko Narahara's Stateless Land and the Jitsuzisha Group, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Yokohama Museum of Art Reopening Inaugural Exhibition: Welcome back, Yokohama, Yokohama Museum of Art, Kanagawa, Japan
Special Exhibition Commemorating the Acquisition of the Yamakawa Collection: PHOTOGRAPHY, the Past / the Future, The Museum of Art, Ehime, Japan

2024 *The Possibilities of Linear Expression*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
SHYARAKUSA! Japanese Photo Books of the 1950s—1970s, FUJIFILM SQUARE, Tokyo, Japan
100 Year Story of Photography, Shizuoka City Museum of Art, Shizuoka, Japan [Cat.]
MOMAT Collection, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
TOP Collection: The Resonance of Seeing, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
Material provocativo para pensar. Fotografía japonesa contemporánea. Colección José Luis Soler Vila, Museo Carmen Thyssen Málaga, Málaga, Spain
Trio: Modern Art Collections from Paris, Tokyo and Osaka, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan, May 21 – Aug. 25; Traveled to: Nakanoshima Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan, Sep. 14 – Dec. 8 [Cat.]
The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series: Noir & Blanc—A Story of Photography, M+, Hong Kong
Artists Along the Railway Lines: The Odakyu Line, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

2023 *FOOD for THOUGHT*, Taka Ishii Gallery Maebashi, Gunma, Japan

TOP Collection: A Genealogy of “Peep Media” and the Gaze, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

Venice: Toshio Matsuo + Ikko Narahara, Nagasaki Prefectural Art Museum, Nagasaki, Japan

2022 *Listen to Art: Sounds from Paintings, Photographs and Sculptures*, Kushiro Art Museum, Hokkaido, Japan

Museum Collection III Two Individuals: Hagiwara Sakumi and Enomoto Ryoichi, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Man and Woman, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan

MOMAT Collection, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Ikko Narahara x Mitsuo Katsui, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan

Earth: A Retrospective, Bombas Gens Centre d'Art, Valencia, Spain

KYOTOGRAPHIE International Photography Festival, Ryosokuin Temple, Kyoto, Japan

2020 *The Gaze of Things: Japanese Photography in the Context of Provoke*, Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain

2019 *MOMAT Collection*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

The Window: A Journey of Art and Architecture through Windows, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

ASAMA INTERNATIONAL PHOTO FESTIVAL PHOTO MIYOTA, Nagano, Japan

JCII Photo Salon Collection Exhibition, JCII Photo Salon, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

The Gaze of Things: Japanese Photography in the Context of Provoke, Bombas Gens Centre d' Art, Valencia, Spain, Feb. 22, 2019 – Feb. 2, 2020 [Cat.]; Traveled to: Círculo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain, Jul. 3 – Aug. 30, 2020

2018 *Architecture x Photography: A Light Existing Only Here*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

I Want To Go Somewhere Far Away, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Basically. Forever. -2018-, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

Collection Exhibition: IKKO NARAHARA – SPAIN, KAWARA MUSEUM of Takahama City, a hometown of Ceramics, Aichi, Japan

2016 *Black Sun/Red Moon: Pictures from Japan*, Ratio 3, San Francisco, CA, USA

2009 *Japan: A Self-Portrait Photographs 1945 – 1964*, Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan, May 2 – June 5; Traveled to: Ken Domon Museum of Photography, Yamagata, Japan, Aug. 27 – Oct. 28; Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Aichi, Japan, Nov. 6 – Dec. 13; Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Yamanashi, Jun. 5 – Aug. 31, 2010 [Cat.]

2007 *VIVO*, Shadai Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2004 *In the Center of Things*, Center of Creative Photography, Tucson, AZ, USA

2003 *The History of Japanese Photography*, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, USA [Cat.]

Japanese Photography 1945 – 1975, Hôtel de Sully, Paris, France
VIVO, Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan

2002 *Photography and the Landscape of 20th Century*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo

2001 *Greece Photo Festa -The Spirit of Religion*, Photographic Center of Skopelos, Sporades, Greece
Viva! ITALIA, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
Peace Art Poster by 100 Artists, Felissimo Design House, New York, NY, USA, Dec. 20 – Jan. 13, 2002; Traveled to: Tokyo, Japan, etc.
THE HORSE – A Homage, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

1999 *The Tracks of the Photography Expression – 1950 to Today*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

1998 *Realism in Postwar Japan 1945 – 1960*, Nagoya City Art Museum, Aichi, Japan [Cat.]

1996 *1953 Shedding Light on Art in Japan*, Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

1995 *Tokyo – City of Photos*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
Hommage to Tatsuhiko Shibusawa, Nicihdo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Hyogo Aid '95 by Art: 23 Artists; Traveled around Japan.

1994 *Reflection of Venice*, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ, USA
Quest for the Moon, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, USA

1993 *Photographers Who Created a New Age 1960s-70s*, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]

1991 *54 Master Photographers of 1960 – 1979*, International Center of Photography, New York, NY, USA
Venice, Nieuwe Kerk, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Innovation in Japanese Photography in the 1960s, Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
Photographs in Japan 1955 – 1965, Yamaguchi Prefecture Museum of Art, Yamaguchi, Japan [Cat.]

1990 *Tokyo – TOKYO*, Yurakucho-Seibu Art Forum, Tokyo, Japan
International View Point, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, USA

1987 *PHOTOGRAPHIE 1945 – 1985*, Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany
Venezia, Printemps Ginza, Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 26 – Jan. 18, 1988; Traveled to: Daimaru Museum, Osaka, Japan, Feb. 17 – 29, 1988

1986 *Houston Foto Fest Biennial Exhibition: Houston and the Rodeo*, Houston, TX, USA
JAPON DES AVANT GARDES 1910 – 1970, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France

1985 *Paris – New York – Tokyo*, Tsukuba Museum of Photography 1985, Ibaraki, Japan
Génération Polaroid, Pavillon des Arts, Paris, France

1982 *20th Century Photography / The Museum of Modern Art Collection*, Seibu Museum of Art [Cat.]
Museum Collection, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan

1981 *Das Imaginare Photo-Museum*, Photokina, Cologne, Germany
 VIVO 1959 – 1962, Shadai Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1980 *THROUGH*, Galerie Vivienne, Paris, France
Triennale international de la photographie, Charleroi, Belgium

1979 *JAPAN: A Self Portrait*, International Center of Photography, New York, NY, USA
Fleeting Gestures: Dance Photographs, International Center of Photography, New York, NY, USA
Fotografia Giapponese Dal 1848 ad Oggi, Museo d'Arte Moderna di Bologna, Bologna, Italy

1978 *Rencontres Internationales de la Photographie*, Arles, France
 VIVO: *Contemporary Photography*, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, California, CA, USA

1976 *Neue Fotografie aus Japan*, Kunsthaus Graz, Graz, Austria
Self-Selected Works by 12 Photographers - Photography for Sale, SHISEIDO THE GINZA, Tokyo, Japan

1974 *Ten Photographers*, McMaster Museum of Art, Ontario, ON, Canada

1973 *NEW JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHY*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA [Cat.]

1968 Japan Photo Critics Association Awards, Nikon Salon, Tokyo, Japan

1966 *Ten Artists in Contemporary Japanese Photography*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

1962 *NON*, Matsuya Ginza, Tokyo, Japan

1960 *Contemporary Japanese Photography*, The Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

1959 *2nd Venice International Photo – Biennale*, Venice, Italy
3rd The Eyes of 10, Konishiroku Photo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1958 *2nd The Eyes of 10*, Konishiroku Photo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

1957 *International Subjective Photography*, Matsuya Ginza, Tokyo, Japan
The Eyes of 10, Konishiroku Photo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

AWARDS

2006 The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette

2005 Distinguished Contributions Award of the Photographic Society of Japan Awards

1996 Medal of Honor with Purple Ribbon

1987 3rd Domestic Photographer Award of the Higashikawa Awards

1986 Annual Award of the Photographic Society of Japan Awards

1968 18th The Minister of Education Award of Arts, (for *Where Time Has Stopped*)
 9th Mainichi Arts Award, (for *Where Time Has Stopped*)

1967 11th Japan Photo Critics Association, Photographer of the Year Award, (for *Where Time Has Stopped*)

1959 2nd Biennale Internazionale di Fotografia, Bronze Medal, (for "Miner")

1958 2nd Japan Photo Critics Association, The Most Promising Photographer Award, (for *Domains*)

FUJIFILM Photo Contest, Professional Gold Medal, (for "The Thinking Girl")

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Where Time Has Vanished, Tokyo: Fukkan.com, 2025

Tokyo, the '50s / Blue Yokohama, Tokyo: Fukkan.com, 2025

Where Time Has Stopped, Tokyo: Fukkan.com, 2022

Ikko Narahara Photographs: The Promised Journey to Spain, Tokyo: Crevis, 2019

Domains, Tokyo: Fukkan.com, 2019

Human Land, Tokyo: Fukkan.com, 2017

Ikko Narahara: The Sky in my Hands 1954-2004, Shimane: Shimane Art Museum, 2010

En – Circular Vision, Tokyo: Creo, 2004

Ikko Narahara: Mirror of Space and Time, Tokyo: Shinchosha Publishing, 2004

HEAVEN, Tokyo: Creo, 2002

Pocket Tokyo, Tokyo: Creo, 1997

Ku, Tokyo: Libro Port, 1994

BROADWAY, Tokyo: Creo, 1991

Stellar Memories, Tokyo: Parco Publishing, 1987

Venetian Light, Tokyo: Ryuko Tsushin, 1987

HUMAN LAND, Tokyo: Libro Port, 1987

Venice – Nightscapes, Tokyo: Iwanami Shoten, 1985

Humanscape, Tokyo: Shinchosha Publishing, 1985

Aerial Perspective (Poem: Koichi Tamura), Tokyo: Gendai Hanga Kobo, 1983

Ikko Narahara – Anthology of the Photography of the Showa period, Volume 9, Tokyo: The Asahi Shimbun Company, 1983

Arcades of Lights – Piazza San Marco, Tokyo: Unac Tokyo, 1981

Time of Photography, Tokyo: Kousakusha, 1981

Light and Waves, Tokyo: Parco Publishing, 1980

Journey to "A Land So Near and Yet So Far", Tokyo: Shueisha, 1979

Domains, Tokyo: Asahi Sonorama, 1978

SEVEN FROM IKKO, Tokyo: Unac Tokyo, 1977

Where Time Has Vanished, Tokyo: The Asahi Shimbun Company, 1975

Camera Mainichi. *Celebration of Life*, Tokyo: Mainichi Newspapers, 1972

EUROPE – Portfolio, Tokyo: Chikuma Shobo, 1971

Man and His Land, Tokyo: Chuokoron Shinsha, 1971
Japanesque, Tokyo: Mainichi Newspapers, 1970
España Grand Tarde, Tokyo: Kyurudo Art Publishing, 1969
Where Time Has Stopped, Tokyo: Kajima Institute Publishing, 1967

PUBLIC COLLECTION

Bibliotheque Nationale de France, Paris, France
Hamburger Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany
International Center of Photography, New York, NY, USA
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Kushiro Art Museum, Hokkaido, Japan
M+, Hong Kong
Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, USA
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, USA
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY, USA
The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ, USA
Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Shimane Art Museum, Shimane, Japan
Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
Tama Art University Library, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Yokohama Museum of Art, Kanagawa, Japan