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Kiyoji OTSUJI

- 1923 Born in Tokyo
- 1942 Enrolled in Tokyo Professional School of Photography (graduation approved in 1944)
- 1949 Member of Bijyutsu Bunka Art Association (- 1952)
- 1953 Participated in the interdisciplinary avant-garde art collective *Jikken Kobo (Experimental Workshop)*
Founded the photography and design studio *Graphic Shudan (Graphic Group)*, together with Kosaku Ito and Hamao Hamada
- 1958 Taught at Kuwasawa Design School (- 1975)
Participated in the foundation of the Advertising Photographers' Association (left in 1967)
- 1961 Part-time Instructor at Musashino Art University (- 1967)
- 1967 Assistant professor at Tokyo Zokei University (became professor since 1972, -1976)
- 1976 Professor at Tsukuba University (- 1987)
- 1987 Professor at Kyushu Sangyo University (- 1996)
- 2001 Passed away

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 *Kiyoji Otsuji*, Taka Ishii Gallery Modern, Tokyo, Japan
Experimental Workshop, Taka Ishii Gallery Modern, Tokyo, Japan
- 2007 *Kiyoji Otsuji, Encounter and Collaboration*, The Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
- 1999 *Kiyoji Otsuji Portrait Exhibition*, Mole, Tokyo, Japan
Kiyoji Otsuji Retrospective – Experimental Workshop of Photography, The national Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
- 1997 *Kiyoji Otsuji Portfolio Exhibition*, Mole, Tokyo, Japan
- 1987 *Kiyoji Otsuji Exhibition*, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
Kiyoji Otsuji 1948 – 1987, Tsukuba University Gallery, Ibaraki, Japan
- 1977 *The Past in a Box*, Photo Gallery Prism, Tokyo, Japan

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *1968: Art in the Turbulent*, Chiba City Museum of Art, Chiba, Japan, Sep. 19 – Nov. 11; Traveled to: Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art Riverwalk Gallery, Fukuoka, Japan, Dec. 1 – Jan. 27; Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka, Japan, Feb. 10 – Mar. 24 [Cat.]
- 2017 *Kiyoji Otsuji / Yutaka Takanashi – ‘Experimental Workshop’ and ‘Methodology’ of Photography*, Tokyo Zokei University Yokoyama Memorial Manzu art Museum, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
- 2016 *Performance / Documents*, Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film, Tokyo, Japan
Japanese Photography from Postwar to Now, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, USA
Postwar: Art Between the Pacific and the Atlantic, 1945-1965, Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany [Cat.]
Performing for the Camera, Tate Modern, London, UK [Cat.]
- 2015 *Postwar Japanese art from the 1950s*, Taka Ishii Gallery New York, New York, NY, USA
- 2014 *2014 Japan Society Gallery Benefit Auction*, Japan Society, New York, NY, USA
- 2013 *Japanese Photography: postwar – present*, Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film, Tokyo, Japan
Jikken Kobo – Experimental Workshop, The Museum of Modern Art, Kamakura & Hayama, Kanagawa, Japan, Jan. 12 – Mar. 24; Traveled to: Iwaki City Art Museum, Fukushima, Japan, Apr. 20 – Jun. 2; Toyama Prefectural Museum of Art & Design, Toyama, Japan, Jul. 13 – Sep. 8; Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art Riverwalk Gallery, Fukuoka, Japan, Oct. 5 – Nov. 10; Setagaya Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan, Nov. 23 – Jan. 26 [Cat.]
- 1999 *Kiyoji Otsuji and 15 Photographers*, Museum of Tokyo Zokei University, Tokyo, Japan
the 6th Portfolio Exhibition, Epsite Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1996 *Light Up 1953: New vision of art in the after-war period*, Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
- 1995 *The Age of Modernism*, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
- 1994 *Japanese Experimental Film & Video 1955-1994*, Kirin Plaza Osaka, Osaka, Japan
(Projection of «KINE CALLIGRAPH»)
- 1991 *What Photographers Observing 1945 – 1960*, Konika Plaza, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
the 11th Shuzo Takiguchi Exhibition: Jikken Kobo and Shuzo Takiguchi, Satani Gallery, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
- 1990 *Twelve Photographers in Japan, 1945–55*, Yamaguchi Prefectural Museum of Art, Yamaguchi, Japan [Cat.]
The Silent Dialogue: Still Life in the West and Japan, Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka, Japan [Cat.]
- 1989 *150 Years of Photography*, Konika Plaza, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
FOTO-MANIA the 4th exhibition, Setagaya Art Museum Citizen's Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

- 1988 *FOTO-MANIA the 3rd exhibition*, Setagaya Art Museum Citizen's Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1986 *Japon des Avant Gardes 1910-1970*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France [Cat.]
FOTO-MANIA the 1st exhibition, Setagaya Art Museum Citizen's Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1985 *Paris New York Tokyo*, Tsukuba Museum of Photography 1985, Ibaraki, Japan; Traveled to: The Miyagi Museum of Art, Miyagi, Japan, Nov. 11 – Dec. 22 [Cat.]
- 1983 *Male Art Exhibition*, Seibu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1982 *Shuzo Takiguchi and the Post-war Art*, The Museum of Modern Art, Toyama, Toyama, Japan [Cat.]
- 1975 *A History of Japanese Modern Photography*, Seibu Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1973 *Motion, Movie, Move: Movies filmed by Photographers*, Kinokuniya Hall, Tokyo, Japan
- 1970 *Imaginary Machines Exhibition*, Theatre Labo, Tokyo, Japan
- 1966 *From Space to Environment*, Matsuya Ginza, Tokyo, Japan
- 1964 Tokyo Olympic Art Competition Exhibition *Color in Japan*, Matsuya Ginza, Tokyo, Japan
- 1957 *Aeronautical Form Association's Exhibition*, Konika Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Summer Exhibition by Experimental Workshop Members, Fugetsudo, Tokyo, Japan
the 4th Graphic Group Exhibition <Photography Concrete>, Konika Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1956 *the 1st Photographic Exhibition of International Subjectivism*, Nihonbashi Takashimaya, Tokyo, Japan
Contemporary Photography: Japan and France, Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan [Cat.]
the 3rd Graphic Group Exhibition, Matsuya Ginza, Tokyo, Japan
- 1955 *Experimental Workshop Exhibition / Painting, Sculpture, Photography*, Muramatsu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
the 2nd Graphic Group Exhibition, Matsuya Ginza, Tokyo, Japan
- 1953 *Two Walls (photographic exhibition of Graphic Group)*, Takemiya Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
the 1st Graphic Group Exhibition, Matsuya Ginza, Tokyo, Japan
- 1952 *Yoshikazu Ogawa and Kiyoji Otsuji: two-persons photography show*, Takemiya Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
the 12th Bijyutsu Buka Art Association's Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1951 *the 11th Bijyutsu Buka Art Association's Exhibition*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1950 *the 10th Bijyutsu Buka Art Association's Exhibition*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1949 *the 9th Bijyutsu Buka Art Association's Exhibition*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

PUBLICATIONS

Experimental Workshop of Photography, Kiyoji Otsuji Experimental Workshop of Photography, 2006

Japanese Photographer 21: Kiyoji Otsuji, Tokyo: Iwanamishoten, 1999

Note of Photography, Tokyo: Bijutsu Shuppansha, 1989

“Kiyoji Otsuji Experimental Workshop”, *Asahi Camera* Jan – Dec, Tokyo: Asahi Shimbun Publication Inc., 1975

Bunpou Shihou, Kyoto: Tankosha, 1972

Commercial Photography and Special Shooting, co-author with Graphic Group, Tokyo: David, 1954

AWARDS

1997 Order of Photographic Culture, Tokyo Camera Club

1996 Distinguished Contributions Award of the Photographic Society of Japan