

Koso Sato (Japan)

Koso Sato, born 1948 in Akita, Japan, graduated from Musashino Art University's oil painting department in 1970. Sato's work received frequent honors at exhibitions, and in 1977 he headed for the École nationale supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris to enrich his studies. First visiting Taiwan on an invitation, he grew fond of the people and culture and decided to hold frequent exhibitions on the island 1989. After settling in Taiwan for over a decade, Sato moved back to Japan's Yamanshi Prefecture, where he currently resides.

Sato's works, which range from his early impressionistic and expressionistic styles to later neo-cubist and abstract pieces, have had a considerable influence on the younger generation of artists in Taiwan.

Poetic Post-modernist Eclecticism

The features of Koso Sato's neo-cubism evolved from the hues of fauvism and the lines of expressionism, now having taken on elements of *pittura metafisica* and surrealism as well as Sato's personal style and eclecticism: the exquisite multi-faceted nature of Western-influenced modern Japanese painting. His works exhibit bright and sentimental colors, speaking through their imagery and structure. Born of years of sketching and filtering abstract simplicity, the changes of abstraction reach out to the viewer through his colors and textures. This is gradual evolution of art, shaped by reflection on shape itself. With the passage of time, Koso Sato's romantic colors have turned from a slightly maudlin passion to calm, introverted depth. As Koso Sato said his attitude to life, "Sensibility is a way of life. I think everyone ought to show off their sensibility through the way they live. I believe that artists are gentle, sensitive people in the context of life methodology. It's not everybody who can be gentle and sensitive. Most people are caught up with their own lives, losing all of their energy between life's joys and sorrows. I'm no exception, floating down life's river, living up until the present. But at the same time, I feel deep inside that I'm often walking in the other direction, against the river's flow. You could say it's this movement against the flow that serves as my impetus for painting. As my paintings go against the flow and thus disappear, so may they go along with the flow."

Biography of Koso Sato

- 1948 Born in Akita Ci, Japan
- 1970 Graduate from the oil painting section of the Musasino Art University
Studies ceramics with Professor Fukuda
- 1972 Prize winner at the Prestigious Kiki Exhibition
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- 1973 Niki selected member exhibition
- 1977 Studied at L'Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, France
- 1979 Award of Excellence, Santama Artist's Exhibition
- 1987 Japan-Korea Artist's Exhibition
- 1988 Grand Prize Exhibition
Solo Show, Yulih Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Solo Show, Fujisaki Department Store Gallery, Sendai, Japan
- 1989 Japan-France Exchange Exhibition
- 1990 Solo Show, Ta-Cha Art Center, Taipei
- 1991 Solo Show, Modern Gallery, Taichung
- 1993 First 3rd-Generation Elite Style Exhibition, Taiwan Spring Salon, Asia Art Center
Second ArtAsia Biannual
- 1994-2003 Numerous solo exhibitions across Taiwan, and internationally.
- 2005 Solo Exhibition "Shape, Color, Light, Shadow", Asia Art Center, Taiwan
Solo Exhibition "Romance, Performance, Metaphysics", National Chiao Tung University Arts Center, Taiwan
- 2006 Returned to Japan and established personal studio in Yamanashi Prefecture
- 2009 Solo Exhibition, Sunny Art Museum, Taiwan
- 2010 Solo Exhibition, Hsinchu Science and Industrial Park, Taiwan
Solo Exhibition, Sunny Art Museum, Taiwan
- 2011 Solo Exhibition, Sunny Art Museum, Taiwan
Taipei Art Fair International
- 2012 Solo Exhibition, Cultural Affairs Bureau Taoyuan County Government, Taiwan
Taipei Art Fair International
- 2013 Solo Exhibition, Sunny Art Museum, Taiwan
Solo Exhibition, Fun Year Art Museum, Taiwan
ART TAICHUNG
Taipei Art Fair International
- 2014 Solo Exhibition, Sunny Art Museum, Taiwan
Solo Exhibition, Je Suis Art Gallery, Taiwan
Beijing Art Expo
Taipei Art Fair International
ART KAOHSIUNG
- 2015 Hong Kong 2015 Asia Contemporary Art Show
Taipei Art Fair International
Solo Exhibition, Artland artspace, Taiwan

Solo Exhibition, Sunny Art Museum, Taiwan

ART KAOHSIUNG

- 2016 Hong Kong 2016 Asia Contemporary Art Show
Solo Exhibition, Dong Men Art Museum, Taiwan
KAOHSIUNG TODAY Art Fair
Taipei Art Fair International
Solo Exhibition, Meet Art Space, Taiwan
ART KAOHSIUNG Art Fair
- 2017 Solo Exhibition, Sunny Art Museum, Taiwan
Hong Kong 2017 Asia Contemporary Art Show