

## Mika Tajima

1975 Born in Los Angeles, US  
Lives and works in New York, US

### Education

2003 Columbia University, School of the Arts, MFA  
1997 Bryn Mawr College, BA (Fine Arts/East Asian Studies)  
1997 The Fabric Workshop and Museum Apprentice Training Program, Post-Graduate Apprentice

### Solo Exhibitions

2022 Spectral, TARO NASU, Tokyo, JP  
Appear, Dazaifu Tenmangu, Fukuoka, JP (forthcomig)  
Air Max, PACE, Geneva  
YOU MUST BE FREE, Kayne Griffin, Los Angeles, US

2021 Regulation, Simon Lee, London, UK  
Pranayama (Monolith, F, Rose Quartz), Kayne Griffin, Los Angeles, US

2019 PSYCHO GRAPHICS, Kayne Griffin Corcoran, Los Angeles, US  
PSYCHO GRAPHICS, Art Production, Los Angeles, US

2018 ULTERIOR, Francesca Minini, Milan, IT  
ÆTHER, Borusan Contemporary, Istanbul, TR, curated by Margot Norton

2017 Touchless, TARO NASU, Tokyo, JP  
AIR, Raster Gallery, Warsaw, POL  
After Life, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Connecticut, US  
Three Star Books, Force Touch, Paris

2016 Emotion Commune, Protocinema, Istanbul, TR  
EMBODY, 11R, New York, US

2015 Human Synth, TARO NASU, Tokyo, JP

2014 Total Body Conditioning, Art in General, New York, US  
Negative Entropy, Eleven Rivington, New York, US

2013 Galleria Quadrado Azul, Lisbon, PT

2011 Aspen Museum of Art, Aspen, US  
The Architect's Garden, UT Visual Art Center, Austin, US  
After the Martini Shot, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, US  
Elizabeth Dee Gallery, New York, US

2010 The Double, Bass Museum, Miami, US

2009 The Extras, X Initiative, New York, US

2008 Deal or No Deal, Kevin Bruk Gallery, Miami, US  
The Double, The Kitchen, New York, US  
The Double, Centre for Opinions on Music and Art, Berlin, DE

2007 Thin Line, Circuit, Lausanne, CH  
New Humans: Disassociate, Elizabeth Dee Gallery, New York, US

### Group Exhibitions

2022 Speculative Portraits  
FRONT International 2022 Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art  
Hawai'i Triennial 2022, Hawaii, US  
Renée Green: Contact, FRONT International 2022 Cleveland Triennial for Contemporary Art, moCa, Cleveland  
No Forms, curated by Margot Norton, Hill Art Foundation, New York  
Worlds of Networks, Centre Pompidou, Paris  
Speculative Portraits, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco

- Worlds of Networks, Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR
- 2021 Speculative Portraits, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, US  
Hawai'i Contemporary Art Summit, Hawaii, US
- 2020 gesture, form, technique V, Taro Nasu, Tokyo, JP  
Sculpture, Kayne Griffin Corcoran, Los Angeles, US  
Painting, Kayne Griffin Corcoran, Los Angeles, US  
Fabric As..., The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, US
- 2019 Okayama Art Summit 2019 : IF THE SNAKE, Okayama, JP  
Dirty Protest: Selections from the Hammer Contemporary Collection, The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, US
- 2018 Programmed: Rules, Codes, and Choreographies in Art, 1965–2018, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, US  
The Ubiquity of Borders : Japanese Contemporary, Gallery Baton, Seoul, KR  
Artists and Their Books/Books and Their Artists, Getty Research Institute at the Getty Center , Los Angeles  
The Mechanics of Fluids, Marianne Boesky Galley, New York, US
- 2017 COLORI, Castello di Rivoli and GAM, Torino, IT  
All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace, Palais de Tokyo, FR
- 2016 Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju Biennale PLAZA, KOR  
Kanye Corcoran Griffin, Los Angeles, CA  
DIS-PLAY / RE-PLAY, Austrian Cultural Forum, New York, US
- 2015 Office Space, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco  
Painting@ The Very Edge of Art, University of Connecticut Contemporary Art Gallerie, Storrs, CT  
Incorporate Me, Hessel Museum of Art Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, US
- 2014 Pier 54, High Line Art, New York, US  
New Generation, Frac Nord-Pas de Calais, Dunkirk, FR  
Soft Shock, Eli Ping Frances Perkins, New York, US  
Moiria Dryer Project, Eleven Rivington, New York, US
- 2013 New Humans, Bureau, New York, US  
Roppongi Crossing, Mori Art Center, Tokyo, JP  
two-person exhibition with Jimmy Raskin, onestar press, Paris, FR  
Paint Things, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, US
- 2012 The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, US  
Stockholm Music and Arts Festival, curated by Maria Lind, Stockholm, SE  
Luce Gallery, Turin, IT  
Abstract Possible, Tensta Konsthall, Stockholm, SE  
New York: Directions, Points of Interest, Massimo de Carlo, Milan, IT
- 2011 Temporary Structures: Performing Architecture in Contemporary Art, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, US  
Blur: Art/Design Cross Pollination, The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, US  
I don't know if it makes any sense-I feel quite dizzy and a little drunk due to the blow. I will return with more info shortly...”, IMO Projects, Copenhagen, DK  
Summer Whites, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, US  
Flags for Venice, Istituto Svizzero di Roma and Swiss Institute, Venice, Venice, IT  
Common Love, Aesthetics of Becoming, Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Gallery, Columbia University, New York, US  
Calder Foundation Project, New York, US  
Transaction Abstraite (two-person exhib. w/ Charles Atlas), New Galerie, Paris, FR  
Formalist Sidewalk Poetry Club, Miami, US
- 2010 Today I Made Nothing, Elizabeth Dee Gallery, NY, US  
Wait for Me at the Bottom of the Pool curated by Bob Nickas, Bridgehampton, New York, US  
Mixtapes, Lewis Gluckman Gallery, University College Cork, Cork, IE  
Knight's Move, Sculpture Center, Long Island City, New York, US  
Passing Time, 80WSE Gallery NYU, New York, US  
Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE
- 2009 Second Look (at the Surface), Kuenstlerhaus Bregenz, Bregenz, AT  
Blank/Bosluk, Marquise Dance Hall, Istanbul, TR  
Learn to Communicate Like a Fucking Normal Person, curated by Jessie Cohan, Art Production Fund, New York, US

- 2008 Whitney Biennial 2008, New York, US  
RISD Museum, Providence, RI  
Peter Blum Chelsea, New York, US  
One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now, Honolulu Academy of Art, Honolulu, US
- 2007 Sympathy for the Devil: Rock and Roll in Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, US  
Every Revolution is a Roll of the Dice, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, US  
Stripes, Tang Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY, US  
Uncertain States of America, Herning Museum, Copenhagen, DK  
Uncertain States of America, Center for Contemporary Art Warsaw, Warsaw, PL
- 2006 Bunch, Alliance and Dissolve, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, US  
One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now, Blaffer Art Gallery, Houston, US  
Uncertain States of America, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, IS  
Music is a Better Noise, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York, US  
PICA Time-Based Art Fest, Portland Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, US  
One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now, Asia Society, New York, US  
Uncertain States of America, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK  
Uncertain States of America, Bard Center for Curatorial Studies, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, US  
Yankee Doodle Flea Market, United Bamboo, Tokyo, JP  
video program Asian Contemporary Art Week, M.Y. Art Prospects, New York, US  
Interface in Your Face by Fia Backstrom, Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York, US
- 2005 Video in Person, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, US  
Uncertain States of America curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist, Daniel Birnbaum, Astrup Fearnley Museum, Oslo, NO  
Musica Video Musica curated by Bob Nickas, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain  
P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York, US  
Grass Grows Forever in Every Possible Direction, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, US  
Echoplex curated by Gabrielle Giattino, Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York, US  
Recess: Images and Objects in Formalism, Rush Arts, New York, US  
ICA London, Castlefield Gallery at the King's Arms Salford, Phoenix Arts Leicester, FACT Liverpool, March Side Cinema Newcastle upon Tyne, Outpost Norwich, Spike Island Bristol, Vivid Birmingham, Tonight we are Goldentouring video exhibition, UK
- 2004 Solo Project video installation, United Bamboo Daikanyama, Tokyo, JP  
Project Space, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York, US  
New Humans perform: Grass grows forever in every possible direction featuring design collaboration with United Bamboo, Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York, US  
I'd rather jack traveling show, Prenelle Gallery, London, UK  
I'd rather jack, S1 Artspace, Sheffield, UK  
Art in the Office, Global Consulting Group, New York, US
- 2003 Container Exhibition, Tokyo Design Week, Tokyo, JP  
Club in the Shadow, Kenny Schacter Gallery, New York, US  
Surface Tension, Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, US  
New Humans Collective presented by Sherman Magazine, Maccarone, Inc., New York, US  
25 Hrs, The Video Art Foundation, Barcelona, ES  
New Humans Collective invited to perform in Olav Westphalen's Blimp Derby opening, Sculpture Center,
- 2002 Stray Art Fair, Chicago, US  
Get Out, Paley Gallery at Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, US  
Comfort Zone, Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, US  
Mondo Cane, Neiman Gallery, New York, US
- 2001 Changes, Jeffrey, curated by Paul Ha, New York, US
- 2000 Foreign Body, White Columns, New York, US  
Decorate Seriously, Borowsky Gallery, Philadelphia, US  
My Imaginary Friends, Parlour Projects, Brooklyn, US  
A Complement to Love, Vox Populi, Philadelphia, US
- 1998 Rose Selavy, Jefferson Bank Gallery, Philadelphia, US  
Works in Progress: 8 Artists, Asian Arts Initiative, Philadelphia, US
- 1997 I Enjoy Being a Girl: Investigating Femininity in Women and Men, Nexus: Center for Today's Art, Philadelphia, US  
Four, Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery, Haverford, US

## Collaborative Exhibitions

- 2013 Book Machine, Paris with One Star Press, Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR  
 2011 The Pedestrians with Charles Atlas and New Humans, South London Gallery, London, UK  
 2009 Today is Not a Dress Rehearsal with Charles Atlas and New Humans, San Francisco Museum of Modern  
 2008 with New Humans, Artissima 2008, Turin, IT

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 Cuguoğlu, Naz, "Remembering Our Physicality: An Interview with Mika Tajima," Borusan Contemporary Blog, February 9, 2021.
- 2020 Japan Society, "Spotlight: Mika Tajima," recorded June 2020 via Zoom, Brooklyn, NY, 9:33.
- 2019 Huyghe, Pierre. Okayama Art Summit 2019: IF THE SNAKE, Bijitsu Shuppan-Sha Co., Ltd., 2019. Exhibi
- 2018 Tain, John. Mika Tajima. Artists and Their Books/ Books and Their Artists, Getty Research Institute, 2018  
 Norton, Margot." Mika Tajima: Æther." Borusan Contemporary, 2018. Exhibition text.  
 Burak, Tapan." "ESİR" TEKNOLOJİNİN İNSANLARI." Sanatatak, March 2018.
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 McDermott, Emily. Mika Tajima's Intangible Tangibility. Interview Magazine, June 2016.  
 Budds, Diana Vaping Makes Its Way Into Public Art. CO.DESIGN, June 2016.  
 Akkermans, Ari. A Luminescent Installation Responds to Twitter Users' Mood Swings. Hyperallergic, Jur  
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 Smigiel, Frank. Mika Tajima. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art: Views on the Collection, 2016.  
 Cohn, Don J. Profile: Mika Tajima. ArtAsiaPacific, May/June 2016.  
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- 2015 Tan, Lumi "Real Time, Screen Time".  
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 Ambiguity." Out of Doubt: Roppongi Crossing, Mori Art Museum, 2014. Exhibition text.
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## Awards

- 2019 Grants of Foundation for Contemporary Arts  
2017 New York Artadia Award  
2015 BMW Art Journey Prize, finalist  
2012 Pollock Krasner Foundation Award  
2005 Nominee for the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Initiative Program  
2004 Artists Space Independent Project Grant  
2002 World Studio Foundation Scholarship  
2001 World Studio Foundation Scholarship  
1997 Barbara Rubin Prize

## Collections

Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO  
CCS Bard, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY  
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX  
The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
FRAC Nord Pas de Calais, Dunkerque, France  
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Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington D.C.  
RISD Museum, Providence, RI  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA  
Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute Library, Williamstown, MA  
The New York Public Library Collection, New York, NY  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY  
Yale University, Sterling Library, New Haven, CT