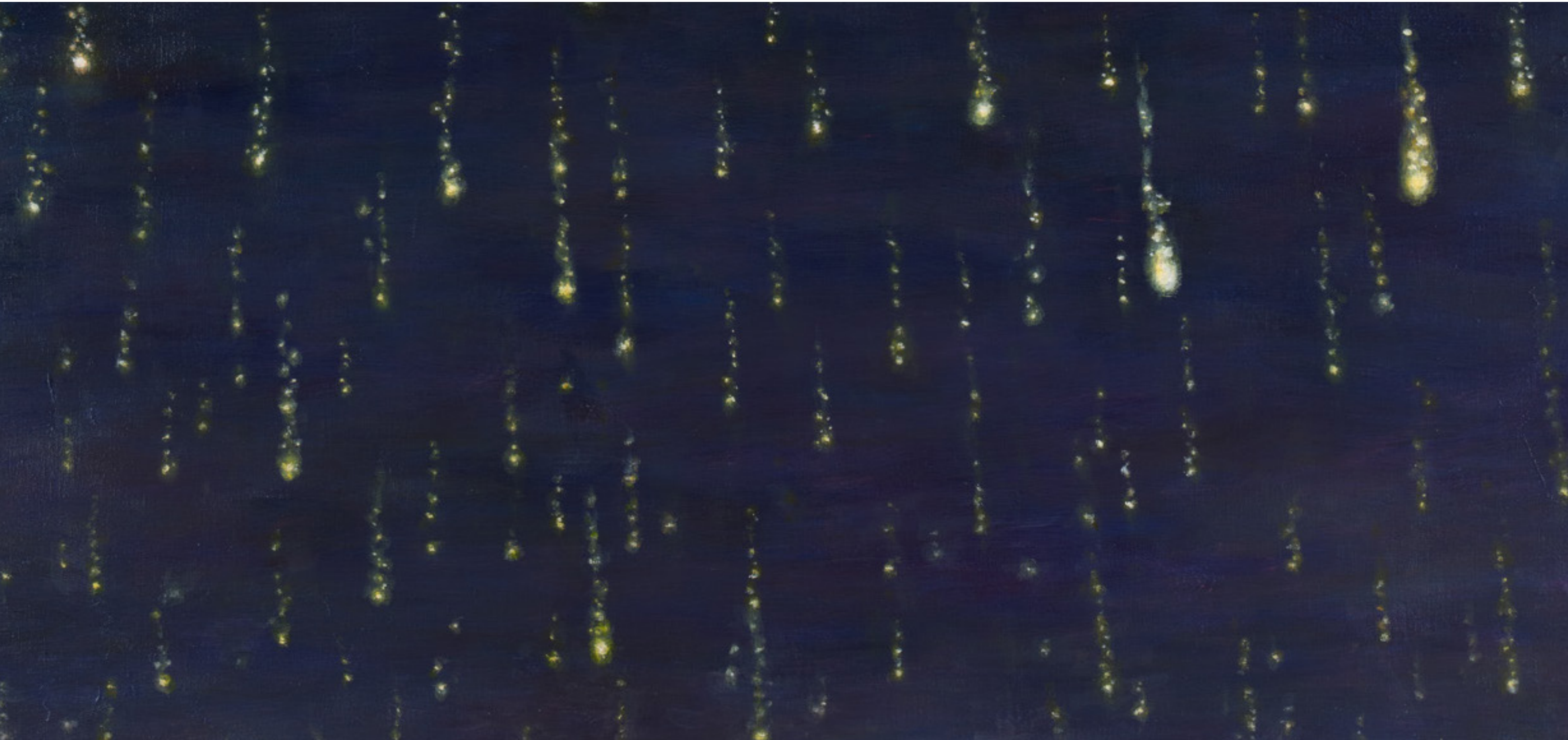


SEIZAN GALLERY

TOKYO NEW YORK

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(b.1975, Chiba, Japan)



Kaz Watabe creates a tranquil, introspective world populated by whimsical characters, with muted color and heavy brushwork. His oil paintings resemble scenes out of a modern fantasy animation or story-driven video games. These images include a man with a crow head looking at a pillar of fire and a girl traveling on the back of mysterious creature. Watabe invites viewers to complete the narrative around the characters and imagine the next chapter. Watabe studied oil painting in Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts. His works have been included in many shows in Japan, New York, Taipei, and Ha Noi in Viet Nam. SEIZAN Gallery New York hosted his first NYC solo exhibition “Bucket Boy And Inchworm” in 2022.

CURRICULUM VITAE

KAZ WATABE

EDUCATION

2006 MFA in Oil painting, Faculty of Arts and Crafts, Department of Fine Arts, Okinawa Prefectural University of Arts, Okinawa, Japan

SOLO EXHIBITION (by selection)

2025 Stray, Seizan Gallery, New York, NY

2023 For All that Lives, Seizan Gallery Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
sakuhin-ten, Sendai Mitsukoshi, Miyagi, Japan
For All that Lives, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2022 Bucket Boy & Ichworm, Seizan Gallery, New York, NY

2020 Hitsuji-bito no Sekai, Sendai Mustukoshi, Miyagi, Japan

2019 Kaiga-ten, Nihombashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo, Japan

2017 Kaiga-ten, Sendai Mitsukoshi, Miyagi, Japan
Kaz Watabe, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2016 Art Fair Tokyo 2016, Tokyo International Forum, Seizan Gallery Booth,
Tokyo, Japan

2015 Melancholy days, Sendai Mitsukoshi, Miyagi, Japan

2014 Yume miru mono tachi, Ikebukuro Tobu, Tokyo, Japan

2013 Daimaru Shinsaibashi, Osaka, Japan
Yume miru mono tachi, Sendai Mitsukoshi, Miyagi, Japan

2012 Kaz Watabe-ten, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Kaz Watabe Sakuhin-ten: Mellowly, Sendai Mitsukoshi, Miyagi, Japan

2011 Kaz Watabe-ten, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Art Space ∞ Kaz Watabe Tokushu, Ginza Mitsukoshi, Tokyo, Japan
Kaz Watabe-ten, Daimaru Shinsaibashi, Osaka, Japan

GROUP EXHIBITION (by selection)

2023 WINTER GROUP SHOW: TRAVELING, Seizan Gallery, New York, NY
Art Taipei, Taipei World Trade Center, Seizan Gallery Tokyo booth, Taiwan

2022 Summer Group Show, Seizan Gallery, New York, NY

2021 JOKER, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2020 Sparkle-ten: Ninki sakka no kagayaki, Daimaru Shinsaibashi, Osaka, Japan
A SINGLGE ANT BITE, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2019 Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2018 Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Rin: Nihombashi Mitsukoshi Art Fair 2018, Nihombashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo, Japan

2017 Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2016 Yokai Tea Ceremony, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo
SEIZAN Gallery 20th Anniversary Special Exhibition, Seizan Gallery,
Tokyo, Japan

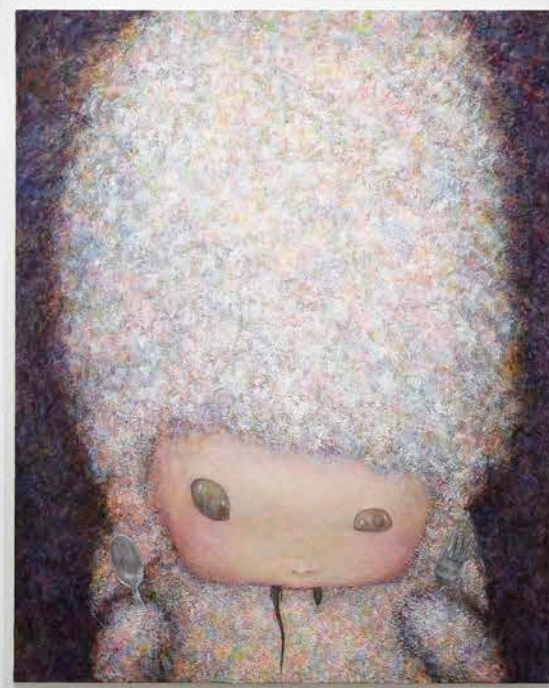
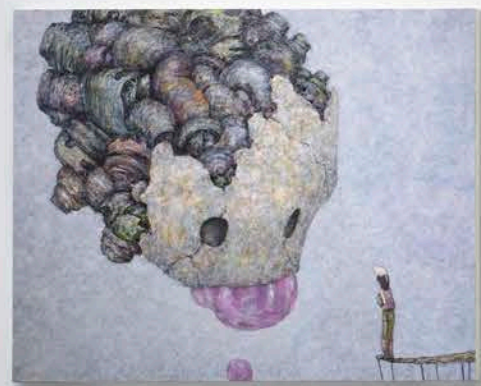
2015 Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2014 Kaiga-ichi, Funabashi Tobu, Chiba, Japan
Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2011 Polka dot: Yayoi Kusama and Shinei Sakka-ten, Sendai Mitsukoshi,
Miyagi, Japan
Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2010 Yuga no Kanousei, Art Space Rashinban, Tokyo, Japan
Two Persons Exhibition: Hikojiro Fujisawa and Kaz Watabe, Sapporo Daimaru,
Hokkaido, Japan
Something Precious, Seizan Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

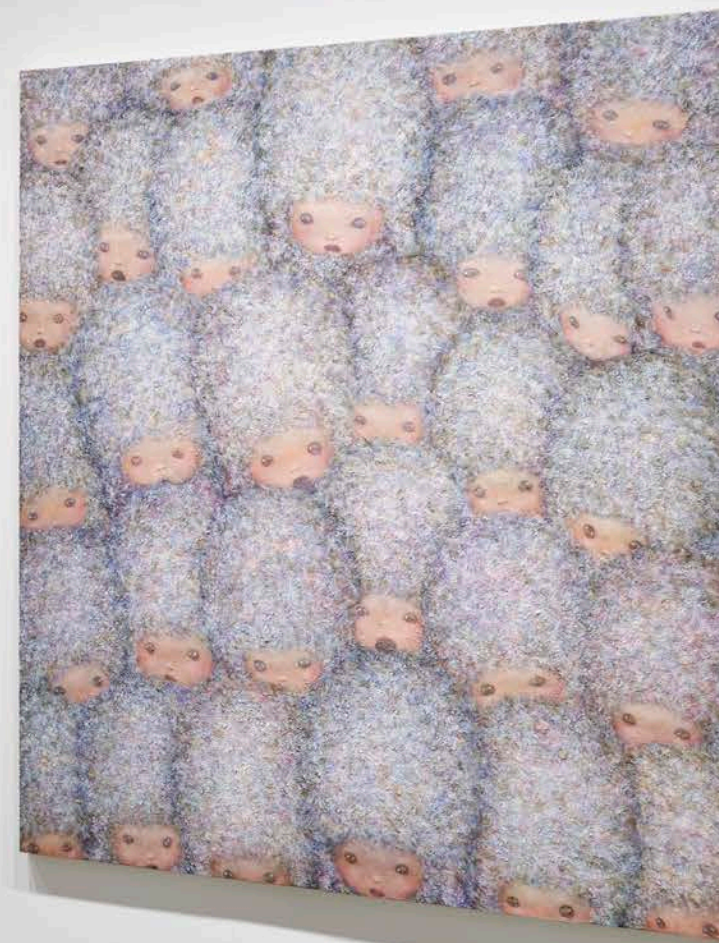
2009 Kitai no shinjin Sakka-ten, Art Space Rashinban, Tokyo, Japan



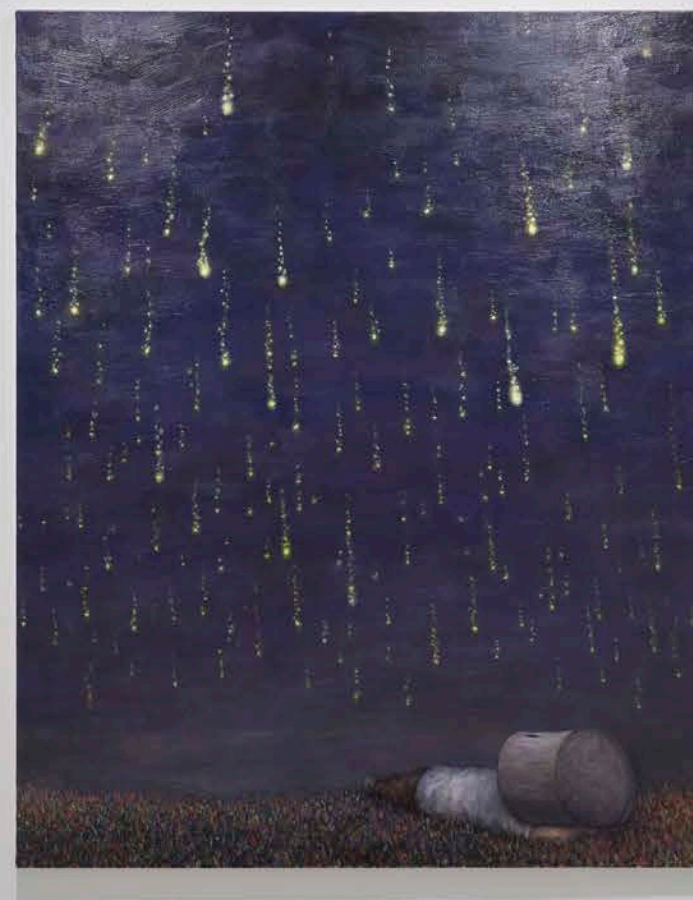
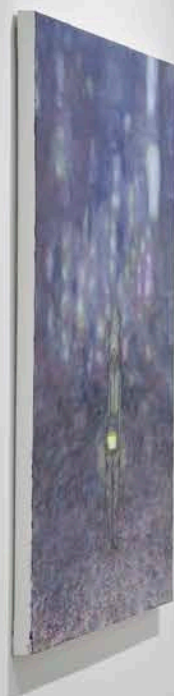
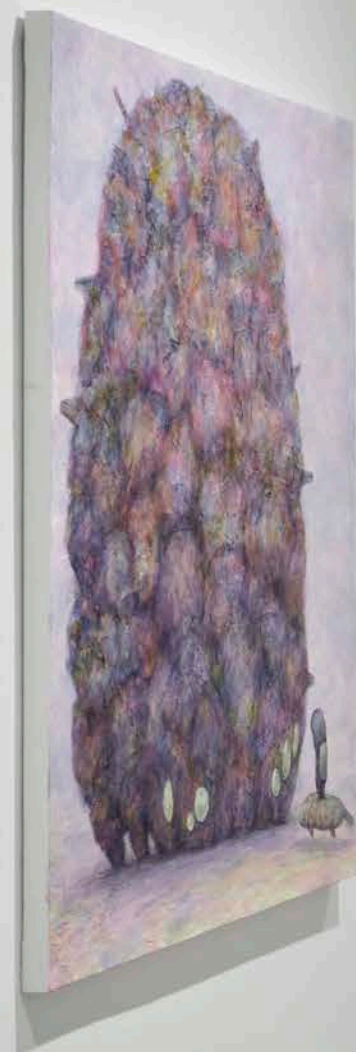
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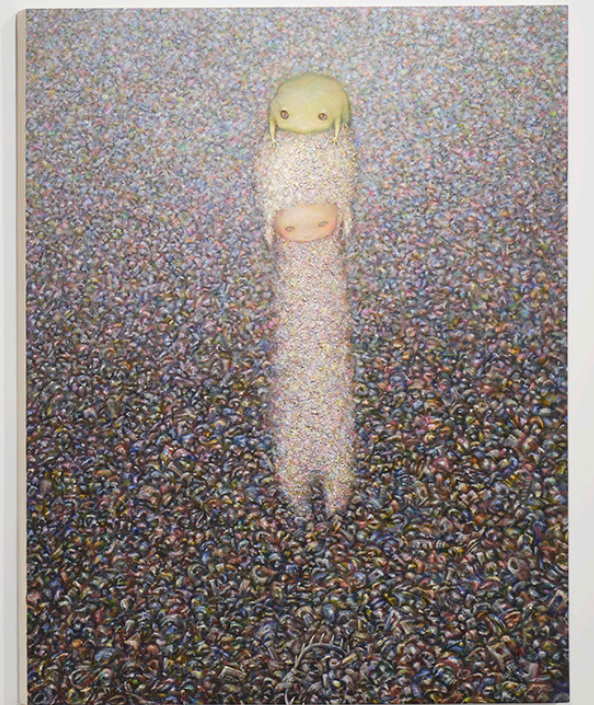
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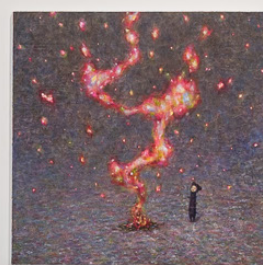
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DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 20, 2024



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DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 20, 2024



INSTALLATION VIEW OFF: *BUCKET BOY & INCH WORM*
MAY 5 - JUNE 30, 2022



Kaz Watabe
Hayabusa's Re-entry, 2025
Oil on canvas
35.8 x 28.4 in (91 x 72.2 cm)



Kaz Watabe
Voice from the Sky, 2025
Oil on canvas
17.9 x 17.9 in (45.4 x 45.4 cm)

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