

SEIZAN GALLERY

TOKYO NEW YORK

EMI KATSUTA





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(b. 1983, Nagasaki, Japan)

Emi Katsuta is a sculptor whose vividly painted wood figures inhabit a space between fantasy and reality, innocence and vulnerability. Working primarily in carved wood, she creates distinctive characters that draw upon childhood imagination, contemporary popular culture, and deeply personal emotional narratives. Her sculptures often feature brightly colored clothing, expressive gestures, and youthful protagonists, using a playful visual language to address complex themes including loneliness, desire, identity, and human connection.

Central to Katsuta's practice is an exploration of the emotions and inner experiences that often remain hidden beneath social expectations. Her figures embody longing, resilience, and self-expression, transforming feelings frequently perceived as weakness into sources of strength and agency. Influenced by contemporary social issues, including changing perceptions of gender and visibility, Katsuta creates works that are both intimate and socially resonant. Through the tension between their whimsical appearance and psychological depth, her sculptures invite viewers to reflect on the universal desire to be seen, understood, and accepted.

CURRICULUM VITAE

EMI KATSUTA

EDUCATION

Aichi Prefectural University of Arts

Tokyo University of the Arts

SOLO EXHIBITION (By selection)

2019 Emi Katsuta: That Fantastic Someone, SEIZAN Gallery, New York

2018 Emi Katsuta Sculpture Exhibition - Sore Zore no Shiten, Matsuzakaya
Nagoya, Aichi

2016 Talking Eyes, Sendai Mitsukoshi Art Gallery, Sendai, Japan

2016 Listening Eyes, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi Honten 6F Art Square, Tokyo, Japan

2015 eyesight -, Art Fair Tokyo, Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo, Japan

2015 Sore Zore no Shiten, Nagasaki Hamaya Art Gallery, Nagasaki

2013 Solo Exhibition, SEIZAN Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2012 Fresh 2012 Emi Katsuta, Contemporary Art Museum ISE, Mie

GROUP EXHIBITION (By selection)

2018 Koki Tsujimoto / Emi Katsuda Futari-ten - Sense, Tobu Ikebukuro, Tokyo

2017 Mitsukoshi Isetan x Beams Stand Kyushu, Isetan Shinjuku, Tokyo

2017 Mitsukoshi Bijutsu 110th Anniversary -HOPES Jiseidai 100 Senten,
Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi Honkan, Tokyo

2016 Hankyu x Art Collectors - New Star Tachi no Bijutsu-Ten,
Hankyu Umeda Art Gallery, Osaka

2015 Young Art Taipei 2015, Shelton Grand Taipei, Taiwan

2014 Suteki Kuukan he no Okurimono, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi Honten 6F Art Square,
Tokyo, Japan

2013 Mother's Day, Shinjuku Isetan 5F Art Gallery, Tokyo Japan

2012 Hasu no Kai, SEIZAN Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2012 Something Precious, SEIZAN Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2011 Matomo-ten, Takamatsu Mitsukoshi Art Gallery, Kagawa, Japan

2010 Animamix Biennial 2009-2010, Today Art Museum, Beijing, China

2008 GEISAI MUSEUM #2, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo

2008 The 4th Atelier Matsuei Arui ha Mirai, Kyu Hirakushi Tanaka Tei, Tokyo

2007 Aichi Prefectural Art University, Graduate Thesis Exhibition,
Aichi Prefectural Art and Culture Center, Aichi

2007 The 3rd Atelier Matsuei Arui ha Mirai, Kyu Hirakushi Tanaka Tei, Tokyo

2006 Parque - Aichi Prefectural Art University Art Festival, Aichi, Japan

AWARDS

2008 Geidai Art Plaza – nominated for grand prize

2008 Via Art 2008, Special Jury Prize of New Art Division President, Kimiaki Ashino

2008 Geidai Art Plaza, Grand Prize Exhibition, Geidai Art Plaza (Tokyo)

2007 Aichi Prefectural University of the Arts, Prize for superior artwork

2006 Parque Grand Prize



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