

Teruko Yokoi

Teruko Yokoi has been active as an abstract painter mainly in Europe and the United States ever since taking up an opportunity to study art in the United States in 1953. Her personal sense of color and balance, together with her great love for nature (the principal subject in her work), are always present in her paintings which embrace a wide range of mediums such as egg tempera, water color, oil color and lithography amongst others.

Chronology

- 1924 Born in Tsushima, Japan.
From an early age receives oil painting lessons from Kouki Suzuki, a member of Shunyo-kai Art Society.
Wins prize in Tokai Art Exhibition. Graduates from Aichi Prefectural Tsushima Girls High School.
- 1949 Studies in Tokyo under Takanori Kinoshita. Wins prizes in Issuikai Exhibition and Nitten Exhibition.
- 1953 In January moves to United States and enters California School of Fine Arts (now San Francisco Art Institute) in San Francisco. Her painting experiences a gradual shift toward abstraction.
- 1954 Receives Top Honor Scholarship.
Wins prize in San Francisco Annual Art Exhibition.
Holds solo exhibition of oil paintings at California Palace of the Legion of Honor.
- 1955 Holds solo exhibition of California landscape sketches and ink paintings at California Palace of the Legion of Honor.
- Wins Japan Society Scholarship in painting category. In the same year composer Toshi Ichianagi and violinist Kenji Kobayashi win the music category.
- In September moves to New York to study with the abstract expressionist painter, Hans Hoffman.
- 1956 Studies with Julian Levi at Art Student League in New York.
The use of color to express different atmospheres of the four seasons appears in her work.
- 1957 Wins prize in Philadelphia Annual Exhibition at Pennsylvania Art School.
- 1958 Wins prize in Washington Biennale at Corcoran Gallery of Art.
- 1959 Marries Sam Francis.
- 1960 Moves to Paris. Receives influence from Art informel movement.
- 1961 Holds solo exhibition at Minami Gallery in Tokyo.
- 1962 In March moves to Bern, Switzerland.
- 1991 Obtains Swiss nationality and citizenship of the city of Bern, where she currently resides.
- 1996 Holds first Charity Exhibition for the Onoda Nature School.

- 2004 Teruko Yokoi Hinageshi Art Museum is founded in Ena, Gifu in November.
- 2008 Yokoi Teruko Fuji Museum of Art is founded in Fuji, Shizuoka in November.
- 2009 Holds retrospective exhibition "Schnee Mond Blumen" in Bern, Switzerland in October.
- 2010 Holds retrospective exhibition "Mond-Sonne-Jahreszeiten" in Elmatingen, Switzerland in November.

At present Teruko Yokoi participates in the art scene of Switzerland, Germany and the United States, where she has held nearly 80 solo exhibitions in different galleries such as the Seibu Art Forum in Tokyo, Galerie Kornfeld in Bern and the Rose Theatre (Fuji City Culture Hall) in Fuji among others.

Exhibitions

Solo Exhibitions

- 1954 California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, USA (oil paintings)
- 1955 California Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, USA (ink sketches)
- 1961 Minami Gallery, Tokyo, Japan (oil paintings)
- 1964 Kunsthalle Basel, Basel, Switzerland (oil paintings)
- 1967 Galerie Bernard, Solothurn, Switzerland (oil paintings)
- 1968 Galerie Felix Handschin, Basel, Switzerland (oil paintings)
- Galerie Schindler, Bern, Switzerland (watercolors)
- 1969 Kunstmuseum Winterthur, Winterthur, Switzerland (oil paintings)
- 1971 Galerie Ida Niggli, St. Gallen, Switzerland (oil paintings and egg temperas)
- 1972 Galerie Atrium, Reinach, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- Berner Galerie, Bern, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1973 Galerie Liatowitsch, Basel, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- Galerie Krebs, Bern, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1974 Galerie 57, Biel, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1975 Overbeck Gesellschaft, Lubeck, Germany (egg temperas)
- Galerie Krebs, Bern, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1976 Art Shop, Basel, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1977 Galerie 57, Biel, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- Galerie Liatowitsch, Basel, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1978 Galerie Atrium, Reinach, Switzerland (egg temperas and ceramic plate paintings)
- Galerie Quadri, Lausanne, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- Galerie Plantahaus, Malans, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1979 Galerie Krebs, Bern, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- Bucher Lang, Bern, Switzerland (lithographies)
- 1980 Galerie Paul Bovee, Delemont, Switzerland (egg temperas and lithographies)
- Art 11'80, Basel, Switzerland (oil paintings and egg temperas)
- Galerie Quadri, Lausanne, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1981 Galerie Art und Musik, Munich, Germany (oil paintings and egg temperas)
- Galerie Krebs, Bern, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1982 Mitzi Landau Gallery, Los Angeles, USA (egg temperas)
- Galerie Kornfeld, Zurich, Switzerland, (egg temperas)

- 1983 Galerie Atrium, Basel, Switzerland (egg temperas)
 Art 14'83, Basel, Switzerland (egg temperas)
 Galerie Quadri, Lausanne, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1984 Gimpel-Hanover & Andre Emmerich Galerien, Zurich, Switzerland (egg temperas)
 Bucher Lang, Bern, Switzerland (Haiku pictures)
 Wolfsberg, Ermatingen, Switzerland (oil paintings and egg temperas)
- 1985 Galerie H, Burgdorf, Switzerland (egg temperas)
- 1986 Seibu Art Forum, Tokyo, Japan
 Galerie Zimmermannhaus, Brugg, Switzerland
 Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu, Japan
- 1987 Galerie Atrium, Basel, Switzerland
 Seibu Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1988 Galerie Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland
 Galerie L'Embielle, Montreux, Switzerland
- 1989 Galerie Flora, Kirchberg, Switzerland
 Galerie Quadri, Ferlens, Switzerland
 Galerie Krebs, Bern, Switzerland
 Abbatial de Belleley, Belleley, Switzerland
 Galerie Werner Bommer, Zurich, Switzerland
- 1990 Galerie Zimmermannhaus, Brugg, Switzerland
- 1991 Galerie Quadri, Ferlens, Switzerland
 Galerie Krebs, Bern, Switzerland
- 1992 Galerie Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland
 Galerie Quadri, Ferlens, Switzerland
 Galerie 63, Klosters, Switzerland
- 1993 Galerie Pavillon, Verd, Zurich, Switzerland
- 1994 Galerie Wild, Frankfurt, Germany
- 1995 Galerie Werner Bommer, Zurich, Switzerland
 Centre de Sornetan, Bern, Switzerland
 Galerie Zimmermannhaus, Brugg, Switzerland
- 1996 International Culture Center, Nagoya, Japan
- 1997 Galerie Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland
- 1998 Galerie Krebs, Bern, Switzerland
- 1999 Galerie Lex Artis, Zollikon, Switzerland
- 2000 Galerie Esther Munger, Burgdorf, Switzerland
- 2001 Galerie Shaer & Wildbolz, Solothurn, Switzerland
- 2002 Galerie Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland
 Rose Theatre (Fuji City Cultural Hall), Fuji, Japan
- 2004 Galerie am Leewasser, Brunnen, Switzerland
- 2006 Galerie Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland
- 2009 Galerie Kornfeld, Bern, Switzerland
- 2010 Wolfsberg, Ermatingen, Switzerland

Group Exhibitions

- 1950 Issuikai Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

- 1951 Issuikai Exhibition and Nitten Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1955 San Francisco Museum 74th Painting and Sculpture Exhibition, San Francisco,
- 1957 Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Annual Exhibition, Philadelphia, USA
- 1958 Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC, USA
- 1975 "Five painters from abroad in the Canton of Berne" at Museum of Fine Arts
Berne Kunsthalle Bern, Switzerland
- 1979 "Bernese Galleries and their Collectors" at the Museum of Fine Arts Berne,
Bern, Switzerland
- 1980 Smith Anderson Gallery, Palo Alto, USA
- 1981 Haus der Kunst, Grosse Kunstaussstellung, Munich, Germany
- 1984 Kultur Arena Wittigkofen, Bern, Switzerland
- 2005 Trubschachen Kunstaussstellung, Bern, Switzerland
- 2010 Kultur Arena Bern, Bern, Switzerland

Books and Exhibition catalogues

- 1986 Teruko Yokoi "Comme un petit coquelicot" (catalogue printed in Japan)
- 1990 Teruko Yokoi "The Five Seasons" (Art book) Printed in Switzerland.
- 2009 Teruko Yokoi "Schnee Mond Blumen" (Exhibition catalogue) Printed in
Switzerland
- 2010 Teruko Yokoi "Mond-Sonne-Jahreszeiten" (Exhibition catalogue) Printed in
Switzerland