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BIOGRAPHY • KAZUO SHIRAGA

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- 1924 Born in Amagasaki, Japan
- 1948 Kyoto Municipal Special School of Painting, Kyoto
- 2008 Died in Amagasaki, Japan

Selected solo exhibitions:

- 2017 Dominique Lévy Gallery, London, England
- 2015 Mnuchin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Hong Kong, China
- 2012 Axel Vervoordt Gallery, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2009 *Kazuo Shiraga: Painting Born Out of Fighting*, Azumino Municipal Museum of Modern Art, Toyoshina, Japan; also traveled to: Amagasaki Cultural Center, Amagasaki, Japan; Yokosuka Museum of Art, Yokosuka, Japan; Hekinan Museum of Contemporary Art, Hekinan, Japan
Kazuo Shiraga: Six Decades, McCaffrey Fine Art, New York
- 2007 *Kazuo Shiraga: Paintings and Watercolours 1954-2007*, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, England
- 2004 *Kazuo Shiraga zum 80. Geburtstag – Bilder*, Galerie Georg Nothelfer, Berlin, Germany
- 2001 Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
Kazuo Shiraga: Paintings and Watercolours, Annely Juda Fine Art, London, England
- 2000 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997 Gallery Apa, Nagoya, Japan
- 1995 Amagashinkitashin Office, Osaka, Japan
- 1994 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo

- 1992 Galerie Georg Nothelfer, Berlin, Germany
Galerie Stadler, Paris, France
- 1991 Gallery Shirakawa, Kyoto, Japan
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1990 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Gallery Kasahara, Osaka, Japan
- 1989 Amagasaki Cultural Centre, Amagasaki, Japan
Gallery Kuranuki, Osaka, Japan
- 1988 Gallery Haku, Osaka, Japan
Galerie Georg Nothelfer, Berlin, Germany
- 1987 Galleria Milano, Milan, Italy
- 1986 Galerie Stadler, Paris, France
- 1985 Gallery Re-Art, Kyoto, Japan
The Contemporary Art Gallery, Seibu Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1984 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1982 Gallery Haku, Osaka, Japan
- 1981 Gendaito Centre Mini-Pinacotheca, Miyazaki, Japan
- 1980 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1979 Tor Road Gallery, Kobe, Japan
- 1978 Tor Road Gallery, Kobe, Japan
Miyako Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1976 Asahi Gallery, Kyoto, Japan
Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka, Japan
Miyako Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1975 Kintetsu Department Store, Osaka, Japan
- 1974 Tobi Gallery, Osaka, Japan
Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka, Japan
Fujibi Gallery, Osaka, Japan

- 1973 Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka, Japan
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1964 Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1962 Galerie Stadler, Paris, France
International Centre of Aesthetic Research, Galleria Notizie, Turin, Italy
Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka, Japan

Selected group exhibitions:

- 2015 *Body and Matter: The Art of Kazuo Shiraga and Satoru Hoshino*, Dominique Lévy Gallery, New York, NY
Between Action and the Unknown: The Art of Kazuo Shiraga and Sadamasa Motonaga, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
Proportio, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy
- 2013 *Middlegate Geel '13*, CC De Werft, Geel
Présence/Absence, Espace Le Majorat, Villeneuve-Tolosane, France
Clues of Asia. Asian Contemporary Art from Long Collection, The Long Museum, Shanghai
Gutai: Splendid Playground, The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY
- 2012 *Tokyo 1955-1970: A New Avant-Garde*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Destroy the Picture, Painting the Void, 1949-1962, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
After Gutai, McCaffrey Fine Art, New York, NY
Gutai: The Spirit of an Era, National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan
Explosion! Painting as Action, Moderna Museet, Stockholm; also traveled to: Fundació Joan Miró, Barcelona
A Visual Essay on Gutai at 32 East 69th Street, Hauser & Wirth Gallery, New York
- 2008 *ACADEMIA: Qui es-tu?*, Chapelle de l'Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France
- 2007 *ARTEMPO*, Palazzo Fortuny, Venice, Italy
- 2006 *ZERO International Künstler-Avantgarde der 50/60er Jahre*, Museum Kunst Palast, Düsseldorf, Germany; also traveled to: Musée d'Art Moderne, Saint-Etienne, France
- 2005 *Big Bang. Destruction et création dans l'art de 20^e siècle*, Musée National d'Art

- Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2004 *Resounding Spirit: Japanese Contemporary Art of the 1960s*, Samek Art Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
Retrospective Exhibition of Gutai, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 2003 *Gutai Bijutsu Kyokai (Concrete Art Association)*, Gallery ART U, Osaka, Japan
The Contemplation of Space, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY
- 2001 *Kazuo Shiraga - Fred Thieler - Jan Voss*, Galerie Nothelfer, Berlin, Germany
- 2000 Memorial of Earthquake Disaster, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
 Guten Morgen Malerei, Kunstverein Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany
- 1999 *The Movement of 20th Century in Art*, Fukuoka City Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
Gutai, Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris, France
- 1998 *Out of Actions: Between Performance and the Object, 1949-79*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; also traveled to Österreichisches Museum für angewandte Kunst, Vienna, Austria; Museu d'Art Contemporani, Barcelona, Spain; Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
Picaf -2nd International Contemporary Art Festival Pusan, Metropolitan Art Museum, Busan, South Korea
- 1996 *Charity Auction for Honsin Disaster*, Seibu Shinjuku PePe Salon, Tokyo, Japan
Memory of Friends: Waichi Tsutoka and Shigeru Izumi, Keihan Gallery, Moriguchi, Japan
Art on 1953, After the War, Meguro Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
The Yomamura Collection, Chiba City Museum, Chiba, Japan
L'Informe: mode d'emploi (Formless: A User's Guide), Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1995 *Contemporary Calligraphy*, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1994 *Japanese Art After 1945: Scream Against the Sky*, Yokohama Art Museum, Yokohama, Japan; traveled to The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
- 1993 *Gutai II 1959-1965*, Ashiya Municipal Art Museum, Ashiya, Japan
 XLV Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy
The Gutai Group 1955/56, Penrose Institute, Tokyo, Japan
- 1992 *Gutai I 1954-1958*, Ashiya Municipal Art Museum, Ashiya, Japan
 Reconstructed Gutai Field Exhibition, Ashiya Park, Ashiya, Japan

Blue Wave, Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan

- 1991 *Soga*, Grand Palais, Paris, France
Painting of the Showa Period Post-War, Himeji Municipal Art Museum, Himeji, Japan
Gutai, Darmstadt Museum, Darmstadt, Germany
Line in Contemporary Art, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan
Movement of Contemporary Prints, Ashiya Municipal Art Museum, Ashiya, Japan
- 1990 *Gutai: Unfinished Avant-garde Group*, Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan
Stream of Contemporary Art, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Toyama, Japan
Giappone all'avanguardia - Il Gruppo Gutai negli anni Cinquento, The National Museum of Modern Art, Rome, Italy
- 1989 *The Visionary Yamamura Collection*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
Shiga, The Masterpieces of Niigata Prefectural Art Museum, Wakayama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan
Japan and Australia Interchange Exhibition, Tottori Prefectural Museum, Tottori, Japan
- 1988 *Art Kite Show*, traveled to nine Japanese museums and internationally
Locus of Feet 1988, Yurakucho Seibu Art Forum, Tokyo; also traveled to: Tsukashin Hall, Amagasaki, Japan; World Children's Art Museum, Okazaki, Japan; Fukuyama Art Museum, Fukuyama, Japan; Oita Prefectural Art Hall, Oita, Japan
Expression of Movement, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
Movement of Japanese Contemporary Art, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Toyama
- 1987 *Japan Art Vivant*, Centre de la Vieille Charité, Marseille, France
- 1986 *Le Japon des Avant-Gardes 1910-70*, Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, France
- 1985 *Artists in Hyogo*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
Human Documenta '84/85, Tokyo Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
The Society for Research for the Yamamura Collection, National Museum of Modern Art, Osaka, Japan
Jiro Yoshihara and Gutai, Ashiya Citizen Centre, Ashiya, Japan
Gutai and Cobra, National Museum of Modern Art, Osaka, Japan
40 Years of Contemporary Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Japan
Japanese Contemporary Paintings, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India
Reconstructions: Avant-Garde Art in Japan 1945-65, Museum of Modern Art, Ox-

- ford, England; traveled to: Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
Action and Emotion, Paintings of the 50s, National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
Grupo Gutai-Pintura y Acción, Museo Español de Arte Contemporáneo, Madrid, Spain
Japanese Contemporary Art Exhibition, Taipei City Art Museum, Taipei, Taiwan
Japanese Art Today, Mandeville Gallery, University of California, San Diego, CA
The Ohara Museum Collection, Tsukashin Hall, Osaka, Japan
Today's Black and White, Saitama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan
- 1984 *Contemporary Art through the 20 Years*, Gunma Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan
Sadamasa Motonaga and Kazuo Shiraga, Wakayama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan
Contemporary Art by Artists in Kansai 1950-1970, Seibu Hall, Yao, Japan
Dada in Japan: japanische Avantgarde 1920-1970, Kunstmuseum, Düsseldorf, Germany
- 1982 *Panorama of Japanese Contemporary Paintings*, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Toyama, Japan
View of 30 Japanese Contemporary Paintings after the War, Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum, Hiroshima, Japan
Space Adesso, Ashiya (with Jiro Yoshihara), Japan
- 1981 *Contemporary Art*, Nara Prefectural Art Museum, Nara, Japan
The 1950s: Gloom and Shafts of Light, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
The Art of Today's Japan, Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Japan
1960s – Decade of Change in Contemporary Japanese Art, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo; also traveled to: The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan
- 1980 *Japanese Modern Art - 20 Years Post War*, Kyoto City Art Museum, Kyoto
- 1979 *Jiro Yoshihara and Current Aspects of Gutai*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1977 *The Japanese Modern Art*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1976 *18 Years of Activity of the Gutai Group*, National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
- 1975 *4 Abstract Painters*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe, Japan
- 1970 *Sekihi 70*, Expo '70, Osaka, Japan

- 1966 *17th Selected Master Pieces*, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo, Japan
- 1965 *Groupe Gutai*, Galerie Stadler, Paris, France
8th Japan International Art Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
16th Gutai Exhibition, Keio Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
The New Japanese Painting and Sculpture, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY; traveled to: Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
Nul, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 1963 *14th Selected Master Pieces*, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo, Japan
Movement of the Contemporary Paintings, The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan
1er Salon International de Galeries Pilotes Lausannes, Musée Cantonel des Beaux Arts, Lausanne, France
Exposition d'art modern, Grand Palais, Paris
- 1962 *Salon de Tokyo*, Isetan Department Store, Tokyo, Japan
5th Exhibition of Japanese Contemporary Art, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1961 *Continuité et Avant-garde au Japon*, International Centre of Aesthetic Research, Turin, Italy
Experimental Art Today, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1960 *4th Exhibition of Japanese Contemporary Art*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1959 *XI Premio Lissone*, Lissone, Italy
Métamorphisme, Galerie Stadler, Paris, France
- 1958 *International Art of a New Era: 'Informel' and Gutai*, Takashimaya, Japan Department Store, Osaka, Japan; traveled to: Tokyo and New York
- 1957 *First Art Show of Gutai on Stage*, Sankei Kaikan Hall, Osaka; traveled to: Sankei Centre, Tokyo, Japan
International Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Bridgestone Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 1956 *Second Gutai Art Exhibition*, Ohara Hall, Tokyo, Japan
- 1955 *First Gutai Exhibition*, Ohara Hall, Tokyo, Japan
Experimental Outdoor Modern Art Exhibition to Challenge the Burning Midday Sun, Ashiya Park, Ashiya, Japan
- 1954 *Hankyu Department Store*, Osaka (with Saburo Murakami), Japan

Awards:

- 2002 Osaka Art Prize
- 1999 Distinguished Service Medal for Culture
- 1987 Hyogo Prefectural Cultural Prize for Excellence
- 1965 Amagasaki Citizen's Cultural Prize

Public collections:

Les Abattoirs, Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain, Toulouse et Midi-Pyrénées
Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art, Nagoya
Amagasaki Cultural Center, Amagasaki
Aomori Museum of Art, Aomori
Asago Art Village, Asago
Ashiya City Museum of Art and History, Ashiya Bridgestone Museum of Art, Tokyo
Centre Régional d'Art Contemporain Midi-Pyrénées, Labège Chiba City Museum of Art, Chiba
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas
Enryakuji Kaikan, Ōtsu
Fukuyama Museum of Art, Fukuyama Hara Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
Himeji City Museum of Art, Himeji
Hiroshima City Museum of Art, Hiroshima
Honkōji Temple, Amagasaki
Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art, Kobe
Iwaki City Art Museum, Iwaki
The Kagawa Museum, Takamatsu
Kisoji Art Museum, Agematsu
Kita Modern Art Museum, Nara
Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art, Kitakyushu
Komagata Jūkichi Museum of Art, Nagaoka
Kōsetsuin Temple, Kyoto Kure Municipal Museum of Art, Kure
Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo
Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Tsu
The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai
Musée Cantini, Marseille
Musée National d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
Museum and Archives, Kyoto Institute of Technology, Kyoto
Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo
The Museum of Art Ehime, Matsuyama
Museum of Fine Arts, Gifu
The Museum of Art, Ibaraki
The Museum of Art, Kochi
The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama
The Museum of Modern Art, Shiga

The Museum of Modern Art, Toyoama
The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama
Nara Prefectural Museum of Art, Nara
The National Museum of Art, Osaka
The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto
The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
Nerima Art Museum, Tokyo Niigata Prefectural Museum of Modern Art/The Niigata
Bandaijima Art Museum, Nagaoka
The Office of Tendaishū, Otsu
Ohara Museum of Art, Kurashiki
Oita Museum of Art, Oita
Osaka City Museum of Modern Art, Osaka
Otani Memorial Art Museum, Nishinomiya Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art,
Shizuoka
Takamatsu City Museum of Art, Takamatsu
Tanabe City Museum of Art, Matsue
Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya Tokyo Municipal Museum of
Art, Tokyo
Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
The Warehouse, Dallas
Yokohama Museum of Art, Yokohama
Yokosuka Museum of Art, Yokosuka