

## MASAHIKO TSUBOTA

Masahiko Tsubota was born in Himejo city, Hyogo, Japan in 1947. He completed his studies in art at the Osaka University of Arts in 1970. His work explores the endless variety possible with abstraction, taking formalist concerns to extreme and beautiful conclusions. He has painted stripes, squares and fields of colour, exploring line and mark making with stunning results. Since the early 1970s, Tsubota has exhibited widely, showing in both group and solo exhibitions in Asia, Europe and America.

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2009 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2008 Gallery ORIE, Tokyo, Japan
- 2007 The Yoseido Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney
- 2005 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2004 Art Gallery Muse, Gunma, Japan  
Gallery Fine Art, Osaka, Japan
- 2003 The Tolman Collection, Tokyo, Japan  
Hashimoto Art Gallery, Nagoya, Japan  
Saito Gallery, Nagoya, Japan
- 2002 Yamaki Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 2001 Gallery Fine Art, Osaka, Japan  
Miyawaki Art Gallery, Kagawa, Japan  
Mori Gallery, Hyogo, Japan  
Gallery K, Okayama, Japan  
Yamaki Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1999 Za Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 Art Gallery Muse, Gunma, Japan
- 1997 Gallery Nakamura, Kyoto, Japan
- 1993 Art Box Brannarl, Kochi, Japan
- 1991 Saito Gallery, Nagoya, Japan
- 1985 Yamaki Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1983 Atelier Nishinomiya, Hyogo, Japan
- 1982 Suntory Cultural Foundation Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1977 Shunkoh Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
Ban Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 1973 Shinanobashi Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
Gallery Print Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1970 Gallery Miyazaki, Osaka, Japan

### Group Exhibitions

- 2008 *Melbourne Art Fair 2008*, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
*Poetic Sentiment in Point and Respect*, The Museum of Modern Art,  
Wakayama, Japan  
*Korean International Art Fair*, COEX/Atlantic Hall and Convention Hall,  
Seoul, Korea
- 2007 *Korean International Art Fair*, COEX/Atlantic Hall and Convention Hall,  
Seoul, Korea

- 2006 *Three Nations, Three Colours Exhibition*, Russia  
*Melbourne Art Fair 2006*, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne  
*Seoul International Print, Photo & Edition Works Art Fair*, Seoul Arts Centre, Seoul, Korea
- 2005 *Amsterdam Rai Art Fair*, The Netherlands  
*Seoul International Print, Photo & Edition Works Art Fair*, Seoul Arts Centre, Seoul, Korea  
*Current of the Contemporary Prints*, Matsumoto City Museum of Art, Nagano, Japan
- 2004 *Sugawara - Tsubota Joint Exhibition*, Tokyo, Japan  
*Busan International Print Art Festival*, Korea  
Saito Gallery, Nagoya, Japan  
*Melbourne Art Fair 2004*, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2003 *Yu – Kim – Tsubota Joint Exhibition*, Daejeon, Korea  
*Rulzun Gidasi Exhibition*, Modern Arts Center, Izumil, Turkey  
*Art Stage 74*, Osaka University of Arts, Osaka, Japan
- 2002 *Contemporary Japanese Prints*, Israel  
*International Print Exhibition*, Daejeon, Korea  
*Ruhun Gidasi Exhibition*, Ankara, Turkey
- 2001 *The 1<sup>st</sup> International Small Engraving Exhibition*, Cremona, Italy  
*Extension MAXI Grapica Exhibition*, Kyoto, Japan
- 2000 *Kyoto Print Exhibition 2000*, Kyoto, Japan
- 1999 *The Tolman Collection Presents – HANA VI Sparking Into the Next Century*, Sogetsu Gallery, Yokyo, Japan  
*The Axis of 21 Printers in Kansai*, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan
- 1996 *Exhibition of 50 Contemporary Japanese Artists*, Navio Art Museum, Osaka, Japan  
*Sugawara - Tsubota Joint Exhibition*, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 1995 *Amsterdam Rai Art Fair*, The Netherlands
- 1994 *Seattle Art Fair*, Washington, United States of America  
*The International Print Triennial '94*, Krakow, Poland
- 1993 *Jiro Sugawara - Masahiko Tsubota Joint Exhibition*, Gallery Vromans, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*The 12th Seoul International Print Exhibition '93*, Seoul, Korea  
*Daejeon EXPO International Exhibition '93*, Daejeon, Korea
- 1992 *Selection-1 Cheon+Tsubota*, ON Gallery, Seoul, Korea
- 1991 *CNU International Exhibition of Prints*, Daejeon, Korea
- 1990 *Contemporary Art Five Artists Show*, Nagoya, Japan  
*Los Angeles Art:LA '90*, California, United States of America
- 1989 *Contemporary Print Exhibition*, Seoul, Korea
- 1988 *17<sup>th</sup> Japan International Exhibition of Fine Art*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo and the Kyoto Municipal Art Museum, Kyoto, Japan
- 1987 *The 1<sup>st</sup> Exchange Fair between China and Japan*, Shanghai, China
- 1986 *Japan Art Fair '86*, Tokyo, Japan
- 1985 *Art Front 50*, Osaka, Japan
- 1984 *"Ge" Group Exhibition*, Osaka, Japan
- 1982 *Izumi - Tsubota Joint Exhibition*, Nishinomiya, Japan  
*Japan Festival*, Atlanta, USA

- 1981            *The 15th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan*, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan  
                   *The 1st Exhibition of Contemporary Art*, Kobe, Japan
- 1979            *The 13th International Print Biennial*, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia
- 1978            *Christchurch International Art Festival*, Christchurch, New Zealand  
                   *The 7th International Print Biennial*, Crakow, Poland
- 1977            *The 13th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan*, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan  
                   *The 12th International Print Biennial*, Ljubljana, Yugoslavia  
                   *Epinard International Image Biennial*, France
- 1976            *Art Now '76*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art, Kobe, Japan  
                   *The 5th British International Print Biennial*, Bradford, England  
                   *The 12th Contemporary Art Exhibition of Japan*, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan
- 1975            *Contemporary Print Contest*, Osaka Japan
- 1972            *CWAJ Print Art Exhibition*, American Club, Tokyo, Japan

### **Publications**

*Masahiko Tsubota Works 1974–2004*, Yamaki Art Gallery, Japan, 2004  
 Hiroshi Kanada, *Look at this Colour*, Yamaki Art Gallery, Japan, 2000  
 Shiginobu Kimura, *Masahiko Tsubota*, Yamaki Art Gallery, Japan, 1989

### **Collections**

Cincinnati Art Museum, United States of America  
 Cremona Civic Museum, Italy  
 Degirmendere Contemporary Art Museum, Turkey  
 Erasmus Graphics Collection, Netherlands  
 Erasmus University of Rotterdam, Netherlands  
 Haifa Museums, Tikotin Museum, Israel  
 Himeji City Museum of Literature, Hyogo, Japan  
 Kajyokan, Hyogo, Japan  
 Kimeji Municipal Museum of Art, Hyogo, Japan  
 Kracow Museum of Fine Art, Poland  
 Manggha Museum of Japanese Art Krakow, Poland  
 National Museum of Modern Art, Osaka, Japan  
 National Taiwan University of Arts, Taiwan  
 Niigata City Library, Japan  
 Osaka Prefectural Contemporary Art Center, Japan  
 Osaka University of Arts, Japan  
 The Machida City Museum of Graphic Arts, Tokyo, Japan  
 The Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama, Japan  
 Waseda University Library, Japan