

Chiharu Nishizawa

Chiharu Nishizawa is a Japanese artist who lives in Yokohama. He was born in Nagano in 1970. He graduated with a major in painting from Tokyo Zokei University and then trained as a printmaker. He has an instantly recognisable style, depicting humorous groups of people all wearing the same uniform floating against a bright-coloured background. The influence of his printmaking background can be seen in the clear edge of the depicted figures. It is also possible to recognise the influence that Japanese historical painting has had on his composition, often presented from a bird's-eye view. He aims to create the new style of Japanese painting based on his history as a Japanese.

Education

- 1997 Artists in Residence Program, Art Studio Itsukaichi, Tokyo, Japan
- 1995 Post Graduate Course in Printing Major, Department of Fine Art, Faculty of Zokei, Tokyo Zokei University, Japan
- 1993 Painting Major, Department of Fine Art, Faculty of Zokei (Art and Design), Tokyo Zokei University, Japan

Selected Exhibitions

- 2005 ARCO'05, Madrid, Spain
- 2004 VOCA, The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 Project N, ART GALLERY TOKYO OPERA CITY, Tokyo, Japan
Art Jam, Gallery Yamaguchi, Tokyo, Japan
Play not Play, Beijing Tokyo Art Projects, Beijing, PRC
Gallery Review, Art Space RASHINNBANN, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 Local Artists Exhibition, Kamiyamada Cultural Hall, Nagano, Japan
Diorama, Gallery Gen, Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 Anotherday, Gallery Yamaguchi, Tokyo
The 6th Contest for the Best Contemporary Art Work 2001, SOKO Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Hanga-teki, Naruse Bijutsu-Za, Tokyo, Japan
- 2000 The 5th Contest for the Best Contemporary Art Work 2001, SOKO Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Prints, Gallery Gen, Tokyo, Japan
- 1999 Harajuku Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 1998 Gallery Gen, Tokyo, Japan
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- 1993 4th Poster Competition, Maison Franco-Japonaise, Tokyo

Awards

- 2004 The Vision of Contemporary Art
- 1993 The 2nd Sapporo International Print Biennial
The 4th Poster Competition, Maison Franco-Japonaise

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