

Wada Akira Biography

- 1978 Born 1978 in Chiba, Japan.
- 2001 BA in Ceramics, Arts Department, Bunka Gakuin, Tokyo
Studied under Ceramist, Katsuji Uwataki
- 2005 Set up his own ceramic studio
Recognized as full member of Japan KOGEI Association
- 2007 Granted a Fellowship of Japanese Government Overseas Study Program
for Artist by the Agency of Cultural Affairs, Paris, France

Solo Exhibitions

- 2007 Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
- 2009 *Welcome!*, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
- 2010 *Universe*, Chiba Mitsukoshi, Chiba
- 2011 *White Porcelain & Ash Glaze of the Mangrove*, Kakiden gallery, Tokyo
Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
- 2012 Kandori Gallery, Tokyo
Yamani Otsuka Gallery Midori, Tochigi
- 2013 *Memory*, Kakiden gallery, Tokyo
- 2014 Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
LIXIL GALLERY, Tokyo
- 2016 Gallery Cajio, Tokyo
Kandori Gallery, Tokyo
- 2017 TŌBI Art Fair, Mitochu Koeki, Tokyo
- 2018 Sendai Mitsukoshi, Miyagi
Wada Akira: Clay and Sculpture, Chiba Citizen's Gallery Inage, Chiba
Akira Wada Exhibition, Gallery Kurimoto, Niigata
Wada Akira Solo Exhibition – Ceramic + X, Yakata Yusai, Tokyo

Group Exhibitions

- 2005 Traditional Crafts Tōyōkai Exhibition, Chiba Prefectural Museum of Art, Chiba (held annually thereafter)
- 2009 60th Anniversary: Chiba Prefectural Selected Artists Exhibition, Chiba Prefectural Museum of Art, Chiba
- 2010 *About The Tea Ceremony - A Viewpoint on Contemporary Kōgei*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
57th Japan Traditional Crafts Exhibition, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
10th Oita Asian Sculpture Exhibition, Fumio Asakura Museum of Sculpture, Oita
- 2011 6th Paramita Ceramic Art Grand Prize Exhibition, Paramita Museum, Mie
Tea Ceremony - Modernity in Molding and Design II, Gallery Voice, Gifu
The White Period, Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art, Tochigi
Art Fair Tokyo, Tokyo International Forum, Mitochu Koeki
Outdoor Sculpture Half a Century Exhibition, Kitakyusyu Municipal Museum of Art, Riverwalk Gallery, Fukuoka/ UBE Tokiwa Museum, Yamaguchi
REVALUE NIPPON PROJECT, Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum, Ibaraki
- 2012 *Modern Sculpture: Life&Art - Feel Ceramics*, Higashihiroshima City Museum of Art, Hiroshima
12th Kajima Sculpture Competition, The Atrium in Kajima KI Building, Tokyo and Art and Culture Asuto Hall, Osaka
- 2013 *Master Teabowls of Our Days*, Musée Tomo, Tokyo
Cheongju International Craft Biennale Main Exhibition 2, Korea
- 2014 *The Power of Creation*, Mashiko Museum of Ceramic Art, Tochigi
Modern Ceramic Art Phenomenon, Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum, Ibaraki
Ceramic Vessels from Kanto, Itami City Industrial Arts Center, Osaka
The 19th MOA Mokichi Okada Award Exhibition. MOA Museum, Shizuoka
Into the Fold: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from the Horvitz Collection, Harn Museum of Art, U.S.A
- 2015 Japan KOGEI Association East Japan Section, MOA Museum, Shizuoka
- 2016 *REVALUE NIPPON PROJECT*, Panasonic Shiodome Museum, Tokyo

- Modern Ceramic Art Guide: Evolving Form*, Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum,
Ibaraki 63rd Japan Traditional Crafts Exhibition, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi,
Tokyo
- 2017 *Modern Crafts and Tea ceremony II*, The National Museum of Modern
Art, Tokyo
Mr. K's Collection. Tajimi City Pottery Design and Technical Center, Gifu
Modern Tea Ceremony, Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum, Ibaraki
Present of Porcelain in the Tea Room by 6 Artists, Nezu Museum, Tokyo
Porcelain in Evolution – from 1980's to Present, Ibaraki Ceramic Art
Museum, Ibaraki
64th Japan Traditional Crafts Exhibition, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
- 2018 Recent Acquisitions- Collection Exhibition, Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum,
Ibaraki
65th Japan Traditional Crafts Exhibition, Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi, Tokyo
Hoshiiga Mitsukaru Utsuwa- Kasama and Mashiko, Ibaraki Ceramic Art
Museum, Ibaraki

Prizes

- 2004 The Superintendent of Education Award, followed by 2006 The
Prefectural Assembly Chairperson Award and 2011 The Exhibition
Award – Chiba Prefectural Art Exhibition
- 2007 Japan KOGEI Association Award - The 35th New Works of Ceramic Arts
- 2009 Encouragement Award - The 3rd Kikuchi Biennale
Masuo Ikeda Special Award - The 20th Japan Ceramic Art Exhibition
- 2010 The 50th Memorial Award - The 50th Eastern Japan Traditional Kōgei
Exhibition
- 2011 Grand Prix - The 6th Paramita Ceramic Art Award Exhibition
Yamaguchi Bank Prize - The 24th UBE Biennale for Material: FRP
- 2016 Grand Prix - The 9th Modern Tea Pottery Exhibition TOKI
- 2017 Newcomer Award - The 15th Chiba City Arts and Culture Freshmen
Award
Takashimaya Art Prize - The 27th Takashimaya Culture Fund

The Encouragement Award - The 37th Traditional Japanese Culture
POLA Award

The Governor of Tokyo Award - The 64th Japan Traditional Art Crafts
Exhibition

Grand Prix - The 7th Kikuchi Biennale

Public Collections

Allen Memorial Art Museum, U.S.A

Cincinnati Art Museum, U.S.A

Ibaraki Ceramic Art Museum, Ibaraki/JAPAN

Japanese Imperial Household Agency, JAPAN

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota, U.S

MINKA Modern Art Museum, Argentina

Musée Tomo, Tokyo, JAPAN

Paramita Museum, Mie, JAPAN

Takashimaya Reference Library, Osaka, JAPAN

The Japan Foundation. JAPAN

Toki-City, Gifu JAPAN