

Kentaro Okawara



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CV

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Kentaro Okawara (b. 1989) is a painter and sculptor based in Tokyo, Japan. Since graduating from the College of Arts, Tokyo Polytechnic University in 2011, Okawara has been exhibited internationally and had five 'art books' published. Okawara's work explores his long held belief that making art is an expression of love and a means to connect with each other. Each piece presents a surreal yet familiar cast of characters; a cocktail of humans, creatures, and personified objects interact with each other in intimate and bizarre ways to create a world that can be endearingly engaged by all. Within Okawara's world of bright colours and stylised motifs he addresses the importance of direct eye-to-eye and face-to-face communication. In this digital age where we seem to exchange our thoughts and feelings primarily over the Internet, Okawara's work encourages us to think again, cast aside our differences and re-connect to our shared humanity.

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Solo Exhibitions:

HOLD TIGHT / at Pubulic Gallery / London, UK / 2019
JUST YOUR SMILE / at Roppongi Hills A/D Gallery / Tokyo, Japan / 2019
LOVE STORY / at BINCAN / Seoul, South Korea / 2018
TRIP OF LOVE / at FISK Gallery / Portland, Oregon / 2018
WITH YOU / at Inspired by Starbucks Daizawa5chome, Japan / 2017
SAVE MY LOVE / at New Alternative / Kagoshima, Japan / 2017
Little Homie / at OMOTESANDO ROCKET / Tokyo, Japan / 2017
MOOD / at SOBO Gallery / Tokyo, Japan / 2016
DUST OF LIFE / at Space M / Tokyo, Japan / 2014
Feel Good / at Web Gallery of GUARDIAN GARDEN / 2014

Group Exhibitions:

Rude Assembly / at above the Tool shed / Sydney, Australia / 2019
U30 Competition vol.0 / at New Alternative / Kagoshima, Japan / 2017
DINOSAUR EXPO / at On Reading / Aichi, Japan / 2016
Music Illustration Award 2015 / at KATA / Tokyo, Japan / 2015
NINJAS Release Exhibition / at Anagra / Tokyo, Japan / 2015
ART WANK / at The TATE Gallery / Sydney, Australia / 2013
TRIPPY SOULS / at hotori / Tokyo, Japan / 2012

Publications:

Art Book "Kentaro Okawara" / Published by TANG DENG / 2019
ZINE "I'm Fuckin Great" / Published by CANSAN Press / 2019
Picture Book Project / Published by POO POO BOOKS / 2016-2019
"Drawings" / Published by Burning Paper / 2014
"Clavicle" / Published by Genius Yellow Monkey / 2014

Canvas



Untitled (for Solo show "JUST YOUR SMILE") / 130x130cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2019

Canvas



Untitled (for Solo show "JUST YOUR SMILE")
/ 130x162cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2018



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/ 130x162cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2018



Untitled (for Solo show "JUST YOUR SMILE") / 130x89cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2018

Canvas



Untitled (for Solo show "JUST YOUR SMILE")
/ 60x60cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2018



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/ 60x60cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2018



Untitled (for Solo show "JUST YOUR SMILE")
/ 72x72cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2018



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/ 72x72cm / Acrylic, Spray on Canvas / 2018

Paper



Untitled / 29.7x21cm / Acrylic, Spray on Paper / 2019

Paper



Untitled (for Solo show "LOVE STORY") / 30x30cm / Acrylic on Paper / 2018

Sculpture

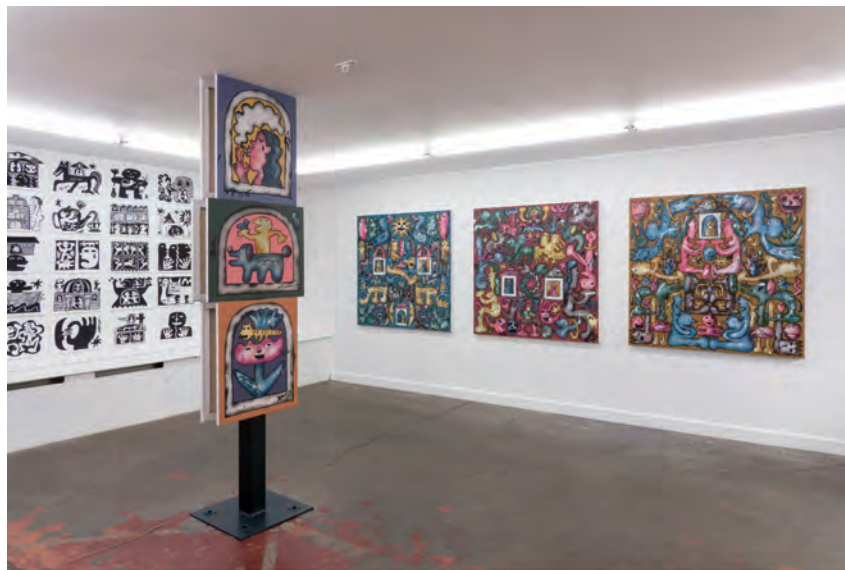


Untitled (for Solo show "JUST YOUR SMILE") / Acrylic on Globe, Wood / 2019



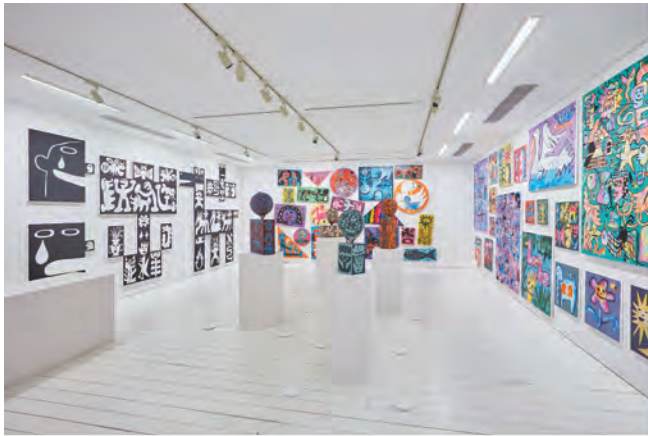
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Show



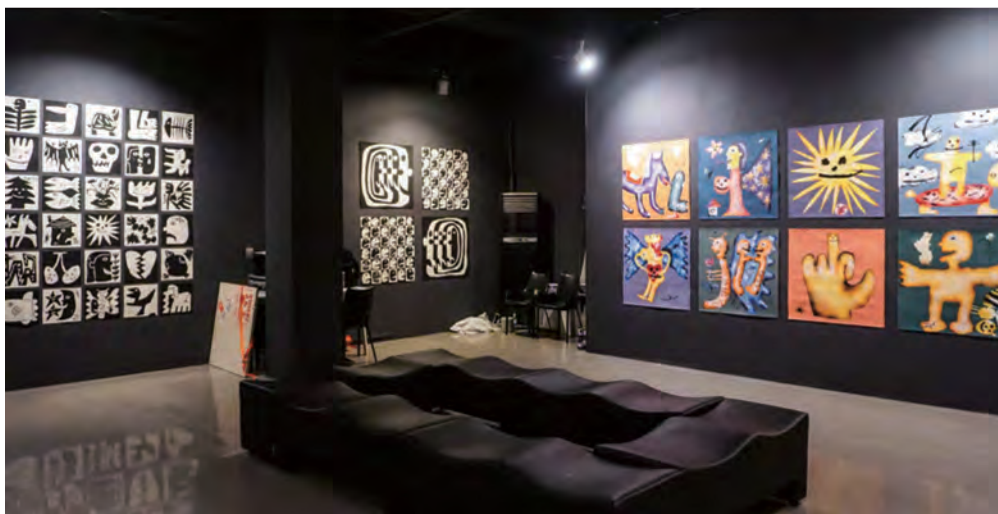
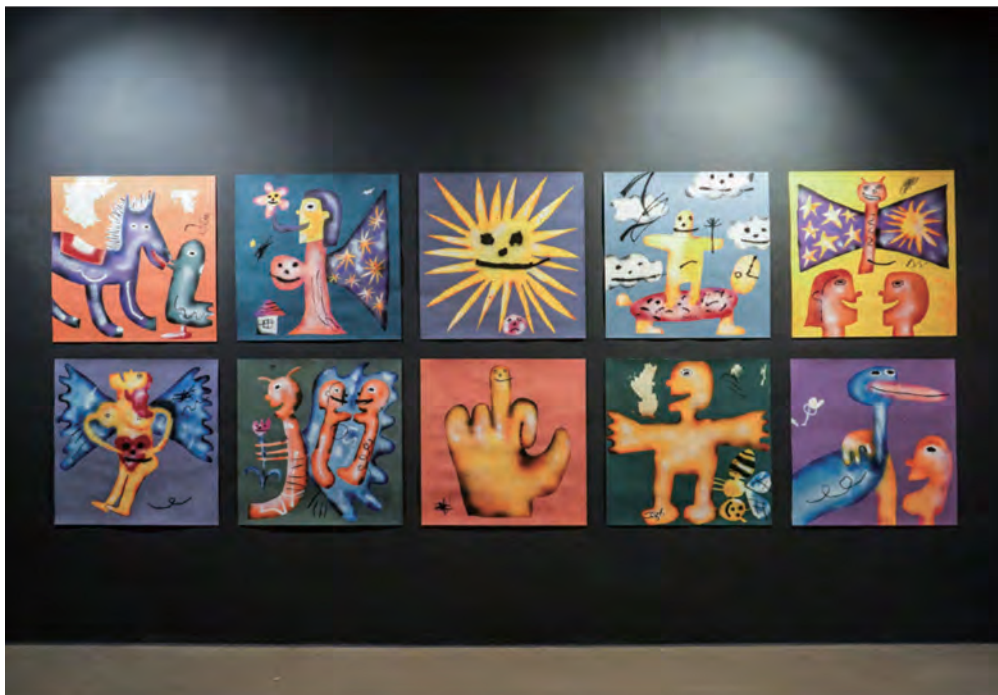
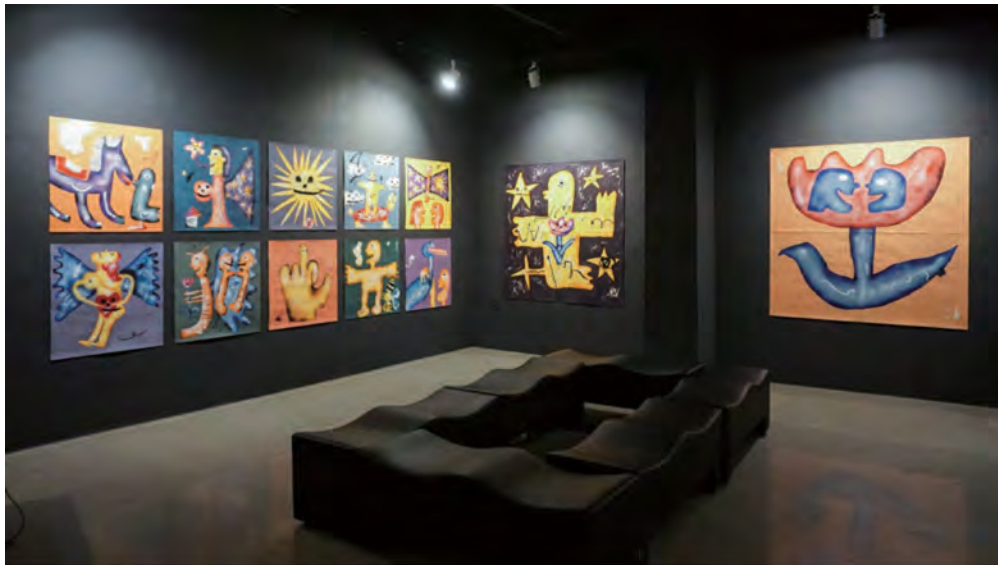
Solo show "HOLD TIGHT" / at PUBLIC Gallery, London UK / 2019

Show



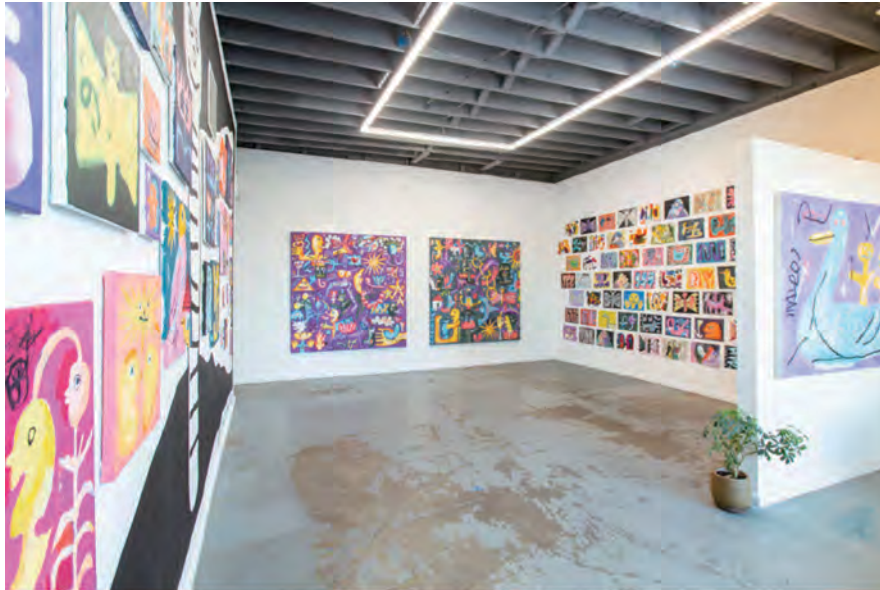
Solo show "JUST YOUR SMILE" / at Roppongi Hills A/D Gallery, Tokyo JAPAN / 2019

Show



Solo show "LOVE STORY" / at BINCAN, Seoul KOREA / 2018

Show

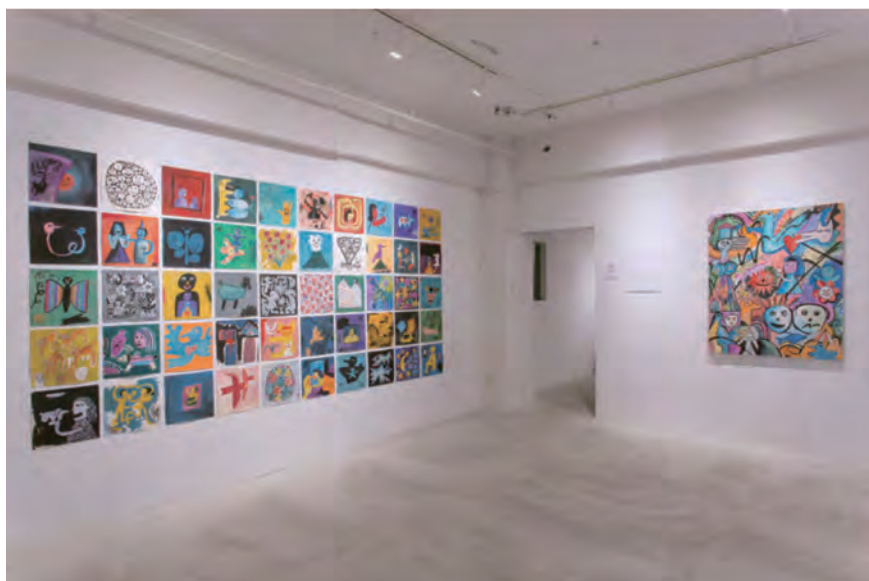
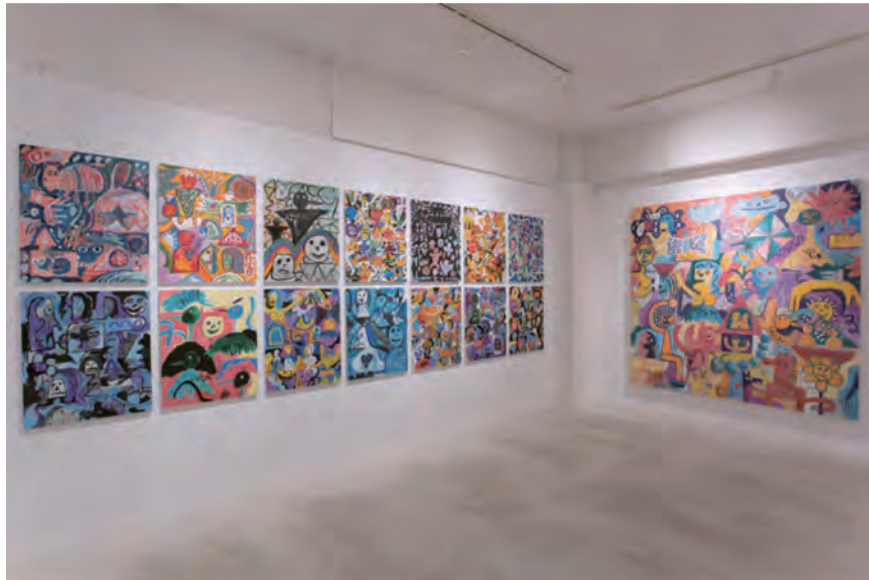


Solo show "TRIP OF LOVE" / at FISK Gallery, Portland OREGON / 2018

Show



Solo show "WITH YOU" / at Inspired by Starbucks Daizawa, Tokyo / 2017



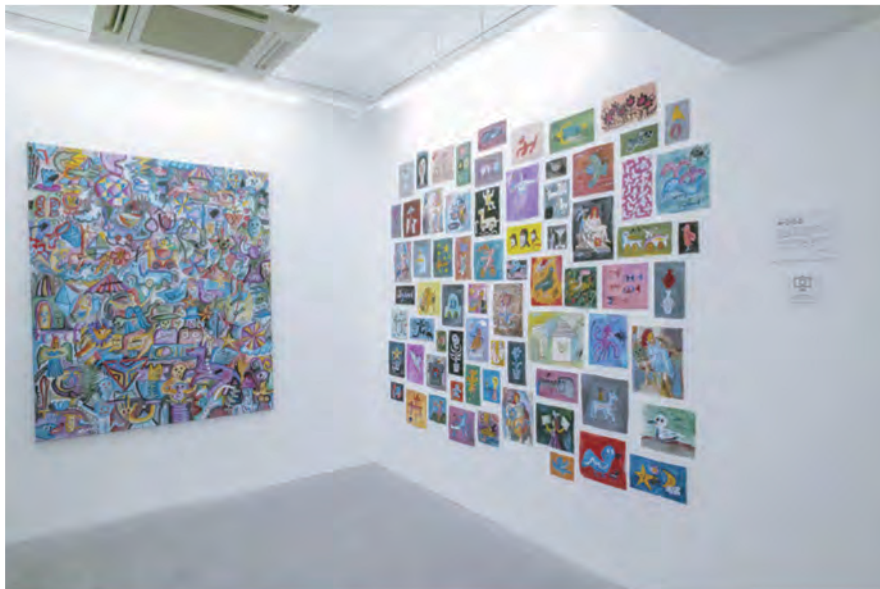
Solo show "SAVE MY LOVE" / at New Alternative, Kagoshima / 2017

Show



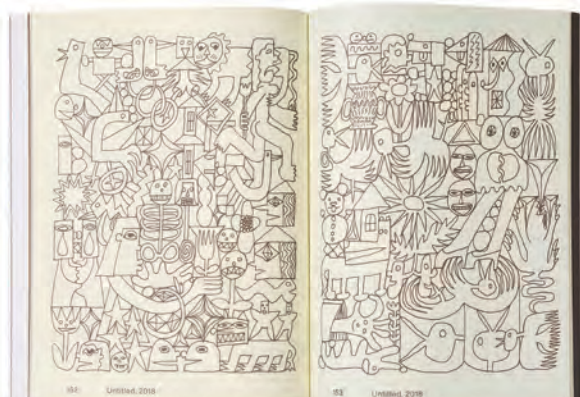
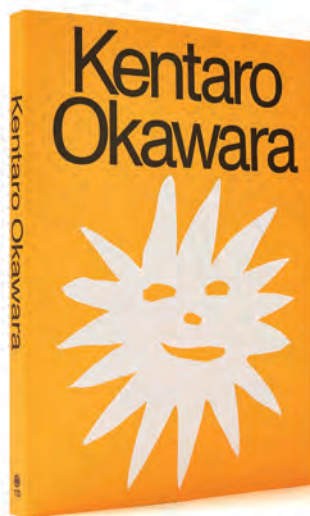
Solo show "LITTLE HOMIE" / at Rocket, Tokyo JAPAN / 2017

Show



Solo show "MOOD" / at SOBO Gallery, Tokyo JAPAN / 2016

Publication



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Picture Book Project



TURUNOONGAESHI / 2019



KINTARO / 2018



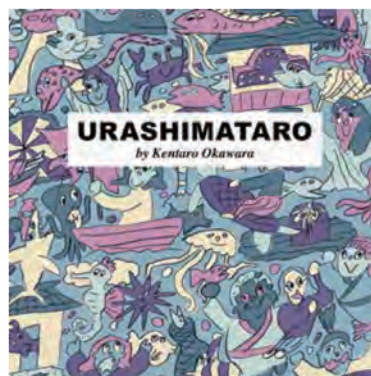
SANNENNETARO / 2018



SARUKANIGASSEN / 2017



KAGUYAHIME / 2017



URASHIMATARO / 2016



MOMOTARO / 2016

Brand



Plate Project



Plate Project / Box designed by Studio .otd / 2019-