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MAYA MAKINO (b. 1980)

Maya Makino aims to capture and preserve the experience of witnessing scenes from the past, resulting from an involuntary awareness of sensations and appearing momentarily before her eyes. Think of the quietness of the night, the sound of the rain, or the scent of a flower. These fragments trigger childhood memories, followed by an experience in which those memories flash rapidly and are volatile through our minds before they disappear instantly, just as the artist becomes aware of these sights and senses. One of the most essential aspects of Makino's painterly practice is the intensity of color. She uses a single dye to achieve a range of indigo blue hues, working on wooden panels primed with a traditional gesso using *gofun*—also known as shell lime. By doing so, the Japanese artist can create subtle textures and reliefs on her surface before soaking the panel with an intense indigo dye. The indigo does not sit on top of the surface; it penetrates the support, in keeping with the way her thoughts penetrate her mind in pursuit of remembering, capturing, and preserving feelings or moments. For Makino, painting is not only a tour de force of a specific medium on a particular surface. She approaches it as a phenomenon emerging from deep within the support, as the color permeates the painting to transcend its material aspects.

EDUCATION

2009 MFA, Tokyo University of the Arts, Japan
2007 BFA, Tokyo University of the Arts, Japan

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

SOLO

2025 *Out of Focus*, CAI, Harelbeke, Belgium
2022 *Faded*, CAI Gallery, Harelbeke, Belgium
2021 *Night Falls*, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan
2019 *Days*, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan
2017 *Halcyon Days*, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan
2016 *Outside the Window*, Rokkatei Fukuzumi, Hokkaido, Japan
2015 *In the Garden*, Gallery An, Ibaraki, Japan
 The View I Always Saw, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan
2013 *Swimming in the Rain*, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan
2011 *Between Memories and Stories*, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan
2010 Gallery Yoyogi, Tokyo, Japan
2009 Gallery Kaidan-no-tochu, Tokyo, Japan
 Gallery Yoyogi, Tokyo, Japan
2008 Gallery Yoyogi, Tokyo, Japan

GROUP

2025 *Abstract Aesthetic*, Gallery57, West Sussex, UK
2024 *Atmosphere*, iwao Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
 The Art of Tea, Geidai Art Plaza, Tokyo, Japan
 PLUS & MINUS, The Untitled Void, Seoul, South Korea
 Stillness, Gallery57, West Sussex, United Kingdom
2023 *Making Their Mark: 7 Women in Abstraction*, Heather Gaudio Fine Art, Greenwich, CT
 Catharsis, CAI Gallery, Harelbeke, Belgium
 Group Exhibition, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan
2022 *The Prize Show*, Geidai Art Plaza, Tokyo, Japan
 Constant Repetition, The Untitled Void, Seoul, South Korea
 Blue, Gallery57, Arundel, United Kingdom
 Miniature Exhibition, Tenohira Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
2021 *The Prize Show*, Geidai Art Plaza, Tokyo, Japan
2017 *TUA Emerging Artists*, The University Art Museum, Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan

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2016 *The View from Here*, Fujisawa City Art Space, Kanagawa, Japan
Cadeau de Noël, Galerie Kawakami, Tokyo, Japan

2015 THE VISION OF CONTEMPORARY ART 2015, The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo, Japan

2014 *Collection of the Year*, Rokka Library, Hokkaido, Japan

2012 10th Nakamichi Exhibition, Fuchu Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

2009 *The Bloom*, Art Jam Contemporary, Tokyo, Japan

2008 *Winners Exhibition – Geidai Art Plaza Art Prize*, Geidai Art Plaza, Tokyo

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2023 *Catharsis: Aaron Barath, Rémy Hysbergue, Alejandro Javaloyas & Maya Makino*, Contemporary Art Issue

2022 “Contemporary Japan-Based Artists to Know”, *The Weekender*, Tokyo
Maya Makino: Faded, CAI, Kortrijk
“8 Emerging Abstract Painters to Collect Now,” Contemporary Art Issue

2016 *The View from Here*, exhibition catalogue, Fujisawa City Art Space

2015 *VOCA 2015*, exhibition catalogue, The UENO Royal Museum

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

The University Art Museum, Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan
Minakami, Gunma Prefecture, Japan
The St. Regis Osaka, Japan
TIAO, Autograph Collection
Isuzu Motors Limited
Saiho-ji Temple, Tokyo, Japan