

# HEATHERGAUDIOFINEART

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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
- Under Construction*, Geidai Art Plaza, 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 *10<sup>th</sup> 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