

# MAKI UMEHARA

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nüans, collaboration projects with other artists. (2006-2016, with Anna Heidennhain and Elmar Hermann)  
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## **EDUCATION**

2016 Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan, PhD in Intermedia Art.  
2012 Sandberg Institut, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, MFA.  
2006 Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Germany, Diploma and Meisterschüler of Prof. Rita McBride.  
2000-2006 Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Germany, Prof. Christian Megert, Prof. Irmin Kamp, and Prof. Rita McBride.  
2000 Nagoya Zokei University of Art and Design, Japan, Diploma.  
1999 Carnegie Mellon University, Exchange Study Programme, USA.

## **RESIDENCES**

2020 Tokyo Arts and Space, Exchange Residency Program, Japan, fellowship, in cooperation with Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop, UK.  
2018 Koganecho Artist in Residence, Yokohama, Japan.  
2010 Kunststiftung NRW, Germany, fellowship, in cooperation with Goethe-Institut Mumbai Max Mueller Bhavan, India.

## **AWARDS**

2010 Emerging Artists Award of the City of Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2009 Graphic Award, Land of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.  
2008 Lexus Art Award, New Talents-Biennale Cologne, Germany, nüans.  
2004 Travel Award, Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2000 Tobikai-sho Award, Nagoya Zokei University of Art and Design, Japan

## **GRANTS**

2020-2022 Ministry of Culture and Science of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, project grant, nüans.  
2014 Kunststiftung NRW, Germany, publication grant, nüans.  
2012 Stiftung Kunstfonds, Bonn, Germany, project grant, nüans.  
2010 Kunst- und Kulturstiftung der Sparkasse Düsseldorf, Germany, project grant, nüans.  
2010 Kunststiftung NRW, Germany, publication grant, nüans.  
2008 - 2009 Lepsien Art Foundation, Germany, studio residency.  
2008 Kunststiftung NRW, Germany, project grant, nüans.  
2007 Kunst- und Kulturstiftung der Sparkasse Düsseldorf, Germany, project grant, nüans.  
2006 - 2007 Pola Art Foundation, Overseas Research Fellowship, Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2002 - 2005 Agency for Cultural Affairs, Japanese Government Overseas Study Program for

Artist, Düsseldorf, Germany.

### **SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

- 2012 *A festival of choices*, Galerie Juliette Jongma, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
2010 *Emerging Artist Award of the City of Düsseldorf*, Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2010 *Silver sea*, Galerie Markus Winter, Berlin, Germany.  
2008 *For the great day*, di.vitrine, Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2006 *Translate form / Transform space*, with Rob Nadeau, Galerie Markus Winter, Berlin, Germany.

### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2019 *Bienvenue*, Galerie Arnaud Lefebvre, Cité International des Arts, Paris, France.  
2019 *Nakanojo Biennale 2019*, Nakanojo, Japan.  
2018 *A Playful Distance*, Koganecho Studio 1-1G, Yokohama, Japan.  
2016 *Klassentreffen*, Schloss Reuschenberg, Neuss, Germany.  
2015 *Doctoral Program Final Exhibition 2016*, The University Art Museum, Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo, Japan.  
2015 *Turtle –Dedicated to Michael Shamberg*, Galerie Arnaud Lefebvre, Paris, France.  
2015 *Transmigration*, Alang Alang House, Ubud, Bali, Indonesia.  
2015 *The beloved companion*, with nüans, Vice Versa Distribution, Berlin, Germany.  
2014 *HAYY*, with nüans, Künstlerverein Malkasten Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2014 *HAYY Preview, Quadriennale Düsseldorf*, with nüans, Klüngel & Arena, Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2014 *Atlas*, Tokyo University of the Arts, Toride, Ibaragi, Japan.  
2013 *Paths to recreation*, with nüans, A.R.T. / The Dog House, Konnoh Hachimangu Shrine, Tokyo, Japan.  
2013 *The Hayy residency*, with nüans, asansörsüz, Istanbul, Turkey.  
2013 *La storia di Hayy*, with nüans, Guardiola Contemporanea, Piraino (Sicily), Italy.  
2012 *Calm heaven on earth*, Galerie Sherin Najjar, Berlin, Germany.  
2012 *Oar or ore?*, with nüans, Galerie Max Mueller, Max Mueller Bhavan / Goethe Institut Mumbai, India.  
2012 *Pola Museum Annex 2012*, Pola Museum Annex, Tokyo, Japan.  
2012 *The self-taught musical*, with nüans, SMART Project Space, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
2012 *Turtle salon*, Hardy Tree Gallery, London, UK.  
2012 *Revolutionary sympathies*, Böhm Kobayashi, Kunstverein Malkasten, Düsseldorf, Germany  
2011 *Every day is Friday*, with nüans, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Germany  
2011 *Cikte!*, with nüans, Polistar, Istanbul, Turkey  
2011 *Comfort isolates*, with nüans, JB Jurve, Los Angeles, USA.  
2011 *Island chose you*, with nüans, ISCP, New York, USA.  
2011 *Soramame*, Hans-Peter Zimmer Stiftung, Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2011 *We will never know for sure*, W139, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.  
2011 *Turtle salon*, Galerie Arnaud Lefebvre, Paris, France.  
2010 *Talking to rocks*, with Paolo Emilio Antognoli and nüans, Villa Romana, Florence, Italy.  
2010 *Schwarz | Weiss*, Kunstverein Germersheim, Germersheim, Germany.  
2010 *Aichi art no mori*, Horikawa project, Nagoya, Japan.

- 2009 *Trendwände*, Kunstraum, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2009 *Sommerakademie*, with nüans, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.
- 2009 *Graphic Award, Land of North Rhine-Westphalia*, Ehemaligen Reichabtei Kornelimünster, Aachen, Germany.
- 2009 *Position 09*, Seewerk, Moers, Germany.
- 2008 *New Talents –Biennale Cologne 2008*: Junge Biennale Köln, with Alti Aylik and nüans, facts+fiction, Rheinauhafen Köln, Cologne, Germany.
- 2008 *We*, with nüans, Lisabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, USA.
- 2008 *On produceability*, with nüans, Asmali Mescit Mah, Alti Aylik, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2008 *Paramount*, Beletage, Cologne, Germany.
- 2008 *Line me up*, Beletage, Cologne, Germany.
- 2008 *Sport in art*, RGM the Museum of Modern Art, Nanjing. Gallery of Luxun Art Academy, Shenyang. Sichuan Fine Arts Museum, Sichuan. Today Art Museum, Beijing, China.
- 2007 *Sport in art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Shanghai. Art Museum of Guangzhou Art Academy, Guangzho, China.
- 2007 *Turtle*, with Michael H. Shamberg, Woburn Studios, London, UK.
- 2006 *Das letzte Wort der Kunst: Heinrich Heine und Robert Schumann zum 150. Todesjahr*, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany. (group work)
- 2004 *TIPP*, Barcsay Gallery, Budapest, Hungary.
- 2004 *Futureways: The Middelburg Triennial 2304*, De Vleeshal, Middelburg, The Netherlands. (Curated by: Rita McBride, Glen Rubsamen, Rutger Wolfson)
- 2003 *Vor der Arbeit*, Kultur Bahnhof Eller, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2002 *Hofstettenstrasse 2002*, Kunstmuseum Thun, Thun, Switzerland.

## **CURATORIAL WORKS/ART PROJECTS**

- 2015 *5 x 3*, Kunstraum Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2008 *Documental*, with nüans, Guggenheim Gallery, Los Angeles, USA.
- 2008 *Documental*, with nüans, Malkasten Park, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2008 *Documental*, with nüans, Pilot Projekt für Kunst e.V, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2008 *On produceability*, with nüans and alti aylik, Asmali Mescit Mah, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2008 *Tasogare doki*, with nüans Ballhaus, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2007 *PROP*, with nüans, Stedefreund, Berlin, Germany.
- 2007 *PROP*, with nüans, Bonner Kunstverein, Bonn, Germany.
- 2007 *PROP3*, with nüans, Kölnerstraße, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2007 *PROP2*, with nüans, Vierwände Festival, Hofgarten, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2007 *PROP*, with nüans, Malkastenpark, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2007 *Gemeinschaft und Gesellschaft*, “nüans”, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2007 *The Fit*, with Micheal H. Shamberg, Turtle, “nüans” and diverse places in Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2006 *Love, cables and voices*, “nüans”, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2006 *Straight stories*, “nüans”, Düsseldorf, Germany.
- 2006 *First 3 sec.*, “nüans”, Düsseldorf, Germany.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **MONOGRAPHS AND EXHIBITION CATALOGUES**

- 2019 *Nakanojo Biennale 2019*, Nakanojo Biennale Organization Committee, Japan.  
2015 *5 x 3*, City of Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2012 *Calm heaven on earth*, Galerie Shrin Najjar, Germany.  
2011 *Malkasten: Blätter Revolutionary Sympathies, Das Ausmalbuch*, Künstlerverein Malkasten Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2011 *Soramame*, Hans-Peter Zimmer Stiftung, Revolver Publisher, Germany.  
2010 *Homes in Mum-Bay*, Kulturamt Düsseldorf, Germany.  
2010 *Aichi art no mori*, Aichi art no mori Organizing Committee, Japan.  
2009 Lepsien Art Foundation, Germany.  
2009 *Position 09*, Germany.  
2008 *TEXT-Revue Nr.6: Interview*, Revolver Publisher, Germany.  
2007 *Sport in Art*, Shanghai Literature and Art Publishing House, Baijia Publishing House, China.  
2006 *Das letzte Wort der Kunst: Heinrich Heine und Robert Schumann zum 150. Todesjahr*, Metzlersche J.B. Verlagsb, Germany. (group work)  
2004 Futureways, Printed Matter, inc., Whitney Museum of American Art, USA.

### **MONOGRAPHS AND ARTIST BOOKS (By nüans)**

- 2014 *Hayy*, Revolver Publisher, Germany.  
2012 *The Self-Taught Musical*.  
2011 *APOGEE –A compilation of solitude, ecology & recreation*, Revolver Publisher, Germany.  
2010 *Comfort Isolates*.  
2010 *The Island Found You!*  
2008 *On Produceability*, New Talents –Biennale Cologne 2008, Germany.  
2007 *PROP –proud to be a V.I.P.*, Germany.

### **COMISSION WORKS**

- 2009 The State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.  
2008/2009 Lepsien Art Foundation, Germany.  
2007 Adidas, China.

### **PUBLIC COLLECTION**

- Kunstakademie Düsseldorf, Germany.  
Lepsien Art Foundation, Germany.