

MUU NANAHOSHI

Born 1979 in Tokyo, Japan

Works and lives in Tokyo, Japan



Muu's paintings present a world that transcends time and reality. Inspired by the country sceneries of her childhood – houses, trees, stones, flowers, moon and stars, she creates a picturesque fantasy world that blurs the boundaries of reality on her canvases. With a vibrant colour palette and her signature dreamy motifs of Strawberry Goldfish, Daifukumochis, the Moon and the Ocean, as well as the interesting three-dimensional technique, Muu's works bring a unique angle to the exploration of dreams and realities.

Since childhood, Muu absorbs herself in painting with her fingers, stones and wood chips. Every day she has dreams as vivid as movies in which characters and universes emerge from her subconscious, blurring the line between reality and dreams. Her works contemplate upon dreams, ideals and realities as well as the concept of past, present, and future, mingled with her inner hardships, joys, and sorrows. She filters the world through her mind, and the paintings are illustrations of the world through her lens.

Muu was born in Japan. Before becoming a professional artist, Muu worked as an art director in one of the biggest advertising agencies in Japan. In her most recent project, Rinkle, she explores the themes of nature and the cosmos. Her lively characters travel through different natural environments on earth and the universe, making us wonder about our existence and the origin of everything around us. Muu won numerous artist prizes including, Jury Special Prize at the Selected Artist Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum in 2017; Gold Prize at the Heart Art in Lisbon in 2016; Chairman Award at the Selected Artist Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum in 2016. The artist now lives and works in Tokyo.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITION

2024

GIFT ☆ Time is....一星からのおくりもの一, Ginza Six, Tokyo, Japan

Muu Nanahoshi x The Peninsula Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

2023

The Way Which One Will You Choose? - Going My Way -, JPS Gallery, Paris, France

BIOTOP, JPS Gallery, Hong Kong

2022

「花」 Ginza Tsutaya Book, Ginza Six, Tokyo, Japan

Hoshigatari, JPS Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2021

Stars Power, JPS Gallery, Hong Kong

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & ART FAIRS

2024

I Gallery Art Fair 2024, Paradise City Plaza, Incheon, Korea

2023

Art Central Hong Kong 2023, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong

HOME, Alter Space, London, UK

2022

Art Central Hong Kong 2022, HKCEC, Hong Kong

Bonjour Paris, JPS Gallery, Paris, France

Art Fair Tokyo 2022, Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo, Japan

Art021 2022, Shanghai Exhibition Center, Shanghai, China

2021

Make-A-Wish Charity Show, BELOWGROUND, Hong Kong

Haru, JPS Art Store, Hong Kong

GINZA COLLECTOR'S CLUB, Ginza Six, Tokyo, Japan

Art Shopping, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France

The 26th Japan National Selected Artists Exhibition, The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo, Japan

2020

Girl Power, JPS Area 36, Tokyo, Japan

World Art DUBAI, Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai

2019

GiftShow Autumn 2019, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo, Japan

2017

Selected Artists Exhibition 2017, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
New Year's Day at Imperial Hotel, Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, Japan

2016

Heart Art in Lisbon 2016, Museu do Oriente, Lisbon, Portugal
Selected Artists Exhibition 2016, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo Japan
13-Year Anniversary Exhibition Tatsuya Art Competition 2016, Gallery Tatsuya, Nagoya, Japan
Gift Show Autumn 2016, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo, Japan
The 2nd Oedo Kioicho Matsuri, Hotel New Otani, Tokyo, Japan
Abi Sun Art Gallery Event, Abi Sun Art Gallery, Chiba, Japan
Art Gathering in Fukuoka, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
Oedo Kioicho Sakura Festival, Hotel New Otani, Tokyo, Japan
Sticker & Button Badge Exhibition, Atelier COMET, Tokyo, Japan
Gift Show Spring 2016, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo, Japan
Mononoke Lottery Exhibition, Atelier COMET, Tokyo, Japan

2015

In Memory of Manyo Mahoroba Exhibition, Nara Prefecture Complex of Manyo Culture, Nara, Japan
Selected Artists Exhibition 2015, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan
Christmas Tree & Box Lottery, Atelier COMET, Tokyo, Japan
Spin Exhibition, ATOMLIVINTECH CO. LTD, Tokyo, Japan
Japan Art & Crafts in Prague, The Manes Exhibition Hall, Prague, Czechoslovakia
Japan Expo, Parc des Expositions de Villepinte, Paris, France
White Cat Shop, Atelier COMET, Tokyo, Japan
Illustration Exhibition 2015 The Girls' Kaleidoscope, Recto Verso Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
Mint mint mint!, Koenji Grain, Tokyo, Japan
The 18th AIDS Charity Exhibition, The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

2014

Gift Show Autumn 2014, Tokyo Big Sight, Tokyo, Japan
Gallery Opening Exhibition, Cloverplus, Kawagoe, Japan
Postcard Laboratory, Shibuya Hikarie, Tokyo, Japan
Selected Special Exhibition in Kanazawa 2014, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art,
Kanazawa, Japan Nihon no Ehon, the Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan
Square Exhibition, Space Womb Gallery, New York, United States

2013

Stamp Exhibition, Tokyo Midtown Design Hub, Tokyo, Japan

2012

Ribbon Exhibition, Tokyo Midtown Design Hub, Tokyo, Japan

2011

T-Shirt Exhibition, limArt, Tokyo, Japan

T-Shirt Exhibition, Omotesando Hills, Tokyo, Japan

AWARDS

2017

Jury Special Prize, Selected Artists Exhibition, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

2016

Gold Prize, Heart Art in LISBON 2016, Museu do Orient, Portugal

Chairman Award, Heart Art in TOKYO, Selected Artists Exhibition

2015

Honorary Director Award, In Memory of Manyo Mahoroba Exhibition

Bronze Award & Orange Ribbon Encouragement Award, Selected Artists Exhibition 2015, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

2014

Special Award, Selected Special Exhibition in Kanazawa 2014, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art Bronze Award, Nihon no Ehon, the Museum of Modern Art, Saitama