

**MR.**

Born Cupa, Japan, 1969  
Lives Tokyo, Japan

**EDUCATION**

1996 Fine Arts, Sokei Academy of Fine Art and Design, Tokyo, Japan

**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2025 *It Was on a Brilliant Day.*, Perrotin, Los Angeles, CA (forthcoming)  
2024 Lehmann Maupin, London, United Kingdom  
*MR.*, Perrotin, Paris, France  
2022 *Mr.: You Can Hear the Song of This Town*, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
*Beyond the Alley, There...*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY  
2021 *Mr.: Quotidianist*, HOW Art Museum, Shanghai, China  
2019 *Mr.'s Melancholy Walk Around the Town*, Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France  
*Carte blanche to Mr. and Pharrell Williams: A Call To Action*, Musée Guimet, Paris, France  
2018 Galerie Perrotin, Hong Kong  
2016 *Tokyo, the City I Know, at Dusk: It's Like a Hallow In My Heart*, Galerie Perrotin Seoul, South Korea  
*Sunset in My Heart*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY  
2015 *lost*, Hidari Zingaro, Tokyo, Japan  
2014 *Live On: Mr.'s Japanese Neo-Pop*, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA  
2013 *Sweet!*, Galerie Perrotin, Hong Kong  
2012 *Metamorphosis: Give Me Your Wings*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY  
2010 Leeahn Gallery, Seoul, South Korea  
2008 *Nobody Dies*, Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France  
*Nobody Dies*, Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY  
2007 Lehmann Maupin, New York, NY  
2006 *Mr.*, Musée d'Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, France  
*Nin – stealth*, Galerie Emmanuel Perrotin, Miami, FL  
2004 *Issey x Mr.*, Issey Miyake by Naoki Takizawa, Tokyo, Japan  
*Thank You for Your Hard Work*, Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
2003 Galerie Emmanuel Perrotin, Paris, France  
2001 Nano Galerie, Paris, France  
2000 *Venus #2*, Vedanta Gallery, Chicago, IL  
1998 *Mr., Painter of Alps*, Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Oh-Edo Kunoichi Ninpōchō ('Greater Edo handbook of female ninja techniques')*, Shop33, Tokyo, Japan  
1997 Aoi Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
1996 *Frone & Perrine '97*, Shop33, Tokyo, Japan

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2021 *Healing*, Perrotin, Shanghai, China  
2020 *Healing*, Perrotin, Seoul, South Korea  
*Kaleidoscopes: Contemporary Portraiture*, Perrotin, Hong Kong

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- 2019 *MURAKAMI VS MURAKAMI*, Tai Kwun Contemporary, Hong Kong  
*Bishojo: Young Pretty Girls in Art History*, Museum of National Taipei University of Education, Taipei, Taiwan  
*Kaikai Kiki Summer Show*, Kaikai Kiki Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Monsters, Manga and Murakami*, Musée en Herbe, Paris, France
- 2018 *Megane To Tabisuru Bijyutsuten*, Aomori Museum of Art, Aomori, Japan
- 2017 *Create Your Own Original Doraemon*, Mori Art Center Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Islands, Constellations & Galapagos*, Yokohama Triennale, Yokohama, Japan  
*Murakami by Murakami*, Astrup Fearnley Museet, Oslo, Norway
- 2015 *Animamix Biennale 2015 – 2016*, Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, South Korea
- 2014 *Bishojo: Young Pretty Girls in Art History - 16 Perspectives for Studying the Idea of the bishojo*, Aomori Museum, Aomori City, Japan
- 2012 *A Nightmare is a Dream*, Kaikai Kiki, Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 *Kyoto-Tokyo: From Samurais to Mangas*, Grimaldi Forum, Monaco
- 2009 *Neoteny Japan- Takahashi Collection*, Yonago City Museum of Art, Yonago, Japan  
*Sacred Monsters*, Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, MA  
*VRAOUM*, La Maison Rouge, Paris, France
- 2008 *KRAZY! The Delirious World of Anime + Comics + Video Games + Art*, Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada  
*Kaikai Kiki Artists*, Kaikai Kiki, Tokyo, Japan  
*Art Los Angeles*, Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, Santa Monica, CA
- 2007 *RED HOT: Asian Art Today from the Chaney Family Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX  
*Chiho Aoshima, Mr., Aya Takano*, Musee d'Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, France
- 2005 *Rising Sun, Melting Moon*, Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel  
*Kaikai Kiki Exhibition*, Aoi Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
*Little Boy: The Arts of Japan's Exploding Subculture*, Japan Society, New York, NY  
*AniMate*, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan  
Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France
- 2004 Galerie Perrotin, Miami, FL  
*T-Junction*, Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France  
*Fiction. Love: Ultra New Vision in Contemporary Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei, Taiwan  
*Chiho Aoshima, Mr., Aya Takano*, Galerie Perrotin at LFL Gallery, New York, NY
- 2003 *Hope—The Future is in Our Hands*, LAFORET Harajuku, Tokyo, Japan  
*Tomio Koyama Gallery*, Tokyo, Japan  
*Mr. vs. Shintaro Miyake Exhibition*, NADiff, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 *The Japanese Experience—Inevitable*, Museum der Moderne Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria  
*Chiho Aoshima, Aya Takano, Mr., Takashi Murakami*, Galerie Perrotin, Paris, France  
*Coloriage*, Fondation Cartier Pour l'Art Contemporain, Paris, France
- 2001 *My Reality: Contemporary Art and the Culture of Japanese Animation*, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA.  
*Hiropon Show*, White Cube Gallery, London, United Kingdom; Shinsaibashi Parco Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
*Yokai Festival*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan  
*Superflat*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA; Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN; Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2000 *Superflat*, Shibuya Parco Gallery, Tokyo; PARCO Gallery, Nagoya, Japan  
*lo-fi/HIGH-TECH*, Vedanta Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1999 *Hiropon Show 32/80*, NADiff, Tokyo, Japan  
*Hiropon Show Vol. 7*, Parco Gallery, Nagoya, Japan  
*Sampling*, Ronald Feldman Fine Arts Inc., New York, NY  
*Hiropon Show PO+KU Art Revolution*, Logus Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
*Attention Spam*, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

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- 1998 *Hiropon Show*, George's, Los Angeles, CA  
*Ero Pop Christmas*, NADiff, Tokyo, Japan
- 1997 *Hiropon Show*, Shop33, Tokyo, Japan  
*Tokyo Sex*, NAS, Tokyo, Japan
- 1996 *Pico Pico Show*, Tomio Koyama Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 *Lost*. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki.
- 2015 Robecchi, Michele, and Xiaojin Wu. *Live on: Mr's Japanese Neo Pop*. New York: Galerie Perrotin and Lehmann Maupin. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki. Seattle: Seattle Art Museum.
- 2012 Huang, Iris Shu-Ping, Magdalena Kroner, and Victoria Lu et al. *Future Pass*. Taichung: National Taiwan Museum of Fine Arts.  
Michi Yukaba, Moe. *Mr.Art Book Ikiteiku*. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki.
- 2011 Chiu, Melissa, and Tamaki Saito. *Mr*. Paris: Galerie Perrotin. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki.  
De Bock, Edward, and Annelies de Boer, eds. *Future Pass*. Rotterdam: Wereldmuseum.  
Lu, Victoria, and Zikang Zhang, eds. *Future Pass*. Beijing: Today Art Museum.
- 2010 *KOUME*. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki.
- 2009 *Letter of Season by Mr*. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki.  
*Flowers in the Fields*. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki.
- 2008 Takahashi, Ryutarō, et al. *Neoteny Japan: Contemporary Artists after 1990's from Takahashi Collection*. Tokyo: Bijutsu Shuppansha.
- 2007 De Lima Greene, Alison, et al. *RED HOT: Asian Art Today from the Chaney Family Collection*. Houston: Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. New Haven: Yale University Press.  
Yamaguchi, Yumi. *Warriors of Art: A Guide to Contemporary Japanese Artists*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2006 Raspail, Thierry, ed. *Chiho Aoshima, Mr, Aya Takano*. Lyon: Musée d'Art Contemporain. Paris: Paris: Éditions du Panama.  
Sawaragi, Noi. *What Happened in Art? 1992-2006*. Tokyo: Kokushokankokai.
- 2005 Kitazawa, Hiromi, ed. *AniMate: Anime in Japanese and Korean Contemporary Art*. Tokyo: Nanjo and Associates.  
Murakami, Takashi, ed. *Little Boy: The Arts of Japan's Exploding Subculture*. New York: Japan Society. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- 2004 *Fiction. Love: Ultra New Visions in Contemporary Art*. Taipei: Museum of Contemporary Art.
- 2003 *Mr. by Mr*. Tokyo: Kaikai Kiki.
- 2001 Fleming, Jeff, ed. *My Reality: Contemporary Art and the Culture of Japanese Animation*. Des Moines: Des Moines Art Center
- 2000 Hassan, Salah, et al. *L'Art dans le Monde 2000: 50 Pays, 100 Artistes*. Paris: Beaux Arts Magazine.  
Murakami, Takashi, ed. *Superflat*. Tokyo: Madra.

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"Iconic Japanese artist Mr. on bridging otaku subculture and fine art at Lehmann Maupin." *designboom*, April 13.  
Chow, Aaron. "Studio Visits: Mr." *Hypebeast*, April 9.  
"Mr.: Beyond the Alley, There...@ Lehmann Maupin, NYC." *Juxtapoz*, April 5.
- 2021 Rose, Jordan. "The Weeknd and MR. Team Up for Capsule Collection to Commemorate 'Thursday (Original)' Streaming Release." *Complex*, August 18.

- Estiler, Keith. "Takashi Murakami Curates New 'Healing' Group Exhibition at Perrotin Shanghai." *Hypebeast*, February 19.
- Eng, Eddie. "Mr. Arrives at Galerie Perrotin Paris With Latest Exhibition." *Hypebeast*, January 13.
- 2019 "Stars, Privatmuseen, Mega-Ausstellungen: Warum Die Französische Hauptstadt (Wieder) Der Aufregendste Ort Für Zeitgenössische Kunst In Europa Ist." *Prestige Switzerland*, Autumn.
- Aubel, Damien. "Alice(s) dans les villes." *Transfuge*, March 1.
- Cappelle, Laura. "Pharrell Williams Discovers His Inner Child in a Gun-Filled Manga World." *The New York Times*, July 17.
- Sajej, Nadja. "Japanese Artist Mr. Celebrated Anime Before It Went Mainstream." *Garage*, February 19.
- 2018 Giles, Oliver. "Japanese Artist Mr.: 'I Paint In Order To Escape The Devil.'" *Hong Kong Tatler*, September 14.
- Silbert, Jake. "The Violent World of Otaku Artist MR." *Hypebeast*, September 14.
- 2017 Xiaochen, Wu. "日本宅男艺术家Mr.的“萌少女”世界." *Yuntoo*, October 16.
- Tsui, Enid. "The otherworldly appeal of Japanese artist Mr. and his desexualised depictions of cute young girls." *South China Morning Post*, September 17.
- Lau, Yunyi. "The Surreal & Unreal Meet in Mr.'s First Solo Exhibition at Lehmann Maupin Hong Kong." *The Artling*, September 11.
- Min-Ji, Kwon. "I am MR." *Harper's Bazaar Korea*, January.
- 2016 Neuendorf, Henri. "10 Must-See New York Exhibitions This Summer." *Artnet*, May 30.
- 2015 Pricco, Evan. "Mr.: The New Pop Artist." *Juxtapoz*, December.
- 2014 Clemans, Gayle. "Big Eyes and a big pile of detritus: Mr.'s 'Japanese Neo-Pop' at SAAM." *The Seattle Times*, November 26.
- Rao, Mailka. "The Work of Japanese Artist Mr. Isn't As Cheery As It Looks." *Huffington Post*, November 25.
- 2013 "Sneak Peek of New Works by Mr. at Galerie Perrotin HK." *ArtInfo*, October 2.
- 2008 "Mr." *Time Out New York*, November 13-19.
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- Duffell, Rachel. "Land of the Rising Son." *Kee*, September.
- 2007 Yablonsky, Linda. "The Studio System." *Art + Auction*, November.
- Smith, Roberta. "Art in Review: Mr." *The New York Times*, June 22.
- R.F. "On the Drawing Board." *Women's Wear Daily*, June 22.
- Baker, R.D. "Best in Show: Sugar and Vice." *The Village Voice*, June 13-19.
- "Galleries-Chelsea 'Mr.'." *The New Yorker*, May 28.
- "Anime Planet." *New York Magazine*, May 14.
- Maerkle, Andrew. "Mr.: Out of Body Experience." *ArtAsiaPacific*, May.
- O'Steen, Danielle. "The Talented Mr." *Art + Auction*, May.
- "Sugar Hiccup: Mr." *artreview*, May.
- 2006 Sullivan, Eve. "Chiho Aoshima, Mr. and Aya Takano." *Contemporary Magazine*, Issue 88.
- 2006 "Art Basel Miami: Champagne and Sales at Art Basel Miami Beach's Vernissage." *ArtInfo*, December 19.

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Daegu Art Museum, Daegu, South Korea  
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Arizona  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA  
Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

