

BIOGRAPHY

ROBERT KOBAYASHI

Born in Honolulu, HI, 1925

Honolulu School of Art, Honolulu, HI, 1946-1948

Brooklyn Museum School of Art, Brooklyn, NY, 1950-1951

Died in Honolulu, HI, 2015

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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| 2023 | "Paint and Tin," Susan Inglett Gallery, NYC | | |
| 2020 | "Moe's Meat Market," Susan Inglett Gallery, NYC | | |
| 2016 | "Retrospective," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"Selected Works by Robert Kobayashi," organized by Joyce Okano and John Koga, Pacific Guardian Center, Honolulu, HI | | |
| 2015 | "Ionic Order Series 1986," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"Grass Paintings by Robert Kobayashi," Michele Mercaldo, Boston, MA
"Clouage & Paintings," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| 2014 | "City Angels, Paintings by Robert Kobayashi," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| 2013 | "Robert Kobayashi: Metal Clouage," Michele Mercaldo, Boston, MA
"White on White," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| 2012 | Moe's Meat Market, NYC
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| 2011 | "Seeing and Being: Recent Work," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| 2010 | "Paintings," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| 2009 | "Flowers," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| 2008 | "Today (Aujourd'hui): Recent Work by Robert Kobayashi," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| 2007 | "Waiting for Misa," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"New Work," Moe's Meat Market, NYC | | |
| | | 2006 | "Robert Kobayashi: American Landscapes," Washington Square Windows, New York University, NYC |
| | | | "Robert Kobayashi: American Landscapes & Still-Lives," Port Washington Public Library, Port Washington, NY
"American Landscapes 2006 & Still-Lives," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"Ionic Order," Moe's Meat Market, NYC |
| | | 2005 | "Robert Kobayashi. Tin, Eastern Standard Time," Phyllis Stigliano Gallery, Brooklyn, NY and Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"Half a Sentiment," Moe's Meat Market, NYC |
| | | 2004 | "Robert Kobayashi," Moe's Meat Market, NYC |
| | | 2003 | "Impressions with Painted Tin," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"Clouage," Moe's Meat Market, NYC |
| | | 2002 | "Robert Kobayashi: Moon Flowers," Broadway Windows, New York University, NYC
"Moonflowers," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"Fragments," Moe's Meat Market, NYC |
| | | 2001 | "New Work: MY Mother Seated With Her Clara Bow Haircut," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"Tin Work," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
"12 Cut Petals," Moe's Meat Market, NYC |
| | | 2000 | "Robert Kobayashi: Armored Impressions," Washington Square Windows, New York University, NYC |
| | | 1990 | "Tin Flowers by Robert Kobayashi," presented by Angel. Diversified Art Services, Moe's Meat Market, NYC |

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- 1988 "Red Curtains: Work by Robert Kobayashi," presented by Angel Diversified Art Services, Moe's Meat Market, NYC
- 1987 "Tattooed Angel: Paintings & Sculpture by Robert Kobayashi," curated by Phyllis Stigliano and Janice Parente, Nassau County Museum of Fine Art, Roslyn, NY
- 1987 "Clouage by Robert Kobayashi," organized by Nicholas F. Rizzo Fine Arts, Corporate Headquarters of Schering Plough Corp., Kenilworth, NK
- 1984 "Robert Kobayashi: Recent Sculpture," Nicholas F. Rizzo Fine Arts at Moe's Meat Market, NYC
- 1981 "Kobayashi, Constructions in Tin," Josef Gallery, NYC
- 1980 "Moe's Meat Market, Collage and Sculpture by Kobi," Equator, NYC
- 1962 "Paintings by Kobayashi," Gima's Gallery, Honolulu, HI
- GROUP EXHIBITIONS**
- 2022 "Tadashi Sato's Circle: The Art of Hawai'i and the Image of Statehood, 1959," John Young Museum of Art, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, HI
- 2019 "Cross Pollination: Flowers Across the Collection," Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI
- 2019 "Artist's Choice: Amy Sillman- The Shape of Shape," The Museum of Modern Art, NYC
- "New York, Just Like I Pictured It," Platform Project Space, Brooklyn, NY
- "anthophile: men who paint flowers," curated by Elizabeth Hazan and Patrick Neal, Platform Project Space, Brooklyn NY
- 2017 "Inventing Downtown: Artist-Run Galleries in New York City, 1952-1965," Grey Art Gallery, New York University, NYC; travelled to New York University Abu Dhabi Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2016 "Infinite Blue," Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 2014 "Hawaii's Modern Masters," Luxury Row and Cedar Street Galleries at CHANEL, Honolulu, HI
- "Tetsuo Bob Ochikubo and Friends," Koa Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI
- 2013 "H O M E. Recent Work by Frances Hynes, Robert Kobayashi, Gordon Sasaki & Amy Schaumburger," Phyllis Stigliano Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2009 "Hawaii's Modern Masters, New York Reunion: Satoru Abe, Robert Kobayashi and Harry Tsuchidana," Luxury Row and Cedar Street Galleries at CHANEL, Honolulu, HI
- 2005 "Honolulu to New York," curated by Allison Wong, The Contemporary Museum at First Hawaiian Center, Honolulu, HI
- 2004 Inaugural Group Exhibition, Phyllis Stigliano Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2002 "25th Small Works," curated by Barbara Millstein, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, New York University, NYC
- "Visionary Art in America," Philip Williams, NYC
- 2001 "Walk on White," The Wave Gallery, Key West, FL
- "WET!" Luise Ross Gallery, NYC
- 1996 "Juan Iribarren, Robert Kobayashi, Patrick Neal: Paintings," Moe's Meat Market, NYC
- 1986 "Contemporary Works from the Collection," The Museum of Modern Art, NYC

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- 1985 "Reinstallation of the Contemporary Galleries," The Museum of Modern Art, NYC
- 1984 "Red Dog Running: New Discoveries in 20th Century Folk and Outsider Art," Ricco Johnson Gallery, NYC
"Flora! Florals, Trees and Botanicals," Photocollect, NYC
- 1983 "The Great East River Bridge 1883-1983," curated by Barbara Millstein, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 1982 "Animal Life, Contemporary Representations," curated by Michael Florescu, Ericson Gallery, NYC
- 1980 "7th Annual Exhibition: Japanese Artists Association of NY," Brooklyn College Student Center, Brooklyn, NY
- 1978 "The Animal Kingdom in American Art," curated by Peg Weiss, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
- 1977 "Half Century of Japanese Artists in New York, 1910s-1950s," presented by Japanese Artists Association of NY, Azuma Gallery, NYC
- 1976 Two-person exhibition, Art Three Associates Gallery, Savannah, GA
- 1970 "Selections from the Art Lending Service: An Art Lending Service Exhibition and Sale," The Museum of Modern Art, NYC
- 1968 International Circulating Exhibition, The Museum of Modern Art, NYC; travelled to American Embassy, Budapest, HU
- 1959 "Garden Sculpture Group," Brata Gallery, NYC
- 1958 "3-Man Show (Takeshi Asada, Boy Kobayashi, Nicholas Krushenick), Brata Gallery, NYC
- 1957 "Opening, Group Show, Paintings-Sculpture," Brata Gallery, NYC
- 1956 "June Salon, 120 Sculptors Painters," Camino Gallery, NYC
- 1952 "Artists of Hawaii," Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, HI
- 1950 "Fifteen Unknowns: Selected by artists of the Kootz Gallery (William Baziotes, Adolph Gottlieb, David Hare, Hans Hoffmann, and Robert Motherwell)," Kootz Gallery, NYC
"23 Painters Who Work with John Ferren at the Brooklyn Museum Art School," Argent Gallery, NYC
- 1948 "20th Annual Honolulu Artists Exhibition," Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, HI

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- "Shopping Mall Mixes in Art," *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, 8 November 2009, 61.
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- COLLECTIONS**
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Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI
Microsoft Art Collection, Redmond, WA
The Museum of Modern Art, NYC
Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn, NY
Oahu Country Club, Honolulu, HI
The Prudential Insurance Company of America, Newark, NJ
- AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**
- 1958- John Hay Whitney Foundation
1959 Opportunity Fellowship, NYC
1950 First Prize - Painting, New York City International House, NYC
1948 Jon and Eleanor Freitas Prize, Association of Honolulu Artists at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, HI

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SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 1991 Maria Mazaretti Loves Spaghetti. NYC:
Alfred A. Knopf, 1991. (Commission for
children's book)
- 1954- Japanese Exhibition House, The Museum
1955 of Modern Art, NYC. (Caretaker)