

# GAJIN FUJITA

## Biography

1972 Born in Los Angeles, CA

## Education

2000 Master of Fine Arts, University of Nevada, NV  
 1997 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Otis College of Art and Design, CA

## Solo Exhibitions

2019 *Gajin Fujita*, Frieze Los Angeles, Paramount Pictures Studio, Los Angeles, CA, 14 February - 17 February 2019

2015 *Warriors, Ghosts and Ancient Gods of the Pacific*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 27 May - 3 July 2015  
*Gajin Fujita*, Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN, 10 April - 7 June 2015

2014 *Drawings*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 March - 26 April 2014

2012 *Gajin Fujita: Uikyo-e in Contemporary Painting*, Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA, 20 April - 7 October 2012

2011 *Made in L.A.*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 October - 26 November 2011 (catalogue)

2008 *Pacific Tsunami*, Haunch of Venison, London, 25 April - 25 May 2008 (catalogue)

2006 *Twilight Blush*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 16 November - 30 December 2006  
*Zephyr: Paintings by Gajin Fujita*, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, 8 September - 5 November 2006 (catalogue)

2005 *Contemporary Projects 9: Gajin Fujita and Pablo Vargas Lugo*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, 27 October - 12 February 2005

2004 *Gajin Fujita*, Galerie Rolf Ricke, Cologne, Germany, 28 October - 14 December 2004

2003 *Gajin Fujita*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY, 18 October - 29 November 2003

2002 *Wicked Beauty*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 12 September - 12 October 2002  
*Floating World Redux: Gajin Fujita and Yasumasa Morimura*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC, 11 August - 13 October 2002

2001 *Gajin Fujita*, Galerie Rolf Ricke, Cologne, Germany

2000 *Gajin Fujita*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY

1999 *Gajin Fujita*, Archie Grant Hall Gallery, Las Vegas, NV

## Select Group Exhibitions

2022 *Us: An Art Event to Benefit Border Kindness*, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 16 April - 17 April 2022  
*Beyond the Frame: Celebrating 70 Years of Collection*, Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN, 28 January - 1 May 2022  
*Gilded: Contemporary Artists Explore Value & Worth*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC (Fall 2022); traveling to Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN (2023); Hood Museum at Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH (2024)

2021 *No Mask is Wholly a Mask*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 14 September - 16 October 2021  
*Art and hope at the end of the Tunnel*, curated by Edward Goldman, USC Fisher Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, 10 September - 9 December 2021  
*Magic Dance*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 9 March - 1 May 2021

- Artists and Poems: Los Angeles 2021*, curated by members of the Durden and Ray curatorial collective, Suturo (online exhibition)
- 2020-21 *45 at 45: L.A. Louver Celebrates 45 Years with 45 Artists*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 20 October 2020 - 16 January 2021  
*In Verbis Artis*, Hoffmitz Milken Center for Typography, Pasadena, CA, 22 February - 23 May 2020
- 2019-20 *Good Sports*, The Public Trust, Dallas, TX, 23 November 2019 - 18 January 2020  
*L.A. on Fire*, Wilding Cran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 10 November 2019 - 5 January 2020  
*Made in California: Art + Photographic Portraits of Artists by Shimabukuro*, Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art (RAFFMA), University of California, San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA, 5 October - 7 December 2019  
*Centennial: 100 Years of Otis Alumni*, Ben Maltz Gallery, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA, 7 September - 7 December 2019  
*BETWEEN THEM: An Installation Composed of Drawings*, Todd Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, CA, 13 July - 17 August 2019  
*Beyond the Streets*, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY, 21 June - 30 August 2019 (catalogue)  
*Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 1 May - 8 June 2019  
*Tsuruya Kōkei: Modern Kabuki Prints Revised & Revisited*, USC Pacific Asia Museum, University of Southern California (USC), Pasadena, CA, 8 February - 14 July 2019; traveled to Asia Society Texas Center, Houston, TX, 14 September 2019 - 26 January 2020
- 2018 *Here*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 25 October 2018 - 6 January 2019  
*Greater than L.A.*, Desert Center, Los Angeles, CA, 21 June - 21 July 2018  
*Evolver*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 20 June - 17 August 2018  
*Don't Believe The Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop*, Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles, CA, 18 May - 9 December 2018  
*Beyond The Streets*, Werkartz, Los Angeles, CA, 6 May - 26 August 2018 (catalogue)
- 2017-18 *Dark Progressivism: The Built Environment* [PST: LA/LA], Museum of Art and History, Lancaster, CA, 11 November 2017 - 14 January 2018
- 2016 *Roll Call: 11 Artists from L.A.*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 16 November 2016 - 14 January 2017  
*Displacement: Symbols and Journeys*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL, 21 May - 4 September 2016  
*Los Angeles: AFTERMATH*, Robert Graham Studio, Culver City, CA, 7 April - 28 May 2016
- 2014 *Conversations Through the Asian Collections*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, 25 October 2014 - 4 October 2015  
*SCRATCH*, curated by David Brafman, El Segundo Museum of Art, El Segundo, CA, 8 June - 21 September 2014  
*LA Heat: Mouth Altering Condiments*, Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles, CA, 13 March - 13 July 2014
- 2013 *My Kind of Disneyland*, Märkisches Museum Witten, Witten, Germany, 1 April - 19 May 2013  
*Lust Letters*, Coagula Curatorial, Los Angeles, CA, 16 February 2013
- 2012 *Big Art*, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL, 18 June - 4 November 2012  
*Art 43 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 14 June - 17 June 2012  
*Gold*, Museum Belvedere, Vienna, Austria, 15 March - 17 June 2012  
*LA St. Seen*, Red Arrow Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2011 *Curiosity*, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, MA  
*Edo Pop: The Graphic Impact of Japanese Woodblock Prints*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN, 30 October 2011 - 8 January 2012  
*Art 42 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 15 June - 19 June 2011  
*Beyond Bling: The Influence of Hip Hop Culture in Contemporary Art*, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL, 4 May - 23 August 2011  
*Gateway Japan*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 26 March - 3 April 2011

- 2010 *Street Text: Art from the Coasts and the Populist Phenomenon*, 516 ARTS, Albuquerque, NM, 2 October - 11 December 2010  
*Able-Bodied*, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, University of Nevada Las Vegas, NV, 9 September - 23 October 2010  
*Desire: Six Los Angeles Artists*, Pasadena Museum of Art, Pasadena, CA, 18 July - 31 October 2010  
 Invisible City, Instituto Cervantes, Berlin, Germany; traveled to New Delhi, India and Tokyo, Japan
- 2009 *Construct and Dissolve Works on Paper by Artists from Los Angeles*, Sabine Kunst, Munich, Germany, 9 September 2009 - 25 April 2010  
*All American: Defining Ourselves in a Time of Change*, Salt Lake Art Center, Salt Lake City, UT, 1 July - 31 October 2009  
*Art 40 Basel*, International Art Show, Basel, Switzerland, 10 June - 14 June 2009  
*Pictures of Words*, curated by David Pagel, Galerie Schmidt Maczollek, Cologne, Germany, 10 June - 14 June 2009  
*Plastic Culture: Legacies of Pop 1986-2008*, Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Lancashire, England; traveled to The Exchange, Penzance, Cornwall, and Bradford, Yorkshire  
*Prospect*, 1 New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, 1 November 2008 - 18 January 2009  
*Reclaiming: Inter-generation*, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA, 3 October - 5 October 2008
- 2008 *Art 39 Basel*, International Art Show, Basel, Switzerland, 4 June - 8 June 2008  
*In the Land of Retinal Delights: The Juxtapose Factor*, Laguna Museum of Art, Laguna Beach, CA, 1 June - 31 October 2008  
*Diaspora*, curated by David Hickey, Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, NV; traveled to Laguna Museum of Art, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2007 *Art 38 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland  
*Art Dealers Association of America (ADAA) The Art Show*, New York, NY, 22 February - 26 February 2007  
*Japan Inc.*, Kravets Wehby, New York, NY, 11 January - 24 February 2007
- 2006 *Negotiating Reality: Works from the Logan Collection*, Victoria Myhren gallery, University of Denver, Denver, CO, 6 September 2006 - 19 November 2013  
*Art 37 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 14 June - 18 June 2006  
*Reflections of Beauty: Woman of Japan's Floating World*, USC Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA, 10 March - 2 July 2006  
*Otis: Nine Decades of Los Angeles Art*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery in Barnsdall Art Park, Los Angeles, CA, 20 January - 2 April 2006
- 2005 *Drawn*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, 10 September - 15 October 2005  
*POPulence*, curated by David Pagel, Blaffer Gallery, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 25 June - 27 August 2005; traveled to Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH; Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC  
*Art 36 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 15 June 2005 - 20 June 2013  
*Color-Pattern-Grid*, Austin Museum of Art, Austin, TX, 5 March - 15 May 2005  
*Art Attack*, Sam Francis gallery, Santa Monica, CA, 17 February - 23 March 2005  
*Sweet Temptations*, Kunstmuseum, St. Gallen, Germany, 6 February - 16 May 2005
- 2004 *The Charged Image: Works from the Collection of Douglas S. Cramer*, Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, 7 September - 17 October 2004  
*Art 35 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 16 June - 21 June 2004
- 2003 *Outlook International Art Exhibition Athens*, curated by Christos M. Joachimides, Greece, 25 October - 25 January 2003  
*Art 34 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 18 June - 23 June 2003  
*Art Dealers Association of America (ADAA), The Art Show*, L.A. Louver, New York, NY, 20 February - 24 February 2003
- 2002 *Talking Pieces: Text and Image in Contemporary Art*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany, 20 October - 12 January 2002  
*21 Paintings from L.A.*, Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum, California State University, San Bernardino, CA, 19 September - 16 November 2002

- The Dubrow Biennial*, Kagan Martos Gallery, New York, NY  
*Subject Matters: An Exhibitions of Subject Driven Art*, Krahets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 *Casino 2001*, Stedelijk Museum Voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium  
*Beau Monde: Toward a Redeemed Cosmopolitanism*, curated by Dave Hickey, Site Santa Fe's 4th International Biennial, Santa Fe, NM  
*Rogue Wave*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA  
*Installed Collection/Collections Installed*, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Zimmerli Museum of Art, New Brunswick, NJ  
*Summer Group Show*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
*Hard Boiled Wonderland*, curated by Julie Joyce, Luckman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
State University of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
*Spring*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
*Before They Became Who They Are*, curated by Norman Dubrow, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
The Armory Show, New York, NY
- 2000 Art Frankfurt 2001, Frankfurt, Germany  
*MFA Thesis Exhibition: Gajin Fujita and Kevin Bays*, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV  
*Collectors Choice*, Exit Art, New York, NY  
*Tan Lines*, curated by Jane Callister, Purple Orchid Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Radar Love*, curated by David Pagel, Galleria Marabini, Bologna, Italy  
*Ultralounge: The Return of Social Space (with Cocktails)*, curated by David Hickey, Nevada Institute of Contemporary Art, Las Vegas, NV  
*New American Talent 15*, curated by David Pagel, Texas Fine Arts Association, Austin, TX
- 1999 *Other Paintings*, curated by Julie Joyce, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA  
*Summer Group Show*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
Action Space, Los Angeles, CA  
*Annual Shikishi Exhibition*, George J. Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 *Vincent Price Gallery*, Los Angeles, CA  
*Little Theater of Las Vegas*, Las Vegas, NV  
*Art is Movement Graffiti Show*, Cal Poly Pomona University, Pomona, CA  
*DADA Show LA*, Los Angeles, CA  
*Leimert Park*, Los Angeles Hip Hop Video Show, Los Angeles, CA  
Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*LA Artcore*, Brewery Annex Show, Los Angeles, CA  
*Normally I Wouldn't This Kind of Thing Show*, OTIS College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA  
*Bolsky Gallery*, curated by Terry Myers, Westchester, CA
- 1996 *DADA Show Downtown*, Los Angeles, CA
- 1995 *Dia De Las Muertas*, The Latino Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*LASO Group Show*, Luna Sol Cafe, Los Angeles, CA

### Installations

- 2013 *Mural, based-on "Tail Whip," 2007*, La Jolla Community Foundation, Fay Avenue, La Jolla, CA
- 2012-13 *Big Art*, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
- 2001 *Beau Monde*, logo mural, Site Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM
- 1993 *Mural, Homeboy Tortillas*, 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA
- 1992 *Mural, Education/Anti -Gang Efforts*, 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA
- 1990 *Mural, Earth Day, EC 2000*, Pico and Union, Los Angeles, CA
- 1989 *Mural, Flight to The Angel*, 3rd & Crocker, Los Angeles, CA

## Special Projects

2019 Los Angeles Public Library Limited Edition Library Card.

## Selected Talks and Lectures

- 2021 *3 Artists In Conversation With Dulce Soledad Ibarra: Gajin Fujita, Alfonso Gonzalez Jr., and Devin Reynolds*, USC Fisher Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 Artist Conversation: Gajin Fujita and Matt Wedel, Virtual Event hosted by L.A. Louver, July 10  
Los Angeles Public Library, *Art Workshop with Gajin Fujita*, Los Angeles, CA, January 11
- 2019 *Writing on the Wall: Gajin Fujita and Shepard Fairey in conversation with Josh Kun*, Mark Taper Auditorium, Los Angeles Central Library, Los Angeles, CA, October 12  
Art Workshop with students from Oscar De La Hoya Animo Charter High School, Los Angeles Public Library, Robert Louis Stevenson Branch, Los Angeles, CA, July 12

## Grants and Awards

2019 Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA

## Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
Creative Artists Agency, Beverly Hills, CA  
Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Hunter Museum, Chattanooga, TN  
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA  
The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH  
U.S. Biennial Inc/Prospect New Orleans, New Orleans, LA  
Ulrich Museum, Wichita, KS