

Michiko Kon

- 1955 Born in Kamakura, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan
1978 Graduated from the Sokei Academy of Fine Art & Design
1978–80 Studied at Tokyo Photographic College

Awards

- 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award, Photographic Society of Japan Awards
1991 The 16th Kimura Ihei Award, The Asahi Shimbun
1987 Newcomer Award, Higashikawa International Photography Festival
1984 Art Scholar Prize, Kanagawa Prefectural Art Exhibition

Publications

- Philia*, Kokushokankokai (2021)
IMPACT, M/Light, Tokyo (2011)
Michiko Kon, Korinsha Press, Kyoto (1997)
Michiko Kon: Still Lifes, Aperture, New York (1997)
KON BOX, P.G.I. & Nazraeli Press (1996)
EAT, Shogakukan, Tokyo (1991)
EAT, Art Works Committee, Tokyo (1987)

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *Michiko Kon 2024*, PGI, Tokyo
2021 *philia —KON Michiko*, The Museum of Modern Art, Kamakura Annex, Kanagawa
Michiko Kon, iGallery, Tokyo
2019 *Michiko Kon*, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo
Reviving Objects, FUJIFILM SQUARE, Photo History Museum, Tokyo
Cannibal Feast, Robert Mann Gallery, USA
2018 *Recent Works 2018*, PGI
2017 *Naturaleza Muerta*, Fototeca Nacional Sinafo. INAH, Mexico
Michiko Kon, Michel Soskine Gallery, Madrid
2016 *Exposición fotográfica de Michiko Kon*, Universidad Veracruzana, Xalapa, Mexico
2014 *Recent Works*, Photo Gallery International (P.G.I.), Tokyo
2012 *IMPACT*, B Gallery, Tokyo
2011 *Michiko Kon*, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo
2010 *Kon Michiko Exhibit of Platinum Photograph*, Timeless Gallery, China
2009 *Michiko Kon*, Michel Soskine Inc., Spain
2008 *Platinum Prints Collection*, P.G.I., Tokyo
2002 *Michiko Kon*, Taiwan International Visual Arts Center, Taipei
Michiko Kon, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo
1999 *Michiko Kon: Still Lifes*, Burden Gallery, USA
Michiko Kon, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo

- 1998 *Michiko Kon: Photographs 1998*, P.G.I., Tokyo
Michiko Kon : Still Life, Gallery Raku, Kyoto University of Art and Design, Kyoto
- 1997 *Michiko Kon*, P.G.I. Shibaura, Tokyo
- 1996 *Michiko Kon Exhibition by Polaroid Color 8x10*, Polaroid Gallery, Tokyo
- 1995 *Michiko Kon*, Robert Mann Gallery, USA
Michiko Kon, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo
Still Lives, Gallery Ississ, Kyoto
Still Lives, Picture Photo Space, Osaka
Still Lives, Taipei Photo Gallery, Taiwan
- 1994 *Still Lives*, P.G.I., Tokyo
- 1993 *Michiko Kon: Still Lives*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, USA
- 1992 *Michiko Kon: Still Lives*, MIT List Visual Arts Center, USA
Michiko Kon, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo
- 1991 *EAT*, Minolta Photo Space, Tokyo
New Japanese Photography Vol.2 Michiko Kon, EXPOSURE PARCO Shibuya Part II, Tokyo
- 1990 *EAT: Recent Works*, P.G.I., Tokyo
- 1987 *EAT*, Kodak Photo Salon, Tokyo
- 1985 *Still Life*, Shinjuku Nikon Salon, Tokyo

Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Twenty Years After the Death of Suehiro Tanemura: A Fantastical Art Corridor*, Span art Gallery
Hikari no Kyomei, Ginza Okuno Building (Gallery Kobo + Room 306)
I'm So Happy You Are Here, PALAIS DE L'ARCHEVÊCHÉ, Arles, France
From Japan with Love, Galerie Huit Arles, Arles, France
- 2023 *The Crystallization of Photographic Expression and Technique*, FUJIFILM Photo Collection Special Exhibition, FUJIFILM SQUARE
- 2022 *The 90th anniversary of the Ginza Okuno Building with photographs*, Ginza Okuno Building Room 306, Ginza, Tokyo
The amana Collection Exhibition, Miyota Museum of Photography
The Photographic Society of Japan Awards, Winner's Exhibition, FUJIFILM Square Tokyo
México Mágico, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo
- 2020 *瞬く皮膚、死から発光する生*, Ashikaga Museum of Art, Tochigi, Japan
10th Anniversary Exhibition, Ginza Okuno Building Room 306, Ginza, Tokyo
- 2019 *Sleep with Fishes*, Robert Mann Gallery, USA
Summer Exhibition, Michel Soskine Gallery, Spain
Inmigrantes, Kyoto-ba, Kyoto
In One Drop of Water, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
- 2017 *Birds in the Hand*, PGI, Tokyo
The here in there, Salon de Vert, Nagano, Japan
Eternal Fantasy, Beauty Illusion, Roppongi Stripe's Space, Tokyo
Birds of a Feather, Robert Mann Gallery, USA
- 2016 *Take In*, PGI, Tokyo
A Room Hanging One Picture, Morioka Book Shop, Tokyo

- 2015 *What is Naked?*, Gallery Shinjuku-za, Tokyo
ARTS & FOODS, La Triennale di Milano, Expo Milano 2015, Italy
- 2014 *Tanemura Suehiro*, Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo
12 visual points, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan
A Table! –Art Feast–, Mie Prefectural Art Museum, Mie, Japan
“Single Photo” Exhibition A collection of single photographs from some of the leading photographers in the history of Japanese photography, FUJIFILM Square, Tokyo
- 2013 *Chasing Japan’s Youkai*, Yokosuka Museum of Art, Kanagawa, Japan
- 2011 *Iizawa Kotaro + Kon Michiko*, Gallery Kobo, Tokyo
Homage to Yukio Akatsuka, Ai Gallery Tokyo
BIYOU, 306 Ginza Okuno Building, Tokyo, Japan
Beauty, Humor and Social Justice: Gift from Joan Morgenstern, The Museum of Fine Art, Huston, USA
- 2010 *The Letter from X*, Salon de Vert, Nagano, Japan
Gelatin Silver Session, Axis Gallery, Tokyo
Human Images of 20th Century: All Photographs are Portraits, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo
Homage – Suehiro Tanemura, Span Art Gallery, Tokyo
- 2009 *Special Exhibition: Michiko Kon, at the Modern Japanese Art from Museum Collection*,
The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
4 person exhibition, Gallery Soyo, Kanagawa
- 2008 *Texas Collects Asia: Contemporary Art*, Crow Museum of Asian Art, USA
- 2007 *Japan Caught by Camera–Works from the Photographic Art in Japan*, Shanghai Art Museum, China
Between Reality and Illusion, Marty Walker Gallery, USA
- 2006 *Fish and our Lives*, The Museum of Art, Ehime, Japan
- 2004 *Imaging the West*, Sheldon Art Galleries, USA
04 Summer, JURL et MODE, Kamakura, Kanagawa
Homage to Hideo Nakai, Gallery Oculus, Tokyo
- 2003 *Beyond the Surface – Japanese Style of Making Things*, Singapore Art Museum, toured Philippine Cultural Center
History of Japanese Photography, The Museum of Fine Arts, USA
Contemporary Print from Bulgaria/Japan, Yamanashi Prefectural Museum of Art, Kofu, Japan
Japanese Photography 1970’s–1980’s, SK Josefsberg Studio, USA
- 2002 *The World of Platinum Print*, P.G.I., Tokyo
Metamorphosis in Art, Museum of Modern Art, Gunma, Japan
The 50th Anniversary – The Growth of the Museum Collection: 1952, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
- 2001 *Illusion: Japanese Photography*, Kulturhuset Stadsteatern, Sweden
Exploring Photography II: From the Museum Collection, National Film Center, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
01 Summer, JURL et MODE, Kamakura, Kanagawa
Uncommon Threads: Contemporary Artists & Clothing, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University, USA

- 2000 *FALL / 00*, University of North Texas Art Gallery, USA
P.G.I. Gallery Artists, P.G.I., Tokyo
Reading Works, Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo
Made You Look! 19th Annual Family Exhibition, Austin Museum of Art, USA
Hommage a Van Gogh, Mitaka City Gallery of Art, Tokyo
- 1999 *An Incomplete History: Women Photographers from Japan 1864–1997*, Houston Center for Photography, USA
Internationale Fototage Herten, Germany
The History of Ihei Kimura Photography Award, Kawasaki City Museum, Kawasaki
Desert from Contemporary Cultural Theory, Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo
10 years, Center for Photographic Art, USA
Eleven Artists Exhibition, JURL et MODE, Kamakura, Kanagawa
- 1998 *Mirror Images: Women, Surrealism and Self-Presentation*, MIT List Visual Arts Center, USA
Still Life by Woman Photographers, P.G.I. Shibaura, Tokyo
Waterproof, Expo '98, Portugal
An Incomplete History: Women Photographers from Japan, 1864–1997, Visual Studies Workshop, USA
Women Photographs 1945–1997, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo
- 1997 *Art is Fun 8: Ways of (Re)Production*, Hara Museum ARC, Shibukawa, Gunma
Contemporary Art: How Can They Possibly Understand It, Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo
The 4th Kitakyushu Biennale, Kitakyushu Municipal Museum of Art, Kitakyushu, Fukuoka
Japan Today: Kunst Fotografie Design, MAK Museum fuer angewandte Kunst, Austria
Some Assembly Required, The Art Institute of Chicago, USA
The Enigmatic Object, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
- 1996 *100 Wristwatches by the Artist & Original Images*, Gallery Seira, Tokyo
New Japanese Photography in 1990's: The Resonance of Unconsciousness, Yokohama City Art Gallery, Yokohama
Japanese Photography from in/out Part 3: Contemporary Scenery 1980–95, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo
Kanagawa Art Annual 96, Kanagawa Kenmin Hall Gallery, Yokohama
History of Japanese Contemporary Photography in The Ihei Kimura Photography Award, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo
Nobuyoshi Araki & Michiko Kon, Center for Photographic Art, USA
Eight Artists Exhibition, JURL et MODE, Kamakura, Kanagawa
Japan Today, Kunstnernes Hus, Norway (Traveling to Finland)
- 1995 *Texture & Touch*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
Rituals and Transformations, National Gallery of Canada, Canada
JAPAN TODAY, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Denmark
10/10/10, Robert Mann Gallery, USA
The Ihei Kimura Photography Award 20th Anniversary Exhibition, Ginza Nikon Salon, Tokyo
Unique Exhibition of Contemporary Japanese Photographic Artists, A.O.I. Gallery, USA
Beyond Recognition: Contemporary International Photography, Logan Art Gallery, Australia

- 1994 *When the Body Becomes Art*, Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo
Youth of the Photograph –Anthology of Newcomer Award, Higashikawa International Photography Festival, Egg Gallery, Tokyo
Seven Artists Exhibition, JURL et MODE, Kamakura, Kanagawa
Tradition and the Unpredictable: The Allan Chasanoff Photographic Collection, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA
- 1993 *Beyond Recognition: Contemporary International Photography*, National Gallery of Australia, Australia (Traveling in Australia 1995–)
Photographs Vol.3, ai gallery, Tokyo
Michiko Kon: Still Lives, Hiroshi Sugimoto: Seascapes and Theaters, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, USA
Fabricated Realities, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA
- 1992 *Representatives: Women Photographers from the Permanent Collection*, Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona, USA
- 1991 *Make Believe: Contemporary Photography from JAPAN*, The Photographers' Gallery, UK
Art is Fun, Hara Museum ARC, Shibukawa, Gunma
- 1990 *The Imprinted Ideas*, Tochigi Prefectural Museum of Fine Arts, Utsunomiya
TOKYO, Seibu Art Forum, Yurakucho, Tokyo
Japanese Contemporary Photography: Twelve Viewpoints, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo
Japanese Contemporary Photography, Pavillon des Arts, France
Beyond the Photographic Frame–11 recent works, Contemporary Art Gallery, Art Tower Mito, Mito
The Silent Dialogue: Still Life in the West and Japan, Shizuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, Shizuoka
Fotofest / The International Month of Photography, Houston Convention Center, USA
High-Tech Plants Photo Exhibition, The Hanshin Department Store, Japan
- 1989 *The 151st Year of Photography*, Heineken Village, Tokyo
The Hitachi Collection of Contemporary Japanese Photography, Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona, USA
TORINO PHOTOGRAFIA, Torino, Italy
New · Age · New · Art Exhibition, Isetan Shinjuku Store, Tokyo
- 1988 *Speaking Through Photography*, The Chinretsukan Gallery, Tokyo University of the Arts
Peace By Peace, Ginza Graphic Gallery, Tokyo
- 1987 *Japanese Women Photographers from the '50s to the '80s*, Lehigh University Art Gallery, USA
New Age Photography, Store Days, Roppongi WAVE, Tokyo
- 1984 *Japan Graphic Exhibition*, PARCO Gallery, Tokyo
ELEVEN PLUS ONE Exhibition, Kamakura Central Community Center, Kamakura
The 20th Kanagawa Art Exhibition, Kanagawa Kenmin Hall Gallery, Yokohama
- 1983 *Aspects of Fifteen Individuals–Winter 1983*, Kamakura Central Community Center, Kamakura
Aspects of Fifteen Individuals–Summer 1983, Kamakura Central Community Center, Kamakura
- 1982 *ELEVEN Exhibition*, Kamakura Central Community Center, Kamakura
- 1979 *Art as Photography, Photography as Art*, Gallery Shiba, Tokyo

Public Collections

The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Tokyo
Higashikawa The Town of Photography, Hokkaido
Itabashi Art Museum, Tokyo
The Museum of Modern Art, Kamakura & Hayama, Kanagawa
The Museum of Art, Ehime, Ehime
National Gallery of Canada, Canada
The Art Institute of Chicago, USA
Princeton University Art Museum, USA
George Eastman Museum, USA
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA
Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona, USA
Crow Museum of Asian Art, USA
The Cleveland Museum of Art, USA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA
MIT List Visual Arts Center, USA
Naturaleza Muerta, Fototeca Nacional Sinafo. INAH, Mexico
National Gallery of Australia, Australia
The Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art, Australia
Fondation Vincent van Gogh Arles, France