



小林繭乃 Mayuno Kobayashi | Biography

Mayuno Kobayashi (b. 1993, Aichi, Japan) graduated from the Department of Japanese Painting at Joshibi University of Art and Design, and completed her MFA at the same institution. Grounded in the techniques of Nihonga, she has developed a distinctive practice centered on internal emotions and memory.

Her work is characterized by transforming ambiguous and fluid images—derived from everyday experiences and emotional states—into figures of animals and imaginary creatures. These motifs, ranging from real animals to fantastical beings, are often depicted as humorous characters, each embodying human emotions and psychological complexities.

By incorporating elements drawn from her personal memories, cultural influences, and individual sensibilities, Kobayashi constructs a unique visual world where strangeness and familiarity coexist, inviting viewers into an introspective and imaginative space.

In recent years, she has actively participated in exhibitions and international art fairs. In 2024, she held her first solo exhibition, *The Delightful Abyss*, at SHIKISAISHA Gallery. She was also awarded the ONE ART AWARD 2024, marking her as an emerging artist to watch.

1993 Born in Aichi, Japan

2016 BFA in Japanese Painting, Joshibi University of Art and Design

2018 MFA in Japanese Painting, Graduate School of Art and Design, Joshibi University of Art and Design

四季彩舎 | SHIKISAISHA GALLERY



KYOBASHI

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OMIYA

大宮門街5F
OMIYA ART WALL

SHIBUYA

渋谷ヒカリエ ShinQs 5F
ShinQs Gallery 5



Solo Exhibitions

2024

Mayuno Kobayashi – Delightful Abyss, Shikisaisha Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026

Monster “Mayuno Kobayashi , Shoko Mihira” / Artglorieux GALLERY OF TOKYO

NIHONGA contemporary / ShinQs Gallery 5

2025

Mononoke ART CIRCUS, Shinsaibashi PARCO, Osaka, Japan

Begins! Vol.2, ShinQs Gallery 5, Tokyo, Japan

Resonance of Friendship: Echoes of Contemporary Japan, White Walls Gallery

2024

Art ENCOUNTERS #5 “Meta Perspective”, SHABA, Saitama, Japan

Osaka Art & Design 2024, Daimaru Umeda, Osaka, Japan

Cell: Mayuno Kobayashi × Rintaro Mizuguchi, Ginza Tsutaya Books Art Square, Tokyo, Japan

SIGNS OF A NEW CULTURE vol.18, Daimaru Sapporo, Sapporo, Japan

Group Exhibition Part.2 with Shikisaisha Gallery, Empathy Gallery

2023

Art in Tokyo YNK Spin-Off Event: TOKYO CONTEMPORARY KYOBASHI – The Beginning of Connections, BAG-Brillia Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

SIGNS OF A NEW CULTURE vol.17, Artglorieux Gallery of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

Monster : vol.2 Mayuno Kobayashi × Shoko Mihira, Shikisaisha Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

2022

Art in Tokyo YNK, Tokyo Square Garden, Tokyo, Japan

Monster: モンスター Mayuno Kobayashi × Shoko Mihira, Shikisaisha Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

D-art, ART, Daimaru Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan

2018

Tokyo Five Art Universities Joint Graduation and Completion Works Exhibition, The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

2017

Kodo Exhibition (selected), The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

2016

Tokyo Five Art Universities Joint Graduation and Completion Works Exhibition, The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan

JOSHIBISION 2016 – My Tomorrow, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

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Art Fairs

2025

- *Vietnam International Art fair 2025, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*
- *ART FAIR ASIA FUKUOKA 2025, Fukuoka, Japan*
- *Enter Art Fair 2025, Copenhagen, Denmark*
- *Art Taichung 2025, Taichung, Taiwan*
- *Art Monster International Art Fair 2025*
- *Art Tainan 2025, Tainan, Taiwan*
- *ONE ART TAIPEI 2025, Hotel Metropolitan Premier Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan*

2024

- *Vietnam International Art Fair 2024, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*
- *ART FAIR ASIA FUKUOKA 2024, Fukuoka, Japan*
- *ONE ART TAIPEI 2024, Hotel Metropolitan Premier Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan*

2023

- *ART FAIR ASIA FUKUOKA 2023, Fukuoka, Japan*
- *ONE ART TAIPEI 2023, Hotel Metropolitan Premier Taipei, Taipei, Taiwan*

Awards

2024 ONE ART AWARD 2024

2016 Awarded the *Naruyuki Kato Memorial Prize* for Graduation Work

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