

CATHERINE EDELMAN GALLERY

CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY

Hiroshi Watanabe

Hiroshi Watanabe was born in Sapporo, Japan. He graduated from Department of Photography, College of Art, at Nihon University in 1975. He moved to Los Angeles after graduation and became involved in the production of TV commercials, eventually working as a producer. He later established his own production company and produced numerous commercials. He received an MBA degree from UCLA Business School in 1993. In 1995 his passion for photography rekindled, and since then he has traveled worldwide extensively, photographing what he finds intriguing at that moment and place. In 2000 he closed the production company in order to devote himself entirely to the art and became a full time photographer.

His work has been published around the world, and has been exhibited in many galleries across the United States and Japan.

Awards

1973 Advertising Photographers Association, Japan
1978 Los Angeles Times
1996 Western Art Directors Club
2000 Advertising Photographers of America, Los Angeles
2000 London Photographic Awards
2001 Advertising Photographers of America, Los Angeles
2002 Print Center
2002 Center for Photographic Art
2002 Photo Review
2003 International Photography Awards
2003 Photo Review
2003 Advertising Photographers of America, Los Angeles
2004 Black & White Spider Awards
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2006 Photolucida Critical Mass Book Award
2007 Photo City Sagamihara Awards
2008 Center Project competition First Prize
2009 Hearst 8x10 Photography Biennial

Collections

His work is in the permanent collections of following museums:

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Santa Monica Pier 2000

Houston Museum of Fine Arts

Ellis Island 2, New York 1999
White Terns, Midway Atoll 1999
El Arbolito Park, Quito, Ecuador 2002
Patient ES, Schizophrenia, San Lazaro Psychiatric Hospital 2002
Chikako Suga, Matsuo Kabuki 2003
Yuki Nonaka, Matsuo Kabuki 2003

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Musume's Head, Ena Bunraku 2004

Yoroboshi, Naito Clan 2004

George Eastman House

Vietnam War Memorial, Washington D.C. 1999

Church, San Lazaro Psychiatric Hospital 2002

Santa Barbara Museum of Art

El Arbolito Park, Quito, Ecuador. 2002

Vietnam War Memorial, Washington D.C. 1999

Edison Pastillo, Ecuador. 2000