

## Yozo UKITA

### ■ Biography

- 1924 Born in Banzai-cho Kutaku, Osaka, Japan
- 1947 employed at Ozaki books in Umeda, Osaka and joined a new project of a magazine for children's poems and prose, Kirin, with Yoshiro Hoshi. Kirin was planed by Yasushi Inoue, journalist for Mainichi Newspaper Osaka(later novelist), and poet Iku Takenaka.
- 1948 Kirin was launched in February. Ukita met Jiro Yoshihara to request cover illustrations. Subsequently, Yoshihara became an art adviser for Kirin.

### ■ Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 1994 Gallery Keiko, Osaka, Japan
- 1995 LADS Gallery, Osaka
- 1996 Arai Gallery, Hyogo
- 1997 LADS Gallery, Osaka  
SELF-SO-ART-GALLERY, Osaka
- 1998 Värjäämö, Forssa, Finland
- 1999 The South-West Häme Museum, Forssa, Finland  
Art Spot Gallery Marya, Osaka  
Galerie Hundertmark, Cologne, Germany
- 2000 LADS Gallery, Osaka  
Art Spot Gallery Marya, Osaka
- 2001 KANEKO ART TOKYO, Tokyo  
Kita Gallery, Nara  
Art Spot Gallery Marya, Takatsuki, Osaka
- 2002 STREET GALLERY, Kobe  
LADS Gallery, Osaka  
Gallery Shimada, Kobe  
KANEKO ART TOKYO, Tokyo
- 2003 Kita Gallery, Nara
- 2004 LADS Gallery, Osaka  
Kita Gallery, Nara
- 2005 Art Spot Gallery Marya, Takatsuki, Osaka  
KANEKO ART TOKYO, Tokyo

- LADS Gallery, Osaka
- 2006 Kawabata Yasunari Museum of Literature Gallery, Ibaraki, Osaka  
Kita Gallery, Nara
- 2007 Gallery Shimada, Kobe  
Art Spot Gallery Marya, Takatsuki, Osaka  
ART SPACE HAT, Osaka  
LADS Gallery, Osaka
- 2008 Kaede Gallery, Osaka  
Kita Gallery, Nara
- 2009 LADS Gallery, Osaka
- 2010 LADS Gallery, Osaka  
Merry-Go-Round, Kyoto
- 2011 STREET GALLERY, Kobe  
LADS Gallery, Osaka
- 2012 *Special Exhibition: One year later, a picture painted on March 11th 2012,*  
SELF-SO ART GALLERY, Kyoto  
Gallery Shimada, Kobe
- 2013 Take Ninagawa, Tokyo  
LADS Gallery, Osaka

## ■ Group Exhibitions

- 1955 *Experimental Outdoor Exhibition of Modern Art to Challenge the Midsummer Sun*,  
Ashiya park, banks of the Ashiya River  
*1st Gutai Art Exhibition*, Ohara Hall, Tokyo
- 1956 *2nd Gutai Art Exhibition*, Ohara Hall, Tokyo  
*Gutai Small Works Exhibition*, Sanseido Gallery, Tokyo
- 1957 *3rd Gutai Art Exhibition*, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto  
*4th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Ohara Hall, Tokyo
- 1958 *International Art of a New Era – Informel and Gutai*, Takashimaya Department Store,  
Osaka, Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Tokyo, Kyoto
- 1959 *8th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto
- 1960 *9th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka  
*International Sky Festival*, Roof of Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka
- 1961 *Continuité et Avant-garde au Japon*, International Center of Aesthetic Research, Turin  
*10th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka and Tokyo
- 1963 *12th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Tokyo  
*13th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka
- 1964 *14th Gutai Art Exhibition*, Takashimaya Department Store, Osaka  
*An exhibition of new works of Gutai*, Gutai Pinacotheca, Osaka
- 1972 *The Commemorative Circle for Jiro Yoshihara*, Fujimi Gallery, Osaka
- 1976 *18 Years of Gutai Art*, Osaka Municipal Gallery
- 1979 *Jiro YOSHIHARA and Today's Aspects of Gutai*, Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Modern Art
- 1983 *Sechs Japanische Künstler der Gutai-Gruppe*, Atelierhaus Hildebrandstrasse, Düsseldorf  
*Six Japanese Artists of the Gutai Group*, Itami City Art Gallery
- 1985 *YAMAMURA Collection Exhibition*, National Museum of Art, Osaka
- 1990 *Gutai : Unfinished Avant-garde Group*, Shoto Museum of Art, Tokyo  
*Japanese Avante-Garde Gutai 1950's group*, National Gallery of Modern Art, Rome.
- 1991 *Gutai Japanische Avantgarde / Japanese Avant-garde 1954-1965*, Mathildenhöhe  
Darmstadt
- 1992 *Artists of the Gutai Association*, The Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai  
*Gutai 1 : 1954-1958*, Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Hyogo
- 1993 *Gutai 2 : 1959-1965*, Ashiya City Museum of Art & History, Hyogo
- 1994 " , Kirin Plaza, Osaka
- 1997 *Confronting : Exhibition with Mikako Kawai*, LADS Gallery, Osaka
- 1999 *Gutai*, Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, Paris

- 2004 *Retrospective exhibition: Woken up by those hot times! 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gutai 1954-1972*,  
Hyogo Prefectural Museum of Art
- 2008 *Vent d'Oriente*, Capri-Certosa di San Giacomo, Italy  
*Exhibition with Yumi Shioki*, Café Zanpano, Kyoto
- 2009 *From Home to the Museum: Tanaka Tsuneko Collection*, The Museum of Modern Art,  
Wakayama
- 2011 *Exhibition with Yuko Ohnari*, Merry-Go-Round, Kyoto
- 2012 *A Visual Essay on Gutai at 32 East 69th Street*, Hauser & Wirth, New York  
*Nul=0*, Stedelijk Museum, Schiedam, Netherlands  
*Silent Echoes : Collection Exhibition II*, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art,  
Kanazawa  
*GUTAI : The Spirit of an Era*, The National Art Center, Tokyo
- 2013 *Gutai : Splendid Playground*, Guggenheim Museum, New York
- 2014 *Artevida : ambiente*, Escola de Artes Visuais Parque Lage, Rio de Janeiro