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## Shimabuku

Kobe, JP, 1969

Lives and Works in Berlín, DE

### Education

- 1990 Graduated from Osaka College of Art, Osaka, JP  
1992 Graduated from San Francisco Art Institute (B.A.), US  
1997 Artist-in-residence program, ARCUS Project, JP  
1998 Artist-in-residence program, Ateliers d'Artistes de la Ville de Marseille, with a grant from the French Government, FR  
1999 Artist-in-residence program, Capacete Project, Rio de Janeiro, with a grant from Pola Art Foundation, BR  
2002 Artist-in-residence program, Banff Center, Canada, with a grant from Shiseido, CAN  
2004 Invited to Berlin por DAAD Berliner Künstlerprogramm, BE  
2005/06 Guest Professor at HBK: Braunschweig School of Art, DE  
2014/15 Guest Lecture at ZHdk: Zurich University of the Arts, CH

### Solo exhibitions (selection)

- 2021 **The 165-metre Mermaid and Other Stories**, NMNM - Nouveau Musée National Monaco, Villa Paloma, Monaco, IT
- 2018 **Take Off**, Maison Rouge, Paris, FR  
**Pour les pieuvres, les singes et les Hommes**, Centre d'art contemporain d'Ivry- le Cédric, Paris, FR  
**Bow to Bow**, Amanda Wilkinson, London, UK  
**Eyes On: Shimabuku**, Denver Art Museum, USA
- 2016 **Bow Bow**, Barbara Wien, Berlin, DE  
**The Animal Mirror**, ISCP, New York, US  
**While I was also Listening To ...**, La Criée - Centre d'Art Contemporain, Rennes, FR  
**Shimabuku**, the National Museum of Art, Osaka, JP
- 2016 **The Snow Monkeys of Texas**, Freedman Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles, US  
**Cuban Samba**, NoguerasBlanchard, Madrid, ES
- 2015 **Shimabuku: Exchange a mobile phone for a stone tool**, Wilkinson Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 **When Sky Was Sea**, Contemporary Art Gallery, Vancouver, CA  
**Sea and Flowers**, Barbara Wien, Berlin, DE  
**City in the Sea**, Air de Paris, Paris, FR  
**Flying Me**, Kunsthalle Bern, Berna, CH
- 2013 **Something that Floats / Something that Sinks**, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK  
**Shimabuku: Noto**, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, JP

- Souvenir from Noto**, Open Work, Stockholm, CH (curated by Stefanie Hessler and Carsten Höller)
- 2012 **Leaves Swim**, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona, ES
- 2011 **Shimabuku**, Overbeck Gesellschaft, Lübeck, DE  
**Man should try to avoid contact with alien life forms**, Centre International d'Art et du Paysage de l'île de Vassivière, Vassivière, FR  
**On the water**, CAPC musée d'art contemporain de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, FR  
**My Teacher Tortoise**, Wilkinson Gallery, London, UK
- 2010 **Kaki and Tomato**, Air de Paris, Paris, FR
- 2009 **New Works**, The Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, JP
- 2008 **Shimabuku's Fish & Chips**, Nogueras Blanchard, Barcelona, ES  
**Album**, The Street, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK  
**Sea, Sky, Language and so on**, DAAD galerie, Berlin, DE  
**New Works**, Watari-Um, The Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, JP
- 2007 **Shimabuku's Fish & Chips**, DAAD Galerie, Berlin, DE  
**The Story So Far**, Shugoarts, Tokyo, DE  
**Shimabuku's Fish & Chips**, Wilkinson Gallery, London, UK
- 2005 **From high in the sky to the bottom of the sea**, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona, ES  
**Catching octopus with self-made ceramic pots**, Air de Paris, Paris, FR
- 2004 **Yoko on the Moon**, Maejima Art Center/Yume-R, Okinawa, JP  
**Born as a box**, Wilkinson Gallery, London, UK
- 2003 **Watching the River Flow**, Shugoarts, Tokyo, JP  
**Swansea Jack Memorial Dog Swimming Competition**, Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea, UK (artist book)
- 2002 **Then, I decided to give a tour of Tokyo to the octopus from Akashi**, Gallery Yvon Lambert, Paris; Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK  
**Frog's Sky**, Galerie der Stadt Schwaz, AUT
- 2001 **The Octopus Returns**, Kobe Art Village Center / Suma Rikyu Park, Kobe, JP (artist book)  
**Passing through the rubber band**, Air de Paris, Paris, FR
- 1999 **I'm traveling with 165-metre mermaid**, DAZIBAO, Montreal, CA (artist book)  
**Christmas in the Southern Hemisphere**, Air de Paris, Paris, JP
- 1998 **In Search of Deer**, Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo, JP
- 1996 **Shimabukuro-Shimafukurou**, Ota Fine Arts, Tokyo, JP
- 1994 **America**, Hiroshima City Museum of Contemporary Art, Hiroshima, JP
- 1993 **Konnichiwa**, Nagoya City Art Museum, Nagoya, JP
- Group exhibitions (selection)**
- 2021 **The imaginary Sea**, Fondation Carmignag, Paris, FR
- 2020 **Amuse-bouche. The Taste of Art**, Museum Tinguely, Basel, CH

- gerlach en koop. **What do you do at two? I sleep**, GAK Gesellschaft für Aktuelle Kunst, Bremen, Germany, GER
- Octopus Encounters: An Immersive Library of Octopus Aesthetics**, Glasmoog – Raum für Kunst und Diskurs, Cologne, Germany, GER
- 2019
- Narcisse ou la floraison des mondes**, Frac Nouvelle-Aquitaine MÉCA, Bourdeaux, FR
- Magic Lantern Film Festival: Rassegna Blue-Plate. Food | Art | Activism**, MAXXI, Roma, IT
- Sur les ailes du désir**, Le 19 Crac, Montbéliard, FR
- Playmode**, MAAT, Lisbon, PT
- Sensing Nature from Within**, Moderna Museet, Malmö, SE
- The Sorcerer's Burden: Contemporary Art and the Anthropological Turn**, The Contemporary Austin, Austin, US
- Reborn Art Festival**, Touhoku Oshika, Miyagi, JP
- Creatures: When Species Meet**, Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, EUA
- 5th Ural Industrial Biennial of Contemporary Art – Inmortality**, Ural Branch of the National Center for Contemporary Arts, Ekaterinburg, RU
- Large against the Sky**, Manif d'art - The Quebec City Biennial, Quebec, CN
- 2018
- Take Off, Maison Rouge**, Paris, FR
- The Show Must Go On**, Kunst Museum Bern, Switzerland
- ALLE. Künstlerinnen und Künstler in der Overbeck- Gesellschaft**, Lübeck, DE
- In Tune to the World**, Fondation Louis Vuitton, Paris, FR
- Kodomo No Kuni - Enfance et aires de jeux au Japon**, L'Onde Théâtre, Vélizy-Villacoublay, FR
- Animals&Us**, Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK
- L'Envol**, La Maison Rouge, Paris, FR
- Der grosse Anspruch des kleinen Bildes**, Galerie Barbara Wien, Berlin, DE
- Aquaria**, daadgalerie, Berlin, DE
- FLOATING WORDLS**, 14 th La Biennale de Lyon, FR
- The BFG**, Kaufmann Repetto, New York, USA
- The Lulennial II: A Low-Hanging Fruit**, Lulu, Mexico City, MX
- 2017
- AQUA: ART for the world**, Ile Rousseau, and Chateau de Penthes, Ginebra, CH
- VIVA ARTE VIVA**, 57th International Art Exhibition, La biennale di Venezia, IT
- Mondes Flottants**, 14 Biennale d'art contemporain, Lyon, FR
- Futures**, CAC Contemporaru Art Center, Vilnius, LT
- Horizon: Against Nature**, OED Gallery, Kochi, IN
- Offshore: artista explore the sea**, Ferns Art Gallery & Hull Maritime Museum, Hull, UK
- 57th International Art Exhibition Venice Biennial**, Venecia, IT
- Shima, Simon, Zin and Virginie**, La Criée Centre for Contemporary Arte, Rennes, FR
- A Landscape**, Wikinson, Londres, UK
- When Sky Was Sea**, Lyon Biennale, Lyon, FR
- The Castle of Crossed Destinies**, 11 Columbia, Monaco, MC
- The Show Must Go On**, Kunst Museum Bern, Berna, CH
- 2016
- FOOD–Ecologies of the Everyday**, 13th Triennial of Small-Scale Sculpture, Fellbach, DE
- Development**, Okayama Art Summit 2016, Okayama, JP (curated by Liam Gillick)
- Ecce Homo**, The National Museum of Art, Osaka, JP
- Echo of untouched matter**, Lothringer 13, Munich, DE
- 2015
- Mountains with a broken edge**, Bienal de La Habana, La Habana, CU
- The Way Things Go**, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, US (curated by Rirkrit Tiravanija)
- Äppärät**, The Ballroom Marfa, Texas, US
- Take Me To The River**, Dojima River Biennale, Osaka, JP

- Contemporary Still-Lives**, Antinori Art Project, Florence, IT  
**#catcontent**, Kunstpalais, Erlangen, DE  
**A Climate Fictionalism**, Hong-Gah Museum, Taipei, TW  
**Imagineering**, Okayama Art Project, Okayama, JP
- 2014 **Kunisaki Art Festival**, Bungotakada-shi, Oita, JP  
**Supple Expansions**, Freedman Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles, US  
**Taipei Biennial 'The Great Acceleration'**, Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taipei, TW  
 (curated by Nicolas Bourriaud)  
**City and Nature**, Sapporo International Art Festival 2014, Sapporo, JP  
**Une histoire, art, architecture et design, des années 80 à aujourd'hui**, Centre  
 Pompidou, Paris, FR  
**Manners of Matter**, Salzburger Kunstverein, Salzburg, AUT (curated by Chris Sharp)  
**Will Happiness Find Me?**, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo, JP  
**Underwater Worlds**, Museum Kunst der Westküste, Föhr, DE
- 2013 **Aquatopia**, Tate St. Ives, St. Ives, UK  
**Aquatopia: The Imaginary of the Ocean Deep**, Nottingham Contemporary,  
 Nottingham, UK  
**Re:emerge. Towards a New Cultural Cartography Sharjah Biennial 11**, Sharjah,  
 UAE  
**How to write 1**, Wien Lukatsch, Berlin, DE  
**On this planet**, The Vangi Sculpture Garden Museum Collection, Vangi Sculpture  
 Garden Museum, Shizuoka, JP  
**Le Pont**, Musée d'Art contemporain de Marseille, Marseille, FR
- 2012 **Mount Fuji does not exist**, Frac Ile-de-France / Le Plateau, Paris (curated by Elodie  
 Royer and Yoann Gourmel)  
**FOOD**, Musée Ariana, Ginebra, CH
- 2011 **Impossible Community**, Moscow Museum of Modern Art, Moscow, RU  
**Our Magic Hour. How much of the world can we know?**, Yokohama Triennale  
 2011, Yokohama, JP  
**Somewhere Else**, NoguerasBlanchard, Barcelona, ES (Curated by Direlia Lazo)  
**Kaza Ana / Air Hole: Another Conceptualism from Asia**, The National Museum of  
 Art, Osaka, JP
- 2010 **Arts and Cities**, Aichi Triennale, Nagoya City Art Museum, Nagoya, JP  
**Still Vast Reserves**, Gertrude Contemporary Art Spaces, Melbourne, AUS (cat.)  
**Extra Ordinary**, Grundy Art Gallery, Blackpool, UK  
**Eating the Universe. Food in Art**, Galerie im Taxipalais, Innsbruck, AUT (cat.)  
**Negotiation,- Today's Documents 2010**, Today Art Museum, Beijing, CN  
**NEANDERTHALIAN NIGHTS: The world is not at home**, galleria ZERO, Milan, IT
- 2009 **Eating the Universe. Food in Art**, Kunsthalle Düsseldorf, DE (cat.)  
**LINK- Flexible Derivation**, KOBE Biennale 2009, Kobe, JP (cat.)  
**Void of Memory**, Platform, KIMUSA, Seoul, KR  
**Hundred Stories About Love**, 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art,  
 Kanazawa, JP  
**Mash Up**, ARTSPACE, Auckland, NZL  
**The Grand Illusion**, National Chang Kai Shek Cultural Centre, Taipei, JP
- 2008 **Experimenta FOLKLORE**, Frankfurter Kunstverein, Frankfurt, DE  
**Between Art and Life**, Centre d'Art Contemporain Genève, Ginebra, CH  
**Florescendo: Brasil – Japao O seu lugar**, Toyota Municipal Museum of Art, Toyota,  
 JP  
**Survival Action – Focusing on New Acquisitions**, Museum of Contemporary Art  
 Tokyo (MOT), Tokyo, JP  
**All Our Everyday**, Gallery VER, Bangkok, TH (cat.)  
**Laughing in a foreign language**, Hayward Gallery, London, UK

- 2007 **Beautiful New World: Contemporary Visual Culture from Japan**, Guangdong Museum of Art, Guangdong / Long March Project, Beijing, JP (cat.)  
**Tracks of Okinawan Culture 1872-2007**, Okinawa Prefectural Art Museum, Okinawa, JP  
**Tomorrow**, Artsonje Center + Kumho Museum of Art, Seoul, KR  
**Oriente e trópico**, Instituto Cultural Usiminas, Ipatinga, Brazil / Palácio das Artes, Belo Horizonte, BRA  
**How to live together**, MAC: Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Santiago de Chile, CHI  
**The Door into Summer: The Age of Micropop**, Art Tower Mito, Ibaraki, JP
- 2006 **How to live together**, 27th Bienal de Sao Paulo, BR  
**International 06**, Liverpool Biennial, Liverpool, UK (cat.)  
**Empieza el juego**, La Casa Encendida, Madrid, ES (cat.)  
**ANSTOSS BERLIN**, Haus am Waldsee, Berlin, DE  
**Berlin-Tokyo Tokyo-Berlin**, Neue Nationalgalerie, Berlin, DE (cat.)  
**I love art 8**, Watari-Um, The Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, JP
- 2005 **Circa Berlin, NIKOLAJ**, Copenhagen Contemporary Art Center, Copenhagen, DEN (artist book)  
**Le invasioni barnariche**, Galleria Continua, San Gimignano, IT
- 2004 **MixMax**, Artsonje Center, Seoul, KR (cat.)  
**Expat -Art Centre**, ICA, London – Musée de Art Contemporain de Lyon, Lyon, FR  
**Utopia Station**, Haus der Kunst, Munich, DE  
**Video Dictionary**, La Casa Encendida, Madrid, ES  
**Intersection of 4 criticism**, Tama Art University Museum, Tokyo, JP
- 2003 **Time After Time**, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, US  
**25 Hrs**, International Video Art Show, Barcelona, ES (cat.)  
**Utopia Station**, 50th Venezia Biennale, Venice, IT (cat.)  
**SPREAD IN PRATO 2**, Prato, IT (cat.)  
**U-Topos**, Tirana Biennale 2, Tirana, AL (cat.)  
**Biennale of Ceramics in Contemporary Art 2nd edition**, Riviera Ligure, IT (cat.)
- 2002 **C'est pas du cinema!**, Le Fresnoy- Studio National des Arts Contemporain, Tourcoing, FR (cat.)  
**Art in the home**, Edinburgh, UK  
**Radiodumb**, Zero Arte Contemporanea, Milan, IT  
**La part de l'autre**, Carre d'Art, Nimes (cat.)  
**Upstream**, Amsterdam/Hoorn, NL (cat.)  
**Busan Biennale**, Busan, KR
- 2001 **Encounter**, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo, JP (cat.)  
**Encounter**, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo, JP (cat.) Museum of Art, Kitakyushu, JP (cat.)  
**Ikiro-be alive**, Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo, NL (cat.)  
**Traveller's Tale (proyecto web)**, Iniva (Institute of International Visual Arts), London, UK  
**Mega Wave**, Yokohama 2001: International Triennale of Contemporary Art, Yokohama, JP (cat.)  
**Facts of Life**, Hayward Gallery, London, UK (cat.)  
**Rendez-Vous No.3**, Collection Lambert, Avignon, FR
- 2000 **Elysian Fields**, Centre Georges Pompidou, FR (cat.)  
**COUNTER-PHOTOGRAPHY**, Moscú, RU (international touring exhibition) (cat.)  
**As it is**, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, UK (cat.)  
**Transformer**, Raum aktueller Kunst Martin Janda, Vienna, AT  
**do it digital (web project)**, Kassel, DE  
**Gift of Hope**, Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, JP (cat.)
- 1999 **And / Or**, Grazer Kunstverein, Graz, AT

**Space, Witte de With**, Rotterdam, NL  
**Ivresse**, Ateliers d'Artistes de la Ville de Marseille, FR  
**Extra et Ordinaire**, Printemps de Cahors, FR (cat.)  
**Empty Garden**, Watari-Um, the Watari Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo, JP  
(artist book)

- 1998 **Every day**, 11th Biennale of Sydney, Sydney, AUS, (cat.)  
**Memorealism**, Museum City Fukuoka, Fukuoka, JP (cat.)  
**La Table**, Air de Paris, FR  
**Donaiyanen!**, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, FR (cat.)
- 1996 **Displacement-31st Today's Artist**, Yokohama Citizens' Gallery, Yokohama, JP (cat.)  
**Public Art Project - Sound Art**, Iwakura, Aichi, JP  
**Survival Tool**, Sakura City Museum of Art, Chiba, JP (cat.)  
**The Stream from the South**, Kaseda, Kagoshima, JP  
**Place for Survival**, Kurumi Kindergarten, Shizuoka, JP
- 1995 **Rolywholyover a Circus John Cage**, Art Tower Mito, Mito, JP (cat.)  
**From Duchamp to Duchamp**, Kita Kanto Museum Of Fine Arts, Gunma, JP

#### Grants and awards

- 2019 **This is not a prize**, Mutina, IT
- 2005/06 **Guest Professor at Braunschweig School of Art**, Braunschweig, DE
- 2004 **DAAD kunstler program**, Berlin, DE
- 2002 **Shiseido Grant**, Banff Center, CA
- 1999 **Pola Art Foundation Grant**, Capacete Project, Rio de Janeiro, BR
- 1998 **Ateliers d'Artistes de la Ville de Marseille**, FR
- 1997 **Japan Foundation Grant**, ARCUS, JP

#### Collections

**21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art**, Kanazawa, JP  
**Centre Pompidou**, Paris, FR  
**Nouveau Musée National de Monaco**, MC  
**Frac Ile-de-France**, Paris, FR  
**Frac Corse**, Corse, FR  
**Kunsthalle Bern**, Bern, CH  
**The Museum of Fine Arts**, Houston, US  
**The National Museum of Art**, Osaka, JP  
**Museum of Contemporary Art**, Tokyo, JP

#### Selected articles

S. Sherwin, "**Artist of the week**", The Guardian (6 May 2012)  
Á. Molina, "**El pal i la pastanaga**", EL PAIS (15 May 2008)

- P. Capdevila, "Shimabuku", Lápiz, Revista Internacional de Arte, Núm. 243, p. 97
- N. Miró, "D'allò extraordinari en allò quotidian", Revista Benzina, Núm. 27, p. 79 (May 2008)
- J. Hurtado, "Shimabuku's Fish & Chips", Time out Barcelona, p. 34 (May 2008)
- V. Porcel, "Un pulpo y una cometa", Culturas La Vanguardia, p. 19 (21 de December, 2005)
- N. Miró, "Shimabuku, Exit Express", N°16 (December/January, 2005/2006)
- Á. Molina, "Entre el naïf i la morbositat", EL PAIS, Quadern 7 (17 November, 2005)
- C. Barachon, "Mon amie la pieuvre", Technikart, N°89, p. 107 (February, 2005)
- T. Morton, "Shimabuku", Frieze, N°86, pp. 164-165, (October, 2004)
- E. Troncy, "Artiste sans frontières", N°42, pp. 238-241 (April, 2003)
- E. Fleiss, "Trains and Boats and Planes (Entrevista)", Purple, N°12, pp. 136-143 (summer 2002)
- D. McLaren, "Artists on the Move", Contemporary, pp. 56-61 (June/July/Agust, 2002)
- E. Troncy, Beaux Arts Magazine, N°188, p. 88 (January, 2000)
- D. McLaren, "Five go boating on the Union Canal", The Independent, p. 4 (23 de July, 2000)
- D. Miyatsu, "Shimabuku", Art Asiapacific, N°21, p. 93 (1999)
- G.D-M., "L'art moderne ne tient qu'à un fil...", Marseille Actualité, 1999 (8 de May)
- E. Lequeux, "Comment Shimabuku Capture une Sirène", Aden N°79, p. 242 (8 de June, 1999)
- C. Joschke, "Shimabuku", Les Inrockuptibles, N°203, p. 10 (16 de June, 1999)
- J-M.F., "Shimabuku au 'Printemps de Cahors' Le poulpe, l'ours et le chien...", La Dépêche Grand Sud (25 de June, 1999)
- M.M., "06 low mix: Michihiro Shimabuku", Crash, N°08, p. 12 (summer, 1999)
- "Shimabuku, Je voyage avec une sirène de 165 mètres de long", BLOC NOTES, N°17, p. 60 (fall, 1999)
- P. Beausse, "Shimabuku", Flash Art, N°208, p. 121 (October, 1999)

## Monografía

- Opening the Door, Little More, Tokyo, 2010
- Cucumber Journey (children's book), Shogakukan, Japan, 2004
- Swansea Jack Memorial Dog Swimming Competition, Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea, U.K., 2003
- SHIMABUKU 2001, Kobe Art Village Center, Japan, 2001
- In Search of Deer, 2000
- With Birds at Dawn On Sundays, Tokyo, 1999

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- D. Kermode, Shimabuku, As It Is, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, 2000, pp. 98-99
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- C. Macel, Shimabuku, Extra et Ordinaire, Printemps de Cahors, 1999, p. 80
- I'm traveling with a 165-metre mermaid (Je voyage avec une sirène de 165 mètres Lani Maestro/Shimabuku), Dazibao, Montreal, 1999
- Kiho, Mikito, Shimabuku, 11th Biennale of Sydney: every day, the Biennale of Sydney, 1998, p. 200

Hara, Makiko, **La réalité de la relation avec l'art aujourd'hui: Etude du cas de la société Japonaise**, Mézil, Éric, Shimabuku, Donai yanen! Et maintenant!, École nationale supérieure des beaux-arts, Paris, 1998, pp. 25-30, 31-36, 276-277, 280  
**I'm traveling with a 165-metre mermaid**, Museum City Project, 1998