

John Koga

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, 1964. Lives and works in Honolulu.

Education

1992, MFA, University of Hawaii, Honolulu

1988, sculpture internship, Pietrasanta, Italy

1988, BFA, University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Solo Exhibitions

2015

John Koga - Sculpture, Ralph Pucci International, Miami Showroom, Miami, Florida

John Koga - Sculpture, Ralph Pucci International, Los Angeles Showroom, Los Angeles, California

2013

Undulation: Rise and Fall, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, Hawaii

2012

Form Study, Chanel Gallery Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii

2009

Recent Works, Ralph Pucci International Gallery Nine, New York, New York

2007

Smoking Hands, Gallery Onetwentyeight, New York, New York

2004

Human: Nature, Workspace Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

2001

Sculptures and paintings by John T. Koga, Satoru Abe Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

2000

Linoleum II, Coffeeline Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

1998

Linoleum I, Coffeeline Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

Recent Works, Atelier Riverside Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

1995

Inside John's Head, Boom Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

Group Exhibitions

2015

Fall, Cedar Street Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

Luc Tuymans, Rirkrit Tiravanija, Yutaka Sone, & John Koga, Shanghai West Bund Art & Design, Shanghai, China

2014

John Koga & Lawrence Seward: Recent Works, Cedar Street Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

2008

John Koga and Lawrence Seward, Cedar Street Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

Alumni Exhibition, University of Hawaii Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

2006

Tribute to Noguchi, Ralph Pucci International, Gallery Nine, New York, New York

2005

Hawaii, Bodybuilder & Sportsman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

Commitment to Excellence, Featured Artist, Juried, Invitational, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce 27th Annual Exhibition, Honolulu, Hawaii

2004

Matter and Material: A Group Sculpture Exhibition of Hawaii Artists, The Contemporary Museum at First Hawaii Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

2003

International Art Society of Hawaii and 88th Annual Nikakai Exhibition, Tokyo Art Museum at Ueno Park, Tokyo, Japan

Kuilima Kakou Hawaii-Japan Joint Exhibition, International Art Society, Honolulu, Hawaii

2002

Re-examine: New Works by John Koga & Sanit Khewhok, Workspace Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii

2000-2004

Annual Commitment to Excellence Art Exhibition, Invited Artist, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu, Hawaii

1999

Linea Nigra, Gallery 69, New York, New York

Sanit Khewhok & John Koga: Two Different Paths, Koa Gallery, Kapiolani Community College, Honolulu, Hawaii

1998

Japanese American Contemporary Artists, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

1990-1997

Annual Commitment to Excellence Art Exhibition, Invited Artist, The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu, Hawaii

1996

A Group Exhibition by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts 1995 Individual Artist Fellowship Recipients, Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii

1988, 1990-1991

Artists of Hawaii, Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii

1988-1997

International Shoebox Exhibition, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

Bibliography

Publications

Matter and Material: A Group Sculpture Exhibition of Hawaii Artists, catalog, The Contemporary Museum at First Hawaiian Center, 2004, 18-19

Kuilima Kakou Hawaii-Japan Joint Exhibition, catalog, International Art Society of Hawaii, 2003, 24
Japanese American Contemporary Artists, catalog, Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 1998

The International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition, catalogs, University of Hawaii Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI, 1988-1997

Articles and Reviews

2015

Goldberg, David, "Wade into Texture, Nature," *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, October 18, 2015

Rose, Andrew, "The State of the Arts in Hawaii," *Honolulu Magazine*, July 2015

Zara, Janelle, "Shape Shifter: John Koga," *Cultured Magazine: Design*, April 2015

Pardes, Arielle, "Surreal John Koga Sculptures Grace the Ralph Pucci Showroom in Miami," *Architectural Digest*, April 2015

"Q&A: Cultured Magazine & Ralph Pucci Celebrate the Opening of "John T Koga: Sculpture"," *World Red Eye*, April 2015

"MOH Friends: John Koga, Artist," *My Only Hawaii*, Spring 2015

"Fifty Shades of Grey's Dakota Johnson: On the Brink of Fame" (artwork featured in photo essay), *Vogue*, January 2015

2013

"State of the Arts - John Koga: Independent Provocateur," *Modern Luxury Hawaii*, October 2013

2011

Rose, Andrew, "Getting to Know a Star: Artist John Koga," *Room+Service: Content for the Modern Traveler*, Nella Media Group, 2011-2014

2012

Yamanuha, Jared, "Getting to Know a Star," *Flux Hawaii*, February 2012

2009

"Hale Kapu" (12-page photo essay), *zingmagazine*, Issue 20, Winter 2005

"Now Talk Story: John Koga," *Hawaii Business*, February 2009

2008

"Hawaii Artists to Collect: John Koga," *Honolulu Magazine*, March 2008

"Modern Love" (artwork featured in photo essay), *Vogue*, January 2008

2006

"What's Hot" (artwork featured in photo essay), *Elle Décor*, April 2006

2005

“Hale Kapu” (12-page photo essay), *zingmagazine*, Issue 20, Winter 2005
Sherie Char, “On Display: John Koga Filling Up Empty Space,” *Downtown Planet*, August 15, 2005, 14
David Farmer, “Artists uplifted by awards, sponsors,” *Honolulu Advertiser*, August 14, 2005. D8
Guy Sibilla, “Best of Honolulu: Most Collectable Local Artist,” *Honolulu Magazine*, March 2005, 95

2004

Michael Rooks, *Human: Nature*, catalog, Workspace Gallery, 2004
Marcia Morse, “Galleries: Avant-garden. John Koga makes the phallus bloom,” *Honolulu Weekly*, July 7-13, 2004

2001

Marcia Morse, “Galleries: Koga’s art play, Sculptures and Paintings at Satoru Gallery, Pioneer Plaza,” *Honolulu Weekly*, May 2-8, 2001, 12
Suzanne Tswei, “Bad-boy artist takes a nice turn,” *Honolulu Advertiser*, April 29, 2001, C27

1996

Joan Rose, “Award-winning Artists Exhibit Their Work,” *Honolulu Advertiser*, January 28, 1996, D5

1991

Virginia Wagemen, “Koa Gallery art finds power in creators – Two Different Paths: Sanit Khewhok and John Tanji Koga,” Koa Gallery, Kapiolani Community College, *Honolulu Advertiser*, August 29, 1991, E1
Joan Rose, “Artists of Hawaii Juried Exhibit,” *Honolulu Advertiser* and *Honolulu Star Bulletin*, November 24, 1991, G14

1990

Marcia Morse, “A Celebration of Earth That’s Hardly Wasted Space,” *Honolulu Advertiser* and *Honolulu Star Bulletin*, June 3, 1990, F8

1988

Joan Rose, “John Koga,” *Honolulu Advertiser*, March 1, 1988, E8

1987

Joan Rose, “John Tanji Koga,” *Honolulu Advertiser*, April 13, 1987, E5

Awards

2013, Catharine E.B. Cox Award for Excellence in Visual Arts, Honolulu Museum of Art
1998-2000, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Acquisition Awards
1994-1995, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Acquisition Awards
1995, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Individual Artist Fellowship Merit Award
1995, The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce Exhibition Juror’s Award

Public Collections

Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii
Bank of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii
First Hawaiian Bank, Honolulu, Hawaii
Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties, Honolulu, Hawaii

Neiman Marcus, Honolulu, Hawaii
Oahu Country Club, Honolulu, Hawaii
Barbara Berry Design, Los Angeles, California
Neiman Marcus, Atlanta, Georgia
Hokua Luxury Condominium, Honolulu, Hawaii
Mother's Against Drunk Driving Victims' Memorial, Kaka`ako Waterfront Park, Honolulu, Hawaii
Café Galleria, Okayama, Japan
Kahala Hotel & Resort, Honolulu, Hawaii
Bank of Hawaii, Kapolei, Hawaii
Hale Koa Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii
Pacific Guardian Center, Honolulu, Hawaii
Sheraton Kaanapali Hotel, Maui, Hawaii
Monroe and Friedlander Property Management, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii
Lum Yip Kee Ltd., Honolulu, Hawaii
Hemmeter Corporation, Honolulu, Hawaii
Hemmeter VMS Kauai Co. II, Kauai, Hawaii

Professional Experience

1993-Present, Art consultant, John T. Koga, LLC
1993–2011, Chief Preparator of Exhibition and Installation, The Contemporary Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii
1990–1993, Preparator, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii

Current Gallery Representation

Fine Arts Associates, Honolulu, Hawaii
Cedar Street Galleries, Honolulu, Hawaii
Ralph Pucci International, New York, New York

Community Experience

2012-Present, Board Member, Hawaii Symphony Orchestra
2013-Present, Creative Team Artist, Honolulu Fashion Week, Honolulu, Hawaii
2000-Present, Exhibition Coordinator, Punahou School Alumni Art Exhibit, Honolulu, Hawaii
2000-Present, Exhibition Coordinator, Punahou School Carnival Art Sale, Honolulu, Hawaii
2005, Vice President, International Art Society of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii
2003, 2000, 1996, Juror, Annual Commitment to Excellence Art Exhibition, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu, Hawaii
1989, Artists in the Schools Program, Hawaii Department of Education, Honolulu, Hawaii