

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

AYAKO SAITO

Born 1980, Tokyo, Japan

- 2002 Art Culture Course, Tamagawa University, Machida, Tokyo, Japan
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts), Undergraduate, Australian National University, Canberra
- 2006 Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts), Honours, Australian National University, Canberra
- 2008 Master of Visual Arts, Australian National University, Canberra

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Hampstead School of Art Gallery, London, United Kingdom, 'London Sculpture Prize'
- 2023 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'A Place Thereafter'
- 2019 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Forging Light and Space'
- 2017 Janet Clayton Gallery, Sydney, 'Gravity's desire'

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Assemblage'
Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer Show'
- 2023 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
- 2023 Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe, Perth
- 2022 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '6 x 6 x 6" Miniature Sculpture Show 2022'
Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney, 'Sculpture Inside'
Wollombi Valley Sculpture Festival, Wollombi, NSW, 'Sculpture in the Vineyards'
Sawmillers Reserve, Sydney, 'Sculpture at Sawmillers'
- 2021 Campbells Cove, The Rocks, NSW, 'Sculpture Rocks, Sculpture by the Sea'
- 2020 Australian Galleries, online exhibition, 'Navigating the line'
Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
- 2019 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
- 2018 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
Sculpture in the Paddock, Murrumbateman, NSW
Margaret Lawrence Gallery, Southbank, Melbourne, 'Monochrome: Empty & Full'
Western Sydney University, Campbelltown, NSW, 'Western Sydney University Sculpture Award'
Hill View Sculpture Biennial, Sutton Forrest, NSW
- 2017 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Paintings, sculpture & works on paper'
Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Sculpture: medium and small scale – Mixed Sculptors'
Harbour Sculpture, Hunters Hill, Sydney
- 2016 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
Janet Clayton at Weswal Gallery Tamworth, NSW, 'Elements'
Sculpture at Sawmillers', Sawmiller Reserve McMahons Point, Sydney
Hillview Heritage Hotel, Sutton Forrest, NSW, 'Sculpture at Hillview'
- 2015 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
Artisans in the Garden, Botanic Gardens, Sydney

- Janet Clayton, Sydney, 'Joy of Colour'
 Incinerator Art Space, Sydney, 'Japan: Australian Perspectives'
 Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe, Perth, 'Sculpture by the Sea Inside Exhibition'
- 2014
 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
 Sculpture by the Sea, Surry Hills, Sydney, 'Sculpture, Winter Exhibition'
 Incinerator, Art Space, Sydney, 'Thin Ice 2'
 Janet Clayton Gallery, Sydney, '4 in Form'
 Sculpture on the Greens, Wyong, NSW
 Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe, Perth
 Sculpture at Sawmillers, Sawmiller Reserve McMahons Point, Sydney
- 2013
 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
 Incinerator Art Space, Sydney, 'Thin Ice'
 Canberra Grammar School Gallery, Canberra, 'CenTENary Exhibition'
- 2012
 The Left Hand Gallery, Braidwood, NSW, 'Sculpture'
 Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe, Perth, 'Sculpture inside'
 The Sculptors Society, Sydney, 'The Towers Exhibition'
- 2011
 The Left Hand Gallery, Braidwood, NSW, 'The Almost Naked Prize'
 The Left Hand Gallery, Braidwood, NSW, 'Sculpture'
 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney
 The Sculptors Society, Sydney, 'The Towers Exhibition'
 Thirroul Seaside and Arts Festival, Wollongong, NSW
- 2010
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Summer Show 2011'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'The Jingle Bells Show'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '15th Annual 6"x6"x6" Miniature Sculpture Show'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Paint, Charcoal, Steel & Bronze'
 Western Sydney University, Campbelltown, NSW, 'Western Sydney University
 Sculpture Award'
- 2009
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2010'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '14th Annual 6"x6"x6" Miniature Sculpture Show'
 Bermagui Seaside Fair, Bermagui, NSW, 'Sculpture on the Edge'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2009'
 Toorak Village Sculpture Exhibition, Melbourne
- 2008
 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney'
 Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '13th Annual 6"x6"x6" Miniature Sculpture Show'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2008'
- 2007
 Australian National University School of Art, Canberra, 'Transit'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '12th Annual 6"x6"x6" Miniature Sculpture Show'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, 'Sculpture 2007'
- 2006
 Australian National University School of Art, Canberra, 'Graduate Exhibition'
 Defiance Gallery, Sydney, '11th Annual 6" x 6" x 6" Miniature Sculpture Show'

PRIZES & AWARDS

- 2025 Helen Lempriere Scholarship, Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi, Sydney, Winner
 2024 London Sculpture Prize, Sculpture in the Vinyards, Wollombi, Winner
 2023 Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe, Perth, Cottesloe Artist Award, Winner
 2019 Sell & Parker Steel Sponsorship, Precision Oxycut Sponsorship
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 2016 Sell & Parker Steel Sponsorship, Precision Oxycut Sponsorship
 2015 Sell & Parker Steel Sponsorship, Precision Oxycut Sponsorship
 2014 The Clitheroe Foundation Emerging Sculptor Mentorship Program
 Sell & Parker Steel Sponsorship, Precision Oxycut Sponsorship

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2011 The Dignam Real Estate Award
2009 The Tetsuya Wakuda Miniature Sculpture Prize
2008 Sell & Parker Steel Sponsorship.
2004 Australian National University School of Art, Emerging Artist Support Scheme - John and Elizabeth Baker Acquisition

COMMISSIONS

2018 "Heaven's Door", St Paul's College University of Sydney, commissioned by Dr. Andrew Bell
2016 Sculpture by the Sea 20th Anniversary
2016 Sculpture by the Sea Patrons' miniature collections, Cottesloe, Perth
2015 Sculpture by the Sea Patrons' miniature collections, Bondi, Sydney

COLLECTIONS

Chamber 2, St Paul's College, University of Sydney, Sydney
Heaven's Door, St Paul's College, University of Sydney, Sydney
Orbit II, Artbank, Australia
Private collections in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, Tokyo, Singapore, New Zealand, The United States, Austria