

ADRIAN SASSOON

## Chikuunsai IV Tanabe

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1973, Osaka, Japan

1990 - 1992 Osaka Craft High School, Osaka (Fine Art)

1993 - 1999 Tokyo Art University, Tokyo (Sculpture)

Working in Osaka, Japan

Chikuunsai IV Tanabe started learning bamboo art from his father when he was a child. He graduated first from the fine art department of Osaka City Crafts High School, and later from the Sculpture Department of Tokyo Art University. After developing his skills as an apprentice for two years in Beppu City, Chikuunsai IV Tanabe went back to Sakai City and learned bamboo art from his father. He practiced a traditional style of bamboo art and, while utilizing the skills of the previous Chikuunsai generations, he now makes sculptures in his own original style. Chikuunsai IV Tanabe makes two kinds of works. One is the traditional basket, the techniques of which have passed from generation to generation. The other is purely sculptural and considered highly innovative in Japan today. His signature is organic forms made with tiger bamboo, black bamboo and other natural materials.

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 TAI Modern Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA  
*Tanabe Chikuunsai IV: Connection*, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, California, USA
- 2018 Mingei Japanese Arts, Paris, France
- 2017 Tokyo Takashimaya Art Gallery, Tokyo, Japan  
Osaka Takashimaya Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
Godai, Pierre Marie Giraud Gallery, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 *Carte blanche à Shouchiku Tanabe*, Musée national des arts asiatiques – Guimet, Paris, France
- 2015 Mingei Japanese Arts, Paris, France  
*Beyond Connection*, La Celle-Saint-Cloud, France
- 2014 Zen, Pierre Marie Giraud, Brussels, Belgium
- 2013 Masaki Museum, Osaka, Japan
- 2012 Ymaguchike Museum, Osaka, Japan
- 2011 Osaka Takashimaya Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
Nagoya Takashimaya Art Gallery, Nagoya, Japan
- 2010 Tokyo Takashimaya Art Gallery X, Tokyo, Japan
- 2008 Osaka Takashimaya Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 2007 *Art Interactive*, Tokyo, Japan
- 2006 Grand Hotel Villa Castagnola, Lugano, Switzerland
- 2005 Wacol Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 Wacol Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- 2002 Cortlan Jessup Gallery, New York, USA

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize 2022 - Finalist Exhibition*, Seoul, South Korea
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
- 2018 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Fendre l’Air; L’art du bambou japonais*, Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, France  
*Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London  
*Beyond Boudaries: A Tomorrow of Traditional Decorative Arts*, Tokyo, Japan  
*Connection: The Past, The Present, and The Future*, Tomo Museum, Tokyo, Japan  
*Connexion / La Source*, Grange aux Abeilles, Domaine de Chaumont-sur-Loire, France
- 2017 *Face the Material*, Nihonbashi Takashimaya and Osaka Takashimaya, Japan  
*Bamboo – Fiber built Japan*, Japan House, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
*Japanese Bamboo Art: The Abbey Collection*, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA  
*Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
- 2016 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London  
*Craft Arts: Innovation of “Tradition and Avant-Garde”, and the Present Day*, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan  
*63<sup>rd</sup> Japan Traditional Crafts Exhibition*, Tokyo, Japan
- 2015 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London  
*44<sup>th</sup> Exhibition of Japanese Art Crafts*, Kinki District, Japan

## Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2015 *Modern Twist: Contemporary Japanese Bamboo Art*, The Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts, Florida, USA  
*Bamboo and Lacquer*, Takashimaya Art Gallery, Osaka and Tokyo, Japan
- 2014 *Beauty of Kogei: Art Crafts in Japan*, Japan Creative Centre Embassy of Japan, Singapore  
*Enku Exhibition*, The Museum of Fine Arts, Gifu, Japan  
*Makie - The Beauty of Gold Japanese Lacquer*, Bahrain National Museum, Manama, Bahrain  
*ZEN Bamboo and Lacquer: Takashi Wakamiya and Shouchiku Tanabe*, TAI Modern Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
- 2013 *Contemporary Kogei Styles in Japan*, Morikami Museum, Delray Beach, Florida, USA  
*Japanese Bamboo Masters*, Mingei Japanese Arts Gallery, Paris, France  
 Pierre Marie Giraud, Design Miami/Basel, Basel, Switzerland  
*Bamboo and Lacquer*, Takashimaya Art Gallery, Osaka and Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 *Permanent Beauty in Japanese Arts*, Mingei Japanese Arts Gallery, Paris, France  
 Pierre Marie Giraud, Design Miami, Miami Beach, Florida, USA  
*Japan Next*, Musée des Arts Decoratifs, Paris, France  
*Japanese Bamboo Masters*, Mingei Japanese Arts Gallery, Paris, France
- 2010 *Japanese Bamboo: Tracing the Legend of Beppu Craftsmanship*, Thailand Creative and Design Center, Bangkok, Thailand
- 2008 *The Chikuunsai Family: Four Generation of Bamboo Art*, TAI Modern Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA  
*New Bamboo: Contemporary Masters*, Japan Society, New York, USA
- 2007 *Celebration of the Next Generation Exhibit*, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, San Francisco, USA  
*East Weaves West: Basketry from Japan and Britain*, Collins Gallery, Glasgow
- 2006 *The Quiet Beauty of Japanese Bamboo Art*, Faulconer Gallery, Iowa, USA  
*Golden Week on Japanese Art*, Seattle Museum, Seattle, USA  
*The Tanabe Family: Four Generations of Bamboo Artists*, Lee Institute for Japanese Art, California, USA  
*Beyond Basketry: Japanese Bamboo Art*, Boston Museum, Boston, USA
- 2004 San Francisco International Art Exposition, San Francisco, USA  
 Palm Beach Classic, West Palm Beach, USA  
*Japanese Bamboo Exhibition*, Murakami Museum, Florida, USA  
 Two Person Exhibition, Seiundo Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland  
*Bridge Exhibition Japan – Korea*, Sakai City Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
 SOFA NY, New York, USA  
 SOFA Chicago, Chicago, USA
- 2003 *Bridge Exhibition*, St James Theatre, New Zealand  
*Spoerri Exhibition*, Volkerkunde Museum University of Zurich, Switzerland  
*Japan – Holland Cultural Exhibition*, Laikus National Museum, The Netherlands
- 2002 *Y-G Arts Exhibition*, Irohani Gallery, Japan  
*Bridge Exhibition*, Florence Lynch Gallery, New York, USA  
*Bamboo Works Exhibition*, Osaka Modern Art Center, Osaka, Japan
- 2001 Philadelphia Craft Show, Philadelphia, USA  
 Osaka Craft Exhibition, Osaka harbor ATC Gallery, Osaka, Japan
- 2000 *Chikuunsai Four Generation Exhibition*, Cortland Jessup Gallery, Boston, USA
- 1999 All Kansai Art Exhibition, Osaka City Museum, Osaka, Japan

## Awards

- 2022 Finalist, LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize, Seoul, South Korea  
2016 Japan Crafts Association Encouragement Prize  
2015 Takashimaya Art Prize  
Winner, 44<sup>th</sup> Exhibition of Japanese Art Crafts, Kinki District, Japan  
2010 The Bavarian State Prize  
2007 COTSEN Bamboo Prize  
2004 Association Award, Sakai Art Exhibition  
Kasaku Award, Zen Kansai Art Exhibition Sponsor by Osaka Municipal  
Museum of Art  
First Prize, Osaka Craft Exhibition Kasaku Award  
2002 Yumiuri Television Award, All Kansai Art Exhibition  
2001 Sakai Mayor Award, Sakai Art Exhibition  
2000 Oita Governor Award, Bamboo Craft Exhibition  
Labour Ministry Award, All Japan Technical Exhibition

## Public Collections

The British Museum, London  
Victoria and Albert Museum, London  
Musée du quai Branly – Jacques Chirac, Paris, France  
Musée national des arts asiatiques – Guimet, Paris, France  
Odunpazari Modern Museum, Odunpazari, Turkey  
Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, California, USA  
Clark Center for Japanese Art and Culture, Hanford, California, USA  
Long Beach Museum of Art, California, USA  
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota, USA  
Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, Palm Beach, Florida, USA  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts, USA  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania, USA  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington, USA  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA  
The National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia  
Museo Nacional de Arte, La Paz, Bolivia  
Imperial Household Agency, Tokyo, Japan  
Museum of Fine Arts, Gifu, Japan  
Yakushi-ji Temple, Nara, Japan  
Asociación Peruano Japonesa, Lima, Peru