

ADRIAN SASSOON

## Chiemi Watanabe

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1989, Toyama, Japan

2012 Glass Certification Studies Program and Advanced Research Studies Programme, Toyama City Institute of Glass Art, Toyama, Japan  
2016-2018 Kanazawa Utatsuyama Kogei Kobo, Ishikawa, Japan

Working in Yamaguchi, Japan

My glass sculptures are created by the technique of applying a gold inlay. This is a decorative technique of lacquer crafts, and allows me to try new expressions, making full use of the transparency of glass.

By using flat glass, I can explore the boundary between the plane and the solid, and pursue an expression that allows them to intersect as much as possible. Even if I draw a line drawing on a flat surface called flat glass, if the thickness of the glass is 1mm, it will no longer be a plane, and that action will be a three-dimensional approach. The act of considering the outline according to the motif drawn is also a planar approach, and I am making ideas from both sides.

The main motif depicted in my work is the plant. A plant is a symbolic motif that encompasses all geometric and organic shapes and has shaping and decorative representation. The flowing curve of the plants will imagine all forms of nature and makes one feel the consciousness of life. It also resonates with human consciousness, aiming for a work that you feel yourself as part of nature.

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, The Treasure House Fair, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, Design Miami, Miami Beach, USA  
*Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, The Treasure House Fair, London  
*Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2022 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
- 2021 *Adrian Sassoon at Parham, a House of History*, Parham House, West Sussex
- 2020 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands  
*Microcosmos: experimenting with new kinds of interaction*, Toyama Glass Art Museum, Toyama, Japan
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London  
*New Glass Now*, Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, New York, USA
- 2018 *Magnitudo 1*, Toyama International Glass Festival, Toyama, Japan  
*Kanzawa Utatsuyama Kogei Kobo Researchers Exhibition, 21st Century* Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan  
3331 Art Fair, 3331 Arts Chiyoda, Tokyo, Japan  
Art Fair Tokyo, Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo, Japan
- 2017 *3rd Triennale of Kogei in Kanazawa, 21st Century* Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan  
*Haru wo sagashite*, Art space morgenrot, Tokyo, Japan  
*Kanzawa Utatsuyama Kogei Kobo Researchers Exhibition, 21st Century* Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan  
*International Hokuriku Kogei Summit*, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Art and Design, Toyama, Japan
- 2016 Art Fair Toyama, Toyama Shimin Plaza, Toyama, Japan  
*Kanazawa 21<sup>st</sup> Century Kogei Festival*, Former Nakamura Residence, Kanazawa, Japan  
*EWAA Competition*, La Galleria, London
- 2015 *The 6th Sanyo Onoda Contemporary Glass Art Exhibition*, Onoda Sun Park, Yamaguchi, Japan
- 2014 Art Fair Toyama, Toyama Shimin Plaza, Toyama, Japan  
*Spiral Independent Creators Festival*, Tokyo, Japan
- 2013 *The International Glass Exhibition, 21st Century* Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, Japan  
*SEN sai*, The Artcomplex Center, Tokyo, Japan
- 2012 *Takaoka Craft Competition*, Takaoka Daiwa, Toyama, Japan  
*Toyama City New Store Glass Exhibition*, Glass Art Gallery, Toyama, Japan  
*Exhibition of the Big Miniature*, Artcomplex Center, Tokyo, Japan  
*The 5th Sanyo Onoda Contemporary Glass Art Exhibition*, Onoda Sun Park, Yamaguchi, Japan
- 2011 *Salon Blanc International Exhibition Of Contemporary Art*, Omori Bel Port Tokyo, Japan
- 2010 *The 3rd Glass Educational Network*, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum, Tokyo, Japan

## Awards

- 2018 Workshop Prize, Utatsuyama Kogei Kobo 2018, Kanazawa, Japan  
Mituhiro Suwa Prize, 3331 Art Fair 2018, Tokyo, Japan  
Tansei Display Prize, 3331 Art Fair 2018, Tokyo, Japan  
Hiroshi Nagaya Prize, 3331 Art Fair 2018, Tokyo, Japan  
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- 2016 Hanshin Group Prize, Art Fair Toyama, Toyama, Japan
- 2014 Toyakuhin Prize, Art Fair Toyama, Toyama, Japan
- 2012 Excellent Prize, Exhibition of the Big Miniature, Tokyo, Japan  
Grand Prize, The 5th Sanyo Onoda Contemporary Glass Art Exhibition,  
Yamaguchi, Japan

## Public Collections

Kanzawa Utatsuyama Kogei Kobo, Kanazawa, Japan  
Kirara Glass Factory, Yamaguchi, Japan  
Rakusui-tei Museum of Art, Toyama, Japan  
Toyama City, Toyama, Japan  
Toyama Glass Art Museum, Toyama, Japan