

Junko Mori

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1974, Yokohama, Japan

1993-1997 Musashino Art University, Tokyo, Japan, BA Industrial, Interior and Craft Design / Metalwork Course

1998-2000 Camberwell College of Arts, BA Silversmithing & Metalwork

Working in Wales

The assembling of forged and cast metal is the key to Junko Mori's work, whether mild steel or almost pure silver. Her observations of tree and plant matter are the driving force behind many of her sculptures, which vary in scale from small objects in precious metal through to fairly massive welded steel works of art.

"I am always drawn to the visual impact of an aggregate assembled with many small components: I find infinite possibilities of the form multiplied by the vital power beyond the physical space, such as cell division through the microscope.

My work consists of multiples of individually forged steel or other metals, and the subtle difference of each piece results from hand hammering. No piece is individually planned but becomes fully formed within the making and thinking process. Repeating little accidents, like the mutation of cells, the final accumulation of units emerges within the process of evolution. The uncontrollable beauty is the core of my concept."

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Collect: Visiting Nature Junko Mori Metalwork*, JamFactory, Adelaide, Australia in association with Adrian Sassoone
- 2013 *Junko Mori: Coppiced Wood*, The Holburne Museum, Bath in association with Adrian Sassoone
- 2006 *Junko Mori*, Bluecoat Display Centre, Liverpool
- 2005 *Junko Mori*, 21st Century Showcase, Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 *Adrian Sassoone*, Design Miami, Miami Beach, USA
Adrian Sassoone, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoone, The Treasure House Fair, London
Show Your Metal, Millennium Gallery, Sheffield
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2023 *Adrian Sassoone*, Design Miami, Miami Beach, USA
The Geography of the Objet; Living in the Net of Biophilia, Cheongju Craft Biennale, Cheongju, South Korea
Adrian Sassoone, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoone, The Treasure House Fair, London
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2022 *Adrian Sassoone*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Injecting Hope, Science Museum, London
Adrian Sassoone, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoone, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Japanese Contemporary Design, National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Homo Faber: Next of Europe, organised by the Michelangelo Foundation, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy
- 2021 *Adrian Sassoone at Parham, a House of History*, Parham House, West Sussex
- 2020 *Adrian Sassoone at Sotheby's*, Sotheby's, London
Adrian Sassoone at The London House of Modernity, London
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2019 *Adrian Sassoone*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoone, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Inspired by Chatsworth, Sotheby's, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoone, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize 2019 - Finalist Exhibition, Sogetsu Plaza, Toyko, Japan
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2018 *Adrian Sassoone*, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoone, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoone, Masterpiece London, The Royal Chelsea Hospital, London
Adrian Sassoone, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2018 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2017 *The International Hokuriku Kogei Summit – Worlds Kogei*, Toyama Prefectural Museum of Art and Design, Toyama, Japan
Showstoppers: Silver Centerpieces, Temple Newsam, Leeds
Adrian Sassoon, The Salon Art + Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York Spring, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2016 *Adrian Sassoon*, The Salon Art + Design, New York, USA
Silver: Light and Shade, The Holburne Museum, Bath
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Women Artists: From 1861 to 2015, Touchstones Rochdale Museum and Art Gallery, Lancashire
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2015 *Adrian Sassoon*, The Salon Art + Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2014 *A Common Ground*, Touchstones Rochdale Museum and Art Gallery, Lancashire
Adrian Sassoon, The Salon Art + Design, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Out of Sight: Drawing in the Lives of Makers, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2013 *Adrian Sassoon*, The Salon Art + Design, New York, USA
Modern Makers, Chatsworth House, Derbyshire
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2012 *Adrian Sassoon*, Art Miami, Miami, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2011 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design New York, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Silverstruck, Ruthin Craft Centre, Ruthin, Denbighshire
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2011 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- 2010 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, Former Chelsea Barracks, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
Beauty in Repetition: Metalwork and Jewellery, Junko Mori and Jacqueline Ryan, Blackwell, The Arts & Crafts House, Bowness-on-Windermere, Cumbria
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2009 *Can Art Save Us?* Museums Sheffield; Millennium Gallery, Sheffield
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
Poetry in Silver, Bij de Watertoren, Schoonhoven, The Netherlands & tour
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2008 *Galvanize Festival Exhibition*, Winter Garden, Sheffield
Adrian Sassoon, Design Art London, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2007 *Land of the Samurai*, Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museum, Aberdeen
Adrian Sassoon, The International Art + Design Fair, New York, USA
A Natural Obsession, The Harley Gallery, Welbeck, Nottinghamshire
The Flower, Galerie Handwerk, Munich, Germany
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, New York, USA
Extramurous 2007 - Art Outside The Walls, The Mere, Ellesmere, Shropshire
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2006 *Adrian Sassoon*, The International Art + Design Fair, New York, USA
Naturally Formed, Goss Gallery, Dallas, Texas, USA
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
Bi-Lateral Exhibition, Museo Antón en Candás, Asturias, Spain
Objects of Desire: Contemporary Craft & Design from the North, Lady Lever Art Gallery, Liverpool
Outgrowth, Camberwell College of Arts Gallery, London
- 2005 *Contemporary Silver & Metalwork*, G-H Modern, Grey-Harris & Co, Bristol
Art for Outdoor, Platform Gallery, Clitheroe, Lancashire
Adrian Sassoon, The International Art + Design Fair, New York, USA
Jerwood Applied Arts Prize 2005: Metal, Crafts Council, London & UK tour
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Caught My Eye, Sheridan Russell Gallery, London
Rarefind Winter 2005, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham
- 2004 *Adrian Sassoon*, The International Art + Design Fair, New York, USA
Made in Britain, Contemporary Applied Arts, London

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2004 *Design Front*, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea, Essex
BY BE, Contemporary Art and Design Fair, Stockholm, Sweden
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Victoria & Albert Museum, London
- 2003 *Adrian Sassoon*, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
HAT, Touring show in UK and Australia
Pay and Display, King Street West NCP, Manchester
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, SOFA, Chicago, USA
Adrian Sassoon, The International Art + Design Fair, New York, USA
Home is Where the Art is, Debenhams, Manchester
FOCUS Foyer Display Show, Craft ACT, Craft and Design Centre, Canberra, Australia
Junko Mori + Wally Gilbert, Workshop BILK, Queanbeyan, Canberra, Australia
Planted, Craft Focus Gallery, Gracefield Arts Centre, Dumfries
In the Making, Barcelona, Spain
Adrian Sassoon, ART2003, Business Design Centre, London
- 2002 *House Show*, URBIS, Manchester
Adrian Sassoon, Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair, London
Adrian Sassoon, The International Art + Design Fair, New York, USA
Cup, Opening Exhibition, Made Gallery, Bristol
Points of View, Bluecoat Display Centre, Liverpool
Adrian Sassoon, ART2002, Business Design Centre, London
Contemporary Decorative Arts, Sotheby's, London
Nature Forms, Crafts Council Shop at the V&A Museum, London
New at The Ashgate, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham
The Silver Show/ABDS Members Exhibition, Collins & Hastie Gallery, London
- 2001 *New Member Focus*, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
One Year On/ New Designers, Business Design Centre, London
Recent Graduates Exhibition, Beatrice Royal Gallery, Southampton
- 2000 *Future Map 2000*, The London Institute Gallery, London

Awards

- 2019 Finalist, LOEWE Foundation Craft Prize, Sogetsu Plaza, Toyko, Japan
- 2009 Second Prize, Schoonhoven Silver Award, The Netherlands
- 2005 Shortlist, Jerwood Applied Arts Prize 2005: Metal, Jerwood Foundation
- 2003 Crafts Council Business Development Award
- 2002 Gold Medal, Bavarian State Award at TALANTE 2002: The International Handwerksmesse, Munich, Germany
- 2001 NEXT MOVE, supported by Crafts Council and North West Arts Board, Artist Residency at Liverpool Hope University

Public Collections

Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums, Aberdeen
Bilston Craft Gallery, Wolverhampton

Public Collections (continued)

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham
 Contemporary Art Society, London
 Crafts Council, London
 Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester
 National Museum Cardiff, Wales
 National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
 National Museums Liverpool, Merseyside
 Oriental Museum, Durham University, Durham
 Shipley Art Gallery, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear
 Temple Newsam, Leeds Museums & Galleries, Leeds
 The British Museum, London
 The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
 The Goldsmiths' Company, London
 The Harley Foundation, Welbeck, Nottinghamshire
 Touchstones Rochdale Museum and Art Gallery, Lancashire
 Ulster Museum, Belfast, Northern Ireland
 Victoria and Albert Museum, London
 Farmleigh House and Estate, Dublin, Eire
 Musée Mandet, Riom, France
 Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Hamburg, Germany
 Honolulu Museum Art, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA
 Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia

Public Commissions

2016 *Botany/Horsetail, Botany/Lily, Botany/Succulent, Botany/Stamen*, commissioned by
 The Silver Trust for their 30th Anniversary, 10 Downing Street, London
 2008 *White Rose*, Wall Sculpture, Sheffield Assay office, Sheffield
 2007 *V&A 150th Anniversary Album*, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
Transborder Crafts / Bindweed, with Chris Stoke, Oswestry, Shropshire
Changing Space / Forest Den, Paget Primary School, Birmingham
 2004 *Sprig*, Peter Jones, Foyer Sculpture, Sloane Square, London

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 2018 Brettler, R.G., *Out of Japan...*, Financial Times How to Spend It, pp 34-35
 2013 Gibson, G., *Real Steel*, Crafts, July/August, pp 48-53
 2007 *VIP*, Homes and Antiques, November, pp 23
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