

## Mika Tajima

1975 Born in Los Angeles, US  
Lives and works in New York, US

### Education

2003 Columbia University, School of the Arts, MFA  
1997 Bryn Mawr College, BA (Fine Arts/East Asian Studies)  
1997 The Fabric Workshop and Museum Apprentice Training Program, Post-Graduate Apprentice

### Solo Exhibitions

2018 Borusan Contemporary , Istanbul, TR , curated by Margot Norton (forthcoming)  
2017 Touchless, TARO NASU, Tokyo, JP (forthcoming)  
AIR, Raster Gallery , Warsaw , POL  
Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT  
2016 Sculpture Center, New York, NY  
Emotion Commune, Protocinema, Istanbul, TR  
EMBODY, 11R, New York, US  
2015 Human Synth, TARO NASU, Tokyo, JP  
2014 Total Body Conditioning, Art in General, New York, US  
Negative Entropy, Eleven Rivington, New York, US  
2013 Galleria Quadrado Azul, Lisbon, PT  
2011 Aspen Museum of Art, Aspen, US  
The Architect's Garden, UT Visual Art Center, Austin, US  
After the Martini Shot, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, US  
Elizabeth Dee Gallery, New York, US  
2010 The Double, Bass Museum, Miami, US  
2009 The Extras, X Initiative, New York, US  
2008 Deal or No Deal, Kevin Bruk Gallery, Miami, US  
The Double, The Kitchen, New York, US  
The Double, Centre for Opinions on Music and Art, Berlin, DE  
2007 Thin Line, Circuit, Lausanne, CH  
New Humans: Disassociate, Elizabeth Dee Gallery, New York, US

### Group Exhibitions

2017 COLORI, Castello di Rivoli and GAM, Torino, IT  
All Watched Over by Machines of Loving Grace, Palais de Tokyo, FR  
2016 Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju Biennale PLAZA, KOR  
Kanye Corcoran Griffin, Los Angeles, CA  
DIS-PPLAY / RE-PLAY, Austrian Cultural Forum, New York, US  
2015 Office Space, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco  
Painting@ The Very Edge of Art, University of Connecticut Contemporary Art Gallerie, Storrs, CT  
Incorporate Me, Hessel Museum of Art Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, US  
2014 Pier 54, High Line Art, New York, US  
New Generation, Frac Nord-Pas de Calais, Dunkirk, FR  
Soft Shock, Eli Ping Frances Perkins, New York, US  
Moirra Dryer Project, Eleven Rivington, New York, US  
2013 New Humans, Bureau, New York, US  
Roppongi Crossing, Mori Art Center, Tokyo, JP  
two-person exhibition with Jimmy Raskin, onestar press, Paris, FR  
Paint Things, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, US

- 2012  
 The Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
 San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, US  
 Stockholm Music and Arts Festival, curated by Maria Lind, Stockholm, SE  
 Luce Gallery, Turin, IT  
 Abstract Possible, Tensta Konsthall, Stockholm, SE  
 New York: Directions, Points of Interest, Massimo de Carlo, Milan, IT
- 2011  
 Temporary Structures: Performing Architecture in Contemporary Art, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, US  
 Blur: Art/Design Cross Pollination, The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, US  
 I don't know if it makes any sense-I feel quite dizzy and a little drunk due to the blow. I will return with more info shortly...”,  
 IMO Projects, Copenhagen, DK  
 Summer Whites, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, US  
 Flags for Venice, Instituto Svizzero di Roma and Swiss Institute, Venice, Venice, IT  
 Common Love, Aesthetics of Becoming, Miriam and Ira D. Wallach Gallery, Columbia University, New York, US  
 Calder Foundation Project, New York, US  
 Transaction Abstraite (two-person exhib. w/ Charles Atlas), New Galerie, Paris, FR  
 Formalist Sidewalk Poetry Club, Miami, US
- 2010  
 Today I Made Nothing, Elizabeth Dee Gallery, NY, US  
 Wait for Me at the Bottom of the Pool curated by Bob Nickas, Bridgehamptom, New York, US  
 Mixtapes, Lewis Gluckman Gallery, University College Cork, Cork, IE  
 Knight's Move, Sculpture Center, Long Island City, New York, US  
 Passing Time, 80WSE Gallery NYU, New York, US  
 Moderna Museet, Stockholm, SE
- 2009  
 Second Look (at the Surface), Kuenstlerhaus Bregenz, Bregenz, AT  
 Blank/Bosluk, Marquise Dance Hall, Istanbul, TR  
 Learn to Communicate Like a Fucking Normal Person, curated by Jessie Cohan, Art Production Fund, New York, US
- 2008  
 Whitney Biennial 2008, New York, US  
 RISD Museum, Providence, RI  
 Peter Blum Chelsea, New York, US  
 One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now, Honolulu Academy of Art, Honolulu, US
- 2007  
 Sympathy for the Devil: Rock and Roll in Art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, US  
 Every Revolution is a Roll of the Dice, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, US  
 Stripes, Tang Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY, US  
 Uncertain States of America, Herning Museum, Copenhagen, DK  
 Uncertain States of America, Center for Contemporary Art Warsaw, Warsaw, PL
- 2006  
 Bunch, Alliance and Dissolve, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, US  
 One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now, Blaffer Art Gallery, Houston, US  
 Uncertain States of America, Reykjavik Art Museum, Reykjavik, IS  
 Music is a Better Noise, P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York, US  
 PICA Time-Based Art Fest, Portland Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, US  
 One Way or Another: Asian American Art Now, Asia Society, New York, US  
 Uncertain States of America, Serpentine Gallery, London, UK  
 Uncertain States of America, Bard Center for Curatorial Studies, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, US  
 Yankee Doodle Flea Market, United Bamboo, Tokyo, JP  
 video program Asian Contemporary Art Week, M.Y. Art Prospects, New York, US  
 Interface in Your Face by Fia Backstrom, Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York, US
- 2005  
 Video in Person, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, US  
 Uncertain States of America curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist, Daniel Birnbaum, Astrup Fearnley Museum, Oslo, NO  
 Musica Video Musica curated by Bob Nickas, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain  
 P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Long Island City, New York, US  
 Grass Grows Forever in Every Possible Direcion, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, US  
 Echoplex curated by Gabrielle Giattino, Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York, US  
 Recess: Images and Objects in Formalism, Rush Arts, New York, US  
 ICA London, Castlefield Gallery at the King's Arms Salford, Phoenix Arts Leicester, FACT Liverpool, March Side Cinema  
 Newcastle upon Tyne, Outpost Norwich, Spike Island Bristol, Vivid Birmingham, Tonight we are Goldentouring video  
 exhibition, UK
- 2004  
 Solo Project video installation, United Bamboo Daikanyama, Tokyo, JP  
 Project Space, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York, US  
 New Humans perform: Grass grows forever in every possible direction featuring design collaboration with United Bamboo,  
 Swiss Institute Contemporary Art, New York, US  
 I'd rather jack traveling show, Prenelle Gallery, London, UK  
 I'd rather jack, S1 Artspace, Sheffield, UK  
 Art in the Office, Global Consulting Group, New York, US

- 2003 Container Exhibition, Tokyo Design Week, Tokyo, JP  
 Club in the Shadow, Kenny Schacter Gallery, New York, US  
 Surface Tension, Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, US  
 New Humans Collective presented by Sherman Magazine, Maccarone, Inc., New York, US  
 25 Hrs, The Video Art Foundation, Barcelona, ES  
 New Humans Collective invited to perform in Olav Westphalen's Blimp Derby opening, Sculpture Center, LIC, New York, US
- 2002 Stray Art Fair, Chicago, US  
 Get Out, Paley Gallery at Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, US  
 Comfort Zone, Fabric Workshop and Museum, Philadelphia, US  
 Mondo Cane, Neiman Gallery, New York, US
- 2001 Changes, Jeffrey, curated by Paul Ha, New York, US
- 2000 Foreign Body, White Columns, New York, US  
 Decorate Seriously, Borowsky Gallery, Philadelphia, US  
 My Imaginary Friends, Parlour Projects, Brooklyn, US  
 A Complement to Love, Vox Populi, Philadelphia, US
- 1998 Rose Selavy, Jefferson Bank Gallery, Philadelphia, US  
 Works in Progress: 8 Artists, Asian Arts Initiative, Philadelphia, US
- 1997 I Enjoy Being a Girl: Investigating Femininity in Women and Men, Nexus: Center for Today's Art, Philadelphia, US  
 Four, Cantor Fitzgerald Gallery, Haverford, US

## Collaborative Exhibitions

- 2013 Book Machine, Paris with One Star Press, Centre Pompidou, Paris, FR
- 2011 The Pedestrians with Charles Atlas and New Humans, South London Gallery, London, UK
- 2009 Today is Not a Dress Rehearsal with Charles Atlas and New Humans, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, U
- 2008 with New Humans, Artissima 2008, Turin, IT

## Selected Bibliography

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 Zion, Amy. "Critic's Guide New York: Mika Tajima 'Embody.'" Frieze, March 2016.
- 2015 Tan, Lumi "Real Time, Screen Time". Abstract Video: The Moving Image in Contemporary Art. University of California Press  
 Hudson, Suzanne. "Painting Now." Catalogue, Thames & Hudson, Mar. 10, 2015.
- 2014 Lyons, Matthew. "Total Body Conditioning." catalogue, Black Dog Publishing.  
 Estefan, Kareem. "Mika Tajima." Bomb, Summer 2014.  
 "Critics' Picks: Mika Tajima," Time Out New York, Mar 27-Apr 2.  
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 Wallace, Ian. "Artist Mika Tajima on Shaping the Human Body Through Sculpture." Artspace, June 3, 2014. Interview.  
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- 2013 Kataoka, Mami, et al. "In Search of Something Fundamental-Beyond Complexity, Contradiction, and Ambiguity." Out of Doubt: Roppongi Crossing, Mori Art Museum, 2014. Exhibition text.
- 2012 "Mika Tajima Face A Maurizio Cattelan." L'Officiel Art, Issue 6 / Fall-Winter 2012. Interview.  
 "Mika Tajima, Interview." Laura, Issue #8, 2012.  
 "Dress Rehearsal: Interview with Mika Tajima." Interview with Patricia Maloney. Art Practical, 3/20/2012  
 Graves, Jen. "All the Trappings." the Stranger, May 2012.  
 Herrara, Natalia Sanchez. "Mika Tajima." Exclama n. 15, Apr. 2012.

- 2011  
 Deutsch, Dina. "Mika Tajima." *Performing Structures*, 2011. Exhibition text  
 Wisniewsk, Lara. "Mika Tajima." *Frieze*, Nov-Dec. 2011.  
 Kunimatsu, Susan. "After the Martini Shot: Mika Tajima at SAM." *International Examiner*, Oct. 2011.  
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 Kley, Elisabeth. "Mika Tajima," *ArtNews*, April 2011  
 Hansen, Rikke, "The Pedestrians," *Art Monthly*, May 2011  
 Chappa, Kristen, "Fire with Fire," *Common Love, Aesthetics of Becoming*, 2011  
 Toal, Drew, "Mika Tajima," *Time Out New York*, January 20-26, 2010
- 2010  
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Sozanski, Edward. "The Art of Decoration," The Philadelphia Inquirer, Oct. 2000.  
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- 1998 Rice, Robin. City Paper (Dec.)
- 1997 Osbourne, Judith. "Women, Men Explore Issues of Femininity." Art Matters (Dec.)

**Awards**

- 2017 New York Artadia Award
- 2015 BMW Art Journey Prize, finalist
- 2012 Pollock Krasner Foundation Award
- 2005 Nominee for the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Initiative Program
- 2004 Artists Space Independent Project Grant
- 2002 World Studio Foundation Scholarship
- 2001 World Studio Foundation Scholarship
- 1997 Barbara Rubin Prize

**Collections**

Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA  
The Fabric Workshop & Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
CCS Bard, Annandale-On-Hudson, NY  
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX  
Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), San Francisco, CA  
FRAC Nord Pas de Calais  
New York Public Library, NY  
The Whitney Museum of American Art, NY  
Yale University, Sterling Library, New Haven, CT  
Albright Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden, Washington DC