

Chikako Watanabe

born in Aichi, Japan, 1969

Lives and works in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Biography

- 1988-1992 Kyoto City University of Art, ceramic department, Japan (B.F.A. 4 year)
- 1992-1994 Kyoto City University of Arts, ceramic department, Japan (M.F.A. 2 year)
- 1995 Part-time lecturer of Kyoto City University of Arts, ceramic department, Japan (1 year)
- 1995-1998 Sandberg Institute applied art department, Amsterdam (M.F.A. 2 year and half)
- 1998-2004 Chiko & Toko Project collaborate with Artist Tomoko Take
- 2001-2002 Artist in Residence, Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten Amsterdam (2 years)
- 2003 Artist in Residence, ruangrupa, Jakarta, Indonesia (3 weeks)
- 2006 Artist in Residence, Akiyoshidai International Art Village, Yamaguchi, Japan (3 weeks)
- 2009 Artist in Residence, Lloyd Hotel & Cultural Embassy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1 year)

Solo Shows (selection)

- 2014 Island Tracing (Schokland – Sakushima) 2012, Benten Salon Gallery, Sakushima, Japan (opening singing performance by Yuka Kawabe)
- 2013 Language in Paradise, Hilvaria Studio's, Hilverenbeek, NL
- 2010 Lloyd Life, (permanent art work) Lloyd Hotel & Cultural Embassy, Amsterdam, NL
- 2008 Animal Trail, Ellen de Bruijne Projects (Dolores), Amsterdam, NL
- 2006 The island which became a hill, Akiyoshidai International Art Village, Yamaguchi, JP
- 2005 chikahome – 2005/Amsterdam/NL, Ellen de Bruijne Projects (Dolores), Amsterdam, NL
- 2001 #001... www.chikahome.nl, Art space Niji, Kyoto, JP
- 2000 Chiko & Toko Cooking !, Stedelijk Museum Bureau Amsterdam, NL (C&T P)
- 1995 Non-verbal Communication, Self-so Art Gallery, Osaka, JP
- 1993 The sun as seen through the nose's hole, GALLERYGALLERY, Kyoto, JP
- 1991 Bird 1991, Voice Gallery, Kyoto, JP

Group Shows (selection)

- 2014 Zomer op de buitenplaats, Buitenplaats Beeckestijn, Velen-Zuid,NL
- 2013 Mo & Friese Children short film (festival part of the 29th International Short Film Festival), Hamburg, DE
- 2012 Mapping Flevoland #1, Island Tracing (Schokland- Sakushima), Museum De Paviljoens, NL
Grote Kunst voor Kreine Mensen,Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL
Grote Kunst voor Kreine Mensen,Villa Zebra, Rotterdam, NL
- 2011 Grote Kunst voor Kreine Mensen, premier in Cinekid (kid film festival), Amsterdam, NL
- 2010 Cultuurnacht Almere 2010,Schouwburg Almere,NL (collaborate with singer Yuka Kawabe)
- 2009 inVINcible, Lloyd Hotel & Culturele Ambassade, Amsterdam, NL
Holland Mania, Stedelijk Museum De Lakenhal(SCHELTEMA), Leiden, NL (Tide, performance collaborate with Yuka Kawabe, mamieMU, Henri Roquas)
Open Source Amsterdam(straat van sculpturen), Bijlmer, NL
- 2007 Tweeëntwintigduizendvijfhonderd;De collectie Almere aanwinsten 2001-2007,Museum De Paviljoens, Almere,NL(Tide, performance collaborate with Yuka Kawabe, mamieMU, Henri Roquas)
The discovery of emerging artists in Aichi, Aichi Arts Center, Nagoya, JP
Spicy Dutch, Stadmuseum IJsselstein, IJsselstein, NL
- 2006 painting & drawing 3, Voice Gallery w, Kyoto, JP
- 2005 SITUATIES / Laboratorium Flevoland,Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL
- 2004 Prisma 100 year (de wasserij), Biezenmortel, NL
Roppongi Crossing, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, JP
- 2003 Neverland, "chikahome – 2003/Arnhem/NL", Museum voor Moderne Kunst Arnhem, NL
Girl! Girl! Girl!, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Tokyo, JP (C&T P)
#001... www.chikahome.nl, Ottakringer Brewery / Museum Sammlung Essl, AT
BLACK MY STORY, "chikahome – 2003/Almere/NL", Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL
- 2002 Open Ateliers 2002, Rijksakademie, Amsterdam, NL
Commitment, Fonds BKVB, Las Palmas, Rotterdam, NL (C&T P)
Rendezvous at Xiamen, Survival Net Project, Chinese European Art Center, Xiamen, CN
- 2001 Kyoto X Amsterdam – New Directions -, Kyoto Art Center, JP
- 2000 Continental Shift, Archen city library, Archen, DE (C&T P)
Ideas for living-part 2, Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL (C&T P)
Sandberg 2,Hoorn,NL
For Real, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, NL (C&T P)
- 1999 Ideas for living, Galerie Micheline Szwajcer, Antwerp (C&T P)
De Toekomst Die Ons Toekomst, Fonds BKVB, Amsterdam, NL (C&T P)
In de ban van de ring, Nippon Centre/Provinciaal Bibliotheek Linburg, Hasselt, BG (C&T P)
- 1998 Rauw op het lijf, Nederlands Foto Instituut, Rotterdam, NL
Moda Mas 17,Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam, NL
Open Ateliers 1998, Rijksakademie van beeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, NL (C&T P)
- 1997 Video Festival, Ars Electronica Center, Linz, AT

- 1996 Het Eet Paleis, Brakke Grond, Amsterdam, NL
- 1995 Satire-Humor-New Joke & of Precept, Gallery Maronie, Kyoto, JP
- 1994 Clay Work, The National Museum of Art Osaka, Osaka, JP
- 1993 Akebono-sou ten'93,'94,'95,Akebono-sou,Kyoto, JP
- 1992 Annex Shigaraki '92,The Museum of Modern Art Shiga, Shiga, JP

* (C&T P) = Chiko & Toko Project, complete collaboration art work with artist Tomoko Take

Commission work

2001-2003 Living & Growing, Municipality Utrecht, in Community Center Odin, Utrecht, NL (C&T P)

Workshops (selection)

- 2010 Temporary Museum in Almere Poort/ Museum De Paviljoens, NL(collaborate with chef Ferri Wouter)
- 2009 Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam Bouwkeet, Amsterdam Zuid-Oost, NL
- 2008 Akiyoshidai International Art Village. Yamaguchi, JP (2 times in Shimonoseki and Suooshima)
- 2007 Museum De Paviljoens / Stadsboerderij, Almere, NL
- 2006 Akiyoshidai International Art Village, Yamaguchi, "Odekake Art", JP (5 different locations in the City)
- 2000 Mix Mix!, For Real, Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, NL (C&T P)
- Chiko & Toko Cooking!, Stedelijk Museum Bureau Amsterdam, NL (4 different workshops) (C&T P)
- Continental Shift, Archen city library / Ludwig Forum Fur Internationale kunst Aachen, DE (C&T P)
- 1999 Go berry wild, MUHKA / Galerie Micheline Szwajcer, Antwerp, BE, (C&T P)

Collections

- 2005 Stadsboerderij Sugoroku 2005, Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL
- 2006 2 sketches for chikahome-2003/Almere/NL,Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL
- 1992 Graduation work selected for the permanent collection of Kyoto City University of Arts, JP

Awards

- 2010 Nominated for the biennial Fritschy Stadscultuurprijs Sittard-Geleen,NL
- 2007 The discovery of emerging artists in Aichi, competition winner, Aichi Art Center, Nagoya, JP
- 1998 Uriot Prize, Rijksakademie canbeeldende kunsten, Amsterdam, NL (C&T P)
- 1994 Excellence award, "In Our Hands, International Competition, Nagoya trade and industry Centre, JP
- 1993 Administrative Award from the association for the improvement of downtown Kyoto, JP

Exhibition Catalogues

- 2014 -Nathalie Faber, Zomeren op de buitenplaats, p. 18, Beeckestijn, Velsen south, NL (A3 size catalogue)
- Miwai Naitou (Office Maching Mole), letter from Sakushima Vol. 40, p.1, p.3, (leaflet)
- 2013 -Jan Doms, Zondagkunst /66, pp. 1-2, Hilvaria Studio's, Hilverenbeek, NL (leaflet)
- 2012 -Interview by Sandra Jongenelen, Mapping Flevoland #1, pp.24-26, Museum De Paviljoens, NL (art book)
- Mapping Flevoland #1, Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL (leaflet)
- 2011 -Nathalie Faber, Grote Kunst voor Kleine Mensen, VISITING THE NEIGHBOURS (DVD art book, English/Dutch)
- 2009 -Machiko Harada Trails_, AIAV 10th Anniversary, pp.22-25, p.81 AIAV Yamaguchi, JP (art book)
- Nicole Roepers, Holland Mania, Stedelijk Museum De Lakenhal, Leiden, NL pp. 50-53
- Tanja Elsgeest / Nicole Roepers, utopish nest curatorial partnership, SCHELTEMA, Leiden, NL (art book)
- Tanja Elsgeest, Smaakmakend Scheltema Kunst Festival, Land of the rising sense Japan, Leiden, NL
- Lakenhal NIEUWS, Special edition of Holland Mania, Stedelijk Museum De Lakenhal, Leiden, NL (leaflet)
- Helga Lasschuijt, Open Source Amsterdam, Bezoekersgids, pp. 30-31, 74-75
- 2008 -Machiko Harada, trails_#2_Chikako Watanabe Knitting Club, AIAV, Yamaguchi, JP (leaflet)
- 2007 -Tide , Museum De Paviljoens, Almere, NL (invitation)
- 2006 -Machiko Harada, The island which became a hill, AIAV, Yamaguchi, JP
- 2004 -Jan Doms, Prisma 100 year, "chikahome – 2004/Biezenmortel /NL",de wasserij, Biezenmortel, NL, pp.1-4
- Hisako Hara, Roppongi Crossing, Mori Art Museum, Tokyo, JP, pp.261-264, pp. 333-334
- 2003 -Nov Amenomori "...a planet glowing with a strange light" Black My Story, Museum De Paviljoens, NL, pp.115-120, 131-150, 153-155 (Art Book)
- Machteld Leij "chikahome" conflicts/resolution, art position, Summlung Essl AT, pp.48-53, pp.96-97
- Joke Alkema, Sjoerd Westbroek "chikahome-2003/Arnhem/NL," Neverland, "Chikako Watanabe (interview), Museum voor Moderne Kunst Arnhem, NL, pp.20-21, pp.40-41
- 2002 -Lexter Breack, Edwin Janssen, Commitment, Het Fonds voor beeldende kunsten vormgeving en bouwkunst, Amsterdam, pp.33-34, NL (C&T P)
- 2000 -Wolfgang Becker, Alexander van Grevenstein, Anke van der Laan, Françoise Sfin-Crahay, Gregor Jansen, Chiko & Toko Project, Continental Shift, Ludwig Forum Fur Internationale kunst Aachen / Bonnefantenmuseum Maastricht / Stadsgalerij Heerlen / Musee d'Art moderne et d'Art contemporain Liege, pp. 24-25 (C&T P)
- Martijn van Nieuwenhuyzen, Chiko & Toko Cooking!, Chiko & Toko Cooking! Stedelijk Museum Bureau Amsterdam, pp.1-8, NL (C&T P)
- Femke Lutgerink, Arjen Mulder, Martijn van Nieuwenhuyzen, Jorinede Seijdel, Hripsime Visser, Chiko & Toko Project, -For Real, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, pp.80-83 (C&T P)
- 1999 -Jan-Willem Poels, Chiko & Toko Project, Ideas for living, Galerie Micheline Szwajcer, BE (C&T P)
- Chiko & Toko Project, De Toekomst Die Ons Toekomst, Het Fonds voor beeldende kunsten vormgeving en bouwkunst, p.8, NL (C&T P)

Televisions

2011 Jan themakanaal Z@ppelin24, Dutch television, NL
2011 Jan KRO Kindertijd, Dutch television, NL
2009 9 May RTV-NH, Opening for Open Source Amsterdam, Dutch television, NL
2006 19 June NHK, Yamaguchi local news, 10min. live show, Japanese national television, JP
2006 1 Jan Ned. 3, Schepperdeschep Nederlandse televisie, NL
2005 Sep Almere nieuws, Nederlandse lokale televisie, NL
2004 Mar SPTV, Zwitserse lokale televisie, CH
1998 Sep RAI 3, cultuur programma Italiaanse televisie, IT

Publications (selection)

2014 4 July De Volkskrant, "Folly's op Beekestijn" text by Bob Witman, NL
2014 June-Sep Poster of "Zomeren op de buitenplaats", in the public space, NL
2014 June-Aug Poster of "Island Tracing (Schokland-Sakushima)", in the public space, JP
2012 Lloyd Hotel & Cultural Embassy's information leaflet, NL
2011 Ton ton No.3 The Netherlands, For kids Art magazine (leaflet), JP
2012 July-Aug Billboard and poster of "Mapping Flevoland #1" in the station (Amsterdam, Den Haag, Rotterdam), NL
2011 20 Oct De Volkskrant, "Grote kunst voor kleine mensen" text by Merel Bem, NL
2009 10 June "Japans Kunstenaars prikkelen zintuigen in Scheltema" text by Theo de With, NL
2009 10 June Leids Nieuw Weekblad, "Land of the rising Sense", NL
2009 14 June "Ik word hier heerlijk rustig van" text by Susanne Lammers, NL
2009 June LEVEN, "Nederland door andere ogen" text by Sigrid de Zwart,
2009 17 June Leids Nieuwsblad, "Ode aan het leven met water en ritme van de zee" text by Cathy van Driesten, NL
2007 4 June Almere Vandaag, "De boerderij is Kunst, kijk naar de koeien", NL
2007 NRC Next, "Jonge en frisse collectie", NL
2007 July-Sep "Spicy Dutch" text by Karen Dusing, NL
2006 10 June Yamaguchi newspaper, workshop in local school, JP
2005 10 Sep De Gooi-en Eemlander, "Ganzenbordspel over leven Almeerse stadsboer", NL
2005 7 Sep Almere Vandaag, "Japans ganzenbord", NL
2005 7 Sep De Almere, "Japans dobbelspel bij Museum De Paviljoens", NL
2005 7 Sep Almere Vandaag, "Leven als stadsboer", NL
2005 26 Aug De Groene Amsterdammer, NL
2004 April Marie Claire text by Akiko Nakamura, JP
2003 6 Nov De Volkskrant, "Agenda/Arnhem Land in chikahuis, p.1, 21", NL
2003 Oct Neverland, Museumkrant, Museum voor Moderne Kunst Arnhem, pp. 10-11, NL
2003 Shoten Kenchiku, No.608, news column, "chikahome-2003/Almere/NL" text by Hisako Hara, p.75, JP
2003 July Breaker vol.03, log-Osaka web magazine, Foundation of Osaka city community text by Nov Amenomori, JP
2003 April Mr. High Fashion," connected, The Netherlands – Japan van Alexander van Slobbe & Gustaf Beumer"
Text by Guus Beumer , JP
2003 Mar Luca No.2 text by Ayako Yoshimura, JP
2001 30 Nov De Telegraaf , "Keelzangers en een dood paard in Open Ateliers", NL
2001 29 Nov NRC Handelsblad , NL
2001 May Migros Museum fur Gegenwartskunst, Zurich, no.5 "material 4 " text by Tein Wolf, pp. 98-99, (C&T P)
Martijn van Nieuwenhuysen, Chiko & Toko kochen (text from the catalogue Chiko & Toko Cooking!
Stedelijk Museum Bureau Amsterdam, 2000), CH
2001 11 Oct Osaka Mainichi News text by Keiko Kishi, JP
2001 Mar Textiel Plus Magazine, NL
2000 29 Sep De Telegraaf , "Herinneringen aan een kenstwerk" text by Paola van de Velde, NL (C&T P)
2000 11 Aug De Telegraaf "Kinderkookcafe in Amsaterdamse galerie" text by Casper can der Kruit , NL (C&T P)
2000 1 Aug "Lekker lachen in het Stedelijk, Amsterdam Stadsblad Centrum" NL (C&T P)
2000 1 Aug NRC handelsblad, "Roze puree van duo Chiko & Toko" text by Sandra van Voss Heerema , Rotterdam (C&T P)
2000 26 Jul De Volkskrant, "Kinderplezier onder strakke regie", NL (C&T P)
2000 Jan-Feb TOKION NEW ISSUE , Richard Cameron (drive-in production) Chiko & Toko Project "new high media Japan",
no.16 p. 33, JP (C&T P)
1999 Sep the dummy speaks, "Chiko & Toko Project, Nepue" text by Hanne Hagenaars , no.01 pp.41-42, NL (C&T P)
1999 Aug-Sep Metropolis M, Richard Cameron, Karin Ras (Drive-in productions), Chiko & Toko Proposal for Chiko & Toko
Cooking, a children's program, Amsterdam, no.4 pp.43,44 NL (C&T P)
1999 30 Mar De Morgen, "Ideen voor het leven" text by Luk Lambrecht , (C&T P)
1999 24 Mar De Financieel Economische Fpd, "Stof tot nadenken" text by Els Roelandt, BE (C&T P)
1999 17 Mar De Standaard , "Kunst voor alledag" text by Edith Doove, NL (C&T P)
1998 27 April De Volkskrant , text by Pauline Terreehorst, NL
1998 27 April Het Parool , text by Edith Schoots, NL
1998 28 April Het Pasrool, text by Marina de Vries, NL
1998 June Item magazine 4, text by Pao Lien Dije, NL
1998 June CJP cultureel magazine, NL
1998 30 Nov Zwolle Courant, text by Fleur Besters, NL
1997 14 June De Volkskrant, "De inwendige mens" text by Patrick Faas, NL