

# GAJIN FUJITA

## Biography

1972 Born in Los Angeles, CA

## Education

2000 Master of Fine Arts, University of Nevada, NV  
1997 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Otis College of Art and Design, CA

## Solo Exhibitions

2023 *Gajin Fujita: True Colors*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 29 March - 6 May 2023 (catalogue)  
2022-23 *New Work by Matt Wedel and Gajin Fujita*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 16 November 2022 - 7 January 2023  
2019 *Gajin Fujita*, Frieze Los Angeles, Paramount Pictures Studio, Los Angeles, CA, 14 February - 17 February 2019  
2015 *Warriors, Ghosts and Ancient Gods of the Pacific*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 27 May - 3 July 2015  
*Gajin Fujita*, Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN, 10 April - 7 June 2015  
2014 *Gajin Fujita: Drawings*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 March - 26 April 2014  
2012 *Gajin Fujita: Ukiyo-e in Contemporary Painting*, Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA, 20 April - 7 October 2012  
2011 *Made in L.A.*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 13 October - 26 November 2011 (catalogue)  
2008 *Pacific Tsunami*, Haunch of Venison, London, 25 April - 25 May 2008 (catalogue)  
2006 *Twilight Blush*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 16 November - 30 December 2006  
*Zephyr: Paintings by Gajin Fujita*, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO, 8 September - 5 November 2006 (catalogue)  
2005 *Contemporary Projects 9: Gajin Fujita and Pablo Vargas Lugo*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, 27 October - 12 February 2005  
2004 *Gajin Fujita*, Galerie Rolf Ricke, Cologne, Germany, 28 October - 14 December 2004  
2003 *Gajin Fujita*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY, 18 October - 29 November 2003  
2002 *Gajin Fujita: Wicked Beauty*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 12 September - 12 October 2002  
*Floating World Redux: Gajin Fujita and Yasumasa Morimura*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC, 11 August - 13 October 2002  
2001 *Gajin Fujita*, Galerie Rolf Ricke, Cologne, Germany  
2000 *Gajin Fujita*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
1999 *Gajin Fujita*, Archie Grant Hall Gallery, Las Vegas, NV

## Select Group Exhibitions

2023 *The Culture: Hip Hop and Contemporary Art in the 21st Century*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD, 5 April - 19 July 2023; traveled to Saint Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, MO, 26 August 2023 - 1 January 2024; Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH, 28 June - 29 September 2023; Art Gallery of Ontario, Ontario, Canada, 23 November 2024 - 23 March 2025 (catalogue)  
*Permanent Collection Exhibition*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
2022-23 *A Decade of Collecting*, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL, 15 October 2022 - 22 December 2023

- Gilded: Contemporary Artists Explore Value & Worth*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC, 10 September 2022 - 9 April 2023; traveled to Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN (2023); Hood Museum at Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH (2024)
- Lasorda Legacy: A Tribute to Baseball & Dodgers Legend Tommy Lasorda*, Fullerton Museum College, Fullerton, CA, 10 September - 30 December 2022
- DIFY Diaspora: In Memory of Dave Hickey*, Donna Beam Gallery, UNLV, Las Vegas, NV, 29 August - 7 October 2022
- Loveline*, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA, 10 June - 2 October 2022
- Us: An Art Event to Benefit Border Kindness*, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 16 April - 17 April 2022
- Beyond the Frame: Celebrating 70 Years of Collection*, Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN, 28 January - 1 May 2022
- 2021 *No Mask is Wholly a Mask*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 14 September - 16 October 2021
- Art and Hope at the End of the Tunnel*, curated by Edward Goldman, USC Fisher Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, 10 September - 9 December 2021
- Magic Dance*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 9 March - 1 May 2021
- Artists and Poems: Los Angeles 2021*, curated by members of the Durden and Ray curatorial collective, Suturo (online exhibition)
- 2020-21 *45 at 45: L.A. Louver Celebrates 45 Years with 45 Artists*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 20 October 2020 - 16 January 2021
- ONLINE: One World*, Fabien Castanier Gallery, Miami, FL, 18 April - 31 May 2020
- In Verbis Artis*, Hoffmitz Milken Center for Typography, Pasadena, CA, 22 February - 23 May 2020 (catalogue)
- 2019-20 *Good Sports*, The Public Trust, Dallas, TX, 23 November 2019 - 18 January 2020
- L.A. on Fire*, Wilding Cran Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 10 November 2019 - 5 January 2020 (catalogue)
- Made in California: Art + Photographic Portraits of Artists by Shimabukuro*, Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art (RAFFMA), University of California, San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA, 5 October - 7 December 2019
- Centennial: 100 Years of Otis Alumni*, Ben Maltz Gallery, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA, 7 September - 7 December 2019
- BETWEEN THEM: An Installation Composed of Drawings*, Todd Hosfelt Gallery, San Francisco, CA, 13 July - 17 August 2019
- Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 1 May - 8 June 2019
- Tsuruya Kōkei: Modern Kabuki Prints Revised & Revisited*, USC Pacific Asia Museum, University of Southern California (USC), Pasadena, CA, 8 February - 14 July 2019; traveled to Asia Society Texas Center, Houston, TX, 14 September 2019 - 26 January 2020
- 2018 *Here*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 25 October 2018 - 6 January 2019
- Sights & Sounds: Art, Nature, and the Senses*, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH, 21 July 2018 - 24 February 2019
- Greater than L.A.*, Desert Center, Los Angeles, CA, 21 June - 21 July 2018
- Evolver*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 20 June - 17 August 2018
- Don't Believe The Hype: LA Asian Americans in Hip Hop*, Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles, CA, 18 May - 9 December 2018
- Beyond The Streets*, Werkartz, Los Angeles, CA, 6 May - 26 August 2018; traveled to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY, 21 June - 30 August 2019 (catalogue)
- 2017-18 *Dark Progressivism: The Built Environment* [PST: LA/LA], Museum of Art and History, Lancaster, CA, 11 November 2017 - 14 January 2018
- Jong geleerd! een keuze uit de collectie Swagemakers [So It Grows! A Selection from the Swagemakers Collection]*, Centraal Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 27 January - 7 May 2017 (catalogue)
- 2016 *Roll Call: 11 Artists from L.A.*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 16 November 2016 - 14 January 2017

- Southland*, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, 23 July - 27 August 2016  
*Displacement: Symbols and Journeys*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL, 21 May - 4 September 2016 (catalogue)
- 2014 *Los Angeles: AFTERMATH*, Robert Graham Studio, Culver City, CA, 7 April - 28 May 2016  
*Conversations Through the Asian Collections*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, 25 October 2014 - 4 October 2015  
*SCRATCH*, curated by David Brafman, El Segundo Museum of Art, El Segundo, CA, 8 June - 21 September 2014  
*LA Heat: Mouth Altering Condiments*, Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles, CA, 13 March - 13 July 2014 (catalogue)
- 2013 *Ride or Die*, Kemper at the Crossroads, Kansas City, MO, 6 September - 6 December 2013  
*Lenk: My Kind of Disneyland*, Märkisches Museum Witten, Witten, Germany, 1 April - 19 May 2013 (catalogue)  
*Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 28 February - 30 May 2013  
*Lust Letters*, Coagula Curatorial, Los Angeles, CA, 16 February 2013
- 2012 *Group Exhibition*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 6 September - 6 October 2012  
*Big Art*, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL, 18 June - 4 November 2012  
*Art 43 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 14 June - 17 June 2012  
*Gold*, Museum Belvedere, Vienna, Austria, 15 March - 17 June 2012 (catalogue)  
*LA St. Seen*, Red Arrow Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*Curiosity*, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, North Adams, MA
- 2011 *Edo Pop: The Graphic Impact of Japanese Woodblock Prints*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN, 30 October 2011 - 8 January 2012  
*Works on Paper*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 21 July - 27 August 2011  
*Art 42 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 15 June - 19 June 2011  
*Beyond Bling: The Influence of Hip Hop Culture in Contemporary Art*, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL, 4 May - 23 August 2011 (catalogue)  
*Gateway Japan*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA, 26 March - 3 April 2011
- 2010 *Street Text: Art from the Coasts and the Populist Phenomenon*, 516 ARTS, Albuquerque, NM, 2 October - 11 December 2010  
*Able-Bodied*, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, University of Nevada Las Vegas, NV, 9 September - 23 October 2010  
*Desire: Six Los Angeles Artists*, Pasadena Museum of Art, Pasadena, CA, 18 July - 31 October 2010  
*L.A. Invisible City*, Instituto Cervantes, Madrid, Spain, 12 February - 21 March 2010; traveled to New Delhi, India and Tokyo, Japan (catalogue)  
*Desire*, Blanton Museum of Art, The University of Austin, Texas, Austin, TX, 5 February - 25 April 2010 (catalogue)
- 2009 *Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 12 November - 31 December 2009  
*Construct and Dissolve Works on Paper by Artists from Los Angeles*, Sabine Kunst, Munich, Germany, 9 September 2009 - 25 April 2010  
*All American: Defining Ourselves in a Time of Change*, Salt Lake Art Center, Salt Lake City, UT, 1 July - 31 October 2009  
*Art 40 Basel*, International Art Show, Basel, Switzerland, 10 June - 14 June 2009  
*Pictures of Words*, curated by David Pagel, Galerie Schmidt Maczollek, Cologne, Germany, 10 June - 14 June 2009  
*Group Show*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 15 May - 3 July 2009  
*Plastic Culture: Legacies of Pop 1986-2008*, Harris Museum and Art Gallery, Lancashire, England, 28 March - 30 May 2009; traveled to The Exchange, Penzance, 11 July - 2 October 2009 and Bradford 1, 13 November 2009- 7 February 2010 (catalogue)
- 2008-09 *Prospect.1 New Orleans*, Prospect.1 New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, 1 November 2008 - 18 January 2009 (catalogue)  
*Reclaiming: Inter-generation*, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA, 3 October - 5 October 2008  
*Art 39 Basel*, International Art Show, Basel, Switzerland, 4 June - 8 June 2008

- In the Land of Retinal Delights: The Juxtapose Factor*, Laguna Museum of Art, Laguna Beach, CA, 1 June - 31 October 2008 (catalogue)
- Out of Shape: Stylistic Distortions of the Human Form in Art From the Logan Collection*, The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, 14 March - 8 June 2008 (catalogue)
- Las Vegas Diaspora: The Emergence of Contemporary Art*, curated by David Hickey, Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, NV, 30 September - 30 December 2007; traveled to Laguna Museum of Art, Laguna Beach, California, 9 March - 1 June 2008 (catalogue)
- 2007 *Art 38 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
- L.A. Louver at the ADAA Art Show*, Art Dealers Association of America, New York, NY, 22 February - 26 February 2007
- 2006 *Japan Inc.*, Kravets Wehby, New York, NY, 11 January - 24 February 2007
- Negotiating Reality: Works from the Logan Collection*, Victoria Myhren gallery, University of Denver, Denver, CO, 6 September - 19 November 2006 (catalogue)
- Art 37 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 14 June - 18 June 2006
- Reflections of Beauty: Woman of Japan's Floating World*, USC Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA, 10 March - 2 July 2006
- Otis L.A.: Nine Decades of Los Angeles Art*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Barnsdall Art Park, Los Angeles, CA, 20 January - 2 April 2006 (catalogue)
- 2005 *Drawn*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, 10 September - 15 October 2005
- POPulence*, Blaffer Gallery, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 25 June - 27 August 2005; traveled to Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH; Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC (catalogue)
- Art 36 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 15 June 2005 - 20 June 2005
- Color-Pattern-Grid*, Austin Museum of Art, Austin, TX, 5 March - 15 May 2005
- Art Attack*, Sam Francis gallery, Santa Monica, CA, 17 February - 23 March 2005
- Sweet Temptations*, Kunstmuseum St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland, 6 February - 16 May 2005
- 2004 *The Charged Image: Works from the Collection of Douglas S. Cramer*, Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, 7 September - 17 October 2004 (catalogue)
- Art 35 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 16 June - 21 June 2004
- 2003 *Outlook: International Art Exhibition Athens*, Athens, Greece, 25 October - 25 January 2003 (catalogue)
- Art 34 Basel*, International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland, 18 June - 23 June 2003
- L.A. Louver at the Art Dealers Association of America (ADAA) Art Show*, New York, NY, 20 February - 24 February 2003
- 2002 *Talking Pieces: Text and Image in Contemporary Art*, Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany, 20 October - 12 January 2002 (catalogue)
- 21 Paintings from L.A.*, Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum, California State University, San Bernardino, CA, 19 September - 16 November 2002 (catalogue)
- The Dubrow Biennial*, Kagan Martos Gallery, New York, NY
- Subject Matters: An Exhibition of Subject Driven Art*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY
- 2001 *Rogue Wave '01: Eleven Artists From Los Angeles*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, 29 June - 1 September 2001 (catalogue)
- Casino 2001*, Stedelijk Museum Voor Actuele Kunst, Ghent, Belgium
- Beau Monde: Toward a Redeemed Cosmopolitanism*, Site Santa Fe's 4th International Biennial, Santa Fe, NM (catalogue)
- Installed Collection/Collections Installed*, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Zimmerli Museum of Art, New Brunswick, NJ
- Summer Group Show*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY
- Hard Boiled Wonderland*, curated by Julie Joyce, Luckman Gallery, Los Angeles, CA State University of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
- Spring*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY
- Before They Became Who They Are*, curated by Norman Dubrow, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY

- The Armory Show, New York, NY  
 Art Frankfurt 2001, Frankfurt, Germany
- 2000 *MFA Thesis Exhibition: Gajin Fujita and Kevin Bays*, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV  
*Collectors Choice*, Exit Art, New York, NY  
*Tan Lines*, curated by Jane Callister, Purple Orchid Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Radar Love*, curated by David Pagel, Galleria Marabini, Bologna, Italy  
*Ultralounge: The Return of Social Space (with Cocktails)*, curated by David Hickey, Nevada Institute of Contemporary Art, Las Vegas, NV
- 1999 *New American Talent 15*, curated by David Pagel, Texas Fine Arts Association, Austin, TX  
*Other Paintings*, curated by Julie Joyce, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA  
*Summer Group Show*, Kravets Wehby Gallery, New York, NY  
 Action Space, Los Angeles, CA  
*Annual Shikishi Exhibition*, George J. Doizaki Gallery, Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, Los Angeles, CA
- 1998 Vincent Price Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
 Little Theater of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV  
*Art is Movement Graffiti Show*, Cal Poly Pomona University, Pomona, CA  
*DADA Show LA*, Los Angeles, CA  
*Leimert Park, Los Angeles Hip Hop Video Show*, Los Angeles, CA  
 Zero One Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
 LA Artcore, Brewery Annex Show, Los Angeles, CA  
*Normally I Wouldn't This Kind of Thing Show*, OTIS College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA  
*Bolsky Gallery*, curated by Terry Myers, Westchester, CA
- 1996 *LASO Group Show*, Luna Sol Cafe, Los Angeles, CA  
*DADA Show Downtown*, Los Angeles, CA
- 1995 *Dia De Las Muertas*, The Latino Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*DADA Tour*, Japanese Pavilion, Los Angeles, CA

### Commissions

- 2013 *Mural, based-on "Tail Whip," 2007*, La Jolla Community Foundation, Fay Avenue, La Jolla, CA
- 2012-13 *Big Art*, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
- 2001 *Beau Monde*, logo mural, Site Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM
- 1993 *Mural, Homeboy Tortillas*, 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA
- 1992 *Mural, Education/Anti -Gang Efforts*, 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA
- 1990 *Mural, Earth Day, EC 2000*, Pico and Union, Los Angeles, CA
- 1989 *Mural, Flight to The Angel*, 3rd & Crocker, Los Angeles, CA

### Special Projects

- 2019 Los Angeles Public Library Limited Edition Library Card

### Selected Talks and Lectures

- 2023 *Honored Speaker, 2023 West Coast Gala*, American Friends of the Israel Museum at The Maybourne Beverly Hills, March 21, Beverly Hills, CA
- 2021 *3 Artists In Conversation With Dulce Soledad Ibarra: Gajin Fujita, Alfonso Gonzalez Jr., and Devin Reynolds*, USC Fisher Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, November 5  
*Artist Talk: L.A. Futurism with Kohshin Finley, Gajin Fujita, Patrick Martinez and Gabriella Sanchez*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, January 13
- 2020 *Artist Conversation: Gajin Fujita and Matt Wedel*. Virtual Event hosted by L.A. Louver, July 10  
*Art Workshop with Gajin Fujita*, Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, CA, January 11



- 2019 *Ulrich Virtual Artist Talk | Gajin Fujita*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS, September 15  
*Writing on the Wall: Gajin Fujita and Shepard Fairey in conversation with Josh Kun*, Mark Taper Auditorium, Los Angeles Central Library, Los Angeles, CA, October 12  
*Art Workshop with students from Oscar De La Hoya Ánimo Charter High School*, Los Angeles Public Library, Robert Louis Stevenson Branch, Los Angeles, CA, July 12
- 2016 *Roll Call Panel Discussion: Neighborhood Offerings—6 Artists on their L.A.*, with David Cavazos (Big Sleeps), Fabian Debora, Gajin Fujita, Patrick Martinez, Retna and Jesse Simon, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, December 13  
*Roll Call Panel Discussion: The History of L.A. Graffiti*, with Chaz Bojorquez, Gajin Fujita, Slick, and Steve Grody, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, November 29
- 2015 *Gajin Fujita & Ilona Katzew in Conversation*, L.A. Louver, Venice, CA, April 17  
*Art Wise: Gajin Fujita*, Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN, May 14

### **Grants and Awards**

- 2019 Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, CA

### **Collections**

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
 Creative Artists Agency, Beverly Hills, CA  
 Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
 Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA  
 Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
 Hunter Museum, Chattanooga, TN  
 Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO  
 Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
 Pacific Asia Museum, Pasadena, CA  
 The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL  
 The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
 Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH  
 U.S. Biennial Inc/Prospect New Orleans, New Orleans, LA  
 Ulrich Museum, Wichita, KS