

AIKO

AIKO was born and raised in Tokyo before moving to New York City in the mid-90's.

Already creating art since a young age, her art career in NYC began when she started working for Takashi Murakami. She apprenticed in Murakami's studio in Brooklyn and worked for him until the late 90's going on to a direct a digital biography on the artist ("Superflat" 1998). AIKO continued to practice her own art and after leaving Murakami's studio graduated from The New School University where she finished her MFA Media Studies and later met up with two American artists, the three of them would come to establish the group now known as FAILE. Creating work within the collective locally and abroad for a number of years, she moved on and established herself as AIKO in 2006.

AIKO's the most significant BUNNY stencil was originally created in 2005 at Banksy's studio in London where she used to spend time with him as fellow artist. The first BUNNY was sprayed and tested on his studio's bathroom. Since then, AIKO has been traveling with the stencil and spraying all over the world. It is symbol of her love, peace, independency and freedom.

AIKO continues to create work in the studio as well as public space. She is acclaimed in the contemporary art world and well-respected within the international graffiti and street art scene. She had a two-person show "Brick Ladies" with Lady Pink in Brooklyn in 2008, and she worked with Banksy on "Exit Through the Gift Shop" in 2010. Her large scale works indoors and outdoors are installed in many cities, including Miami's Wynwood Walls in 2009, New York City's Bowery Wall in 2013, and Coney Art Walls in 2015/2016/2017, all three curated by Jeffrey Deitch. AIKO has also been involved in a large collection of group shows from "Animamix Biennale" at Shanghai's MoCA in 2009, "Edo Pop" at Japan Society NYC in 2013, BEYOND THE STREETS LA/NY/London in 2018/2019/2023 to her more solo show, "Sweet Heart" at The Outsiders Gallery in the UK in 2014 and Lady Go at Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum in 2018.

AIKO has also been commissioned to create works in collaboration with Louis Vuitton, FENDI, Coach, Apple, Microsoft, Estée Lauder, Kiehl's, The Standard, W Hotel, Sanrio Hello Kitty, Isetan, Warner Bros., RED, Pepsi, Reebok, WTC and former First Lady Michelle Obama etc. Currently AIKO is focusing on studio practice and commissions at her studio in financial district, NYC.

SOLO PROJECT

2022 Showcase for WPP 'Making Space', WTC NY
2022 AIKO x Pearl Jam Tour Poster
2020 AIKO BOOK released by Beyond The Streets
2020 AIKO x Estée Lauder Limited edition products
2018 Artist Residency at Museum Quartier & Solo exhibition at Jan Arnold Gallery, Vienna Austria
2018 Lady Go! Solo exhibition at Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum- Shizuoka, Japan
2018 "AMERICAN DREAM" limited edition wood block prints by Adachi Hanga, Tokyo Japan
2018 AIKO x Reebok SS2018 collection
2017 Roskilde Festival Orange Stage Wall - Denmark
2015 EDO CITY GIRL at Ink_d Gallery - Brighton UK
2015 LADY BUTTERFLY Limited Edition Sculpture/ Pink Gold
2014 SWEETHEART at The Outsiders Gallery - Newcastle UK
2014 AIKO's Bunny Party at Gallery Brooklyn - Brooklyn NY
2014 AIKO x ISETAN Window Dispray Project - ISETAN Tokyo Japan
2013 LADY BUTTERFLY Limited Edition Sculpture/ Pearl White
2013 FOULARDS D'ARTISTES, AIKO x Louis Vuitton
2012 The Bowery Wall- NYC

2012 LADY BUTTERFLY Limited Edition Sculpture/ Cherry
2012 AFTER A LONG TIME Exhibition at Merry Karnowsky Gallery- LA
2011 UNSTOPPABLE WAVES LONDON Exhibition at PURE EVIL Gallery - London, UK
2011 UNSTOPPABLE WAVES Exhibition at Andenken Gallery - Amsterdam, The Netherlands 2011
LADY BUTTERFLY Limited Edition Sculpture/ Black&Silver
2010 HERE'S FUN FOR EVERYONE Exhibition at Andrew James Art- Shanghai, China
2010 The Standard Stairwell Project at The Standard - NY& Hollywood LA
2009 LOVE MONSTER Exhibition at Joshua Liner Gallery- Chealsea NY
2008 SHUT UP and LOOK Exhibition at Brooklynite Gallery-Brooklyn, NY
2008 AIKO "Lady Kill" and "Vandarismo" print release with POW - London, England
2008 AIKO BUNNY - KID ROBOT© Limited Edition Vinyl Figure

GUEST LECTURES & PANEL DISCUSSION

2022 Street Heroins Screening and Panel discussion- Nighthawk Cinema NYC
2022 WPP Making Space, NYC
2021 Martha : A PICTURE STORY, Fotografiska NY
2019 Panel Discussion at Scope Art Fair, Miami FL
2019 Street Art Festival, NYC
2018 Getty Museum x Life WTR
2018 Panel Discussion at Ludlow House hosted by Sotheby's & Scope Art Fair- NYC
2014 Panel Discussion at Hello Kitty Con at Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles
2014 Panel Discussion at POW WOW Hawaii
2014 ISETAN New Year AD campain & Panel Talk , Tokyo Japan
2013 Guest Lecture at NUART Festival, Stavanger Norway
2013 Street Art at The City University of New York
2011 STREET SCIENCE panel discussion "Graffiti vs Street Art", Rotterdam The Netherlands
2008 "Street art" with Charlie Ahearn at School of Visual Art - NYC
2008 "History of Graffiti and Street Art" with Martha Cooper at Kyoto Zokei University - Kyoto
Japan
2008 BROOKLYN MUSEUM Panel Discussion - "Envisioning Japan"
Creative Dialogues with the Wider World
2008 BROOKLYN MUSEUM "Visual Release: Gender, Art, Representation and Exchange," Apart
of the museum's Murakami Love and Pop symposium

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY

2020 Street Heroins
2015 Bitch I'm Madonna, Music Video
2010 Exit Through The Gift Shop
1998 Takashi Murakami's Super Flat

SELECTED MURAL WORKS

2023 STRAAT MUSEUM, Amsterdam Netherland
2022 Wunderman Thompson WTC, NY
2021 THE WYNWOOD WALLS, Miami FL
2021 Urban Nation Museum- Berlin Germany
2020 World Trade Center "Top Of the World, Love letter for NYC" Mural, NYC
2019 VIBLISSiMO, NYC
2019 Palms Casino Resort-Las Vegas, NV
2019 Roskilde Festival
2019 Levi's Harajuku Flagshio Store - Tokyo Japan
2019 Alchemist, Copenhagen Denmark
2018 Industry City Japan Village, Brooklyn NY
2018 Roskilde Festival
2018 20x21 EUG Mural Project, Eugene Oregon
2017 Roskilde Festival Grand Wall- Denmark
2017 W hotel - Bellevue WA
2016 W hotel - Times Sq NY
2016 Coney Art Walls - Coney Island NY
2016 Way Home Festival - Ontario Canada
2016 Dubai Walls- Dubai UAE
2015 Coney Art Walls- Brooklyn NY
2015 W hotel - Times Sq NY
2015 Japan Festival - Brighton UK
2015 Start India - New Delhi India
2014 Outdoor Urban Art Festival - Rome Italy
2014 W hotel - Washington DC
2014 Pow Wow - Hawaii
2013 NUART Festival - Stavanger Norway
2012 The Venetian- Las Vegas
2009 THE WYNWOOD WALLS by Jeffrey Deitch and Tony Goldman- Miami USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 City As Studio, Jeffrey Deitch Gallery K11 Art Foundation, Hong Kong
2023 Beyond The Streets, Saatchi Gallery, London UK
2022 KNOWN- Curated by Known Gallery, NTWK
2021 On The Road - 212 Arts, NY
2021 Beyond The Street - NTWRK
2021 Path Of Rhythm- Outlaw Arts NYC
2021 Beyond The Street On Paper - South Hampton NY
2021 NY IS OK Group show curated by AIKO - Trotter & Sholer GalleryNYC
2021 LOIUS VUITTON & - Jing Tokyo
2020 Beyond The Streets- NTWK
2020 Art Basel On Beach Street Curated by 212 Art and WALL WORKS ,NYC
2019 IN BLACK AND WHITE Curated by Juxtapoze Magazine, Miami FL
2019 Louis Vuitton X, Los Angeles CA
2019 Beyond The Street - NY
2019 FENDI CRAFF - Batsu Art Gallery, Tokyo Japan
2018 Beyond The Street - Los Angeles CA
2018 A COLOSSAL WORLD: JAPANESE ARTISTS AND NEW YORK, 1950S-PRESENT-
White Box NY
2017 Street Master with Sotheby's - Fat Free Gallery NY

2017 Unruly Suspects – Unruly Gallery Amsterdam Netherland
2017 Fem.is.in – Fat Free Gallery NY
2017 Magic City – Munich Germany
2016 Magic City- Dresden Germany
2016 New York State Of Mind – Porchlight Chelsea NY
2016 Powerful / Beautiful Group show – Wallworks Bronx NY
2016 Group exhibition Bunny Party – HG Contemporary NY
2016 Stenciled – Station 16, Montreal Canada
2016 Still Here – Lazarides, London UK
2016 Moment In Time – Saatchi Gallery, London UK
2015 Group exhibition Bunny Party – Art Bastion Gallery Miami
2015 Some Place Like Home – Rumney Guggenheim Gallery NY
2015 RE:Kontemporary “Fermented Souls” – Waterfall Mansion Gallery NY
2015 A 35 Year Survey of Stencil Based Compositions- Dorian Gray Gallery NY
2015 Coney Art Walls- Brooklyn NY
2015 Bunny House installation for Urban Art Biennale – Voelklinger Huette, Germany
2015 Cut It Out- Urban Nation- Berlin Germany
2014 ARTMUC – Munich Germany
2014 War Child group exhibition – Bonhams Auctionhouse, NY
2014 Taking Back The Streets Exhibition – Long View Gallery Washington DC
2014 Push It Group Exhibition – ArtNow NY
2013 Wynwood Walls ‘Woman on the Walls’ Group exhibition – Miami USA
2013 AND I AM THE ARROW- Reed Project – Norway
2013 sten(t)-sæl : Stencil Art Group Show – Vertical Gallery Chicago USA
2013 Wooster Collective 10 years anniversary – Jonathan Levine Gallery-NY USA
2013 EDO POP- Japan Society NY ISA
2012 Hello Kitty Hello Art – Open House Gallery NY USA
2012 Argumented Reality – Wynwood Walls Miami USA
2012 Détournement – Jonathan Levine Gallery-NY USA
2012 Girls Going Wilde- Phantom Gallery St. Louis USA
2012 Tokyo Love Show at Omotesando Hills- Tokyo Japan
2012 MBE Group Exhibition at BA-TSU Gallery- Tokyo Japan
2012 Vinyl Revisionists at Warner Bros. Records _ LA USA
2012 Nose Bleed Group Exhibition at Fuse Gallery -NY USA
2012 Wynwood Panels at Art Wynwood- Miami USA
2012 FUCK ART at Museum of Sex – NY USA
2012 Group Exhibition at Merry Karnowsky Gallery- LA USA
2012 Vertical Gallery group installation at The Standard Downtown LA- LA USA
2011 TOKYO TATTOO Martha Cooper x AIKO at Urban Folkart Gallery – NY USA
2011 Underbelly Project Group Exhibition- Miami USA
2011 Group Exhibition at The Wynwood Walls Pop Up Shop – Miami USA
2011 SUBWAY MAPS Exhibition at Galerie MathGoth – Paris France
2011 Epic Group Exhibition at Darkside – VT USA
2011 On Every Street Group Exhibition at Samuel Owen Gallery – CT USA
2011 Paths of Rhythm Group Exhibition at Fuse Gallery – NY USA
2011 NOSE JOB Group Exhibition at Eric Firestone Gallery – East Hampton, NY, USA
2011 ARTEROTICA Group Exhibition at MadameX – NY USA
2011 Martha Cooper Remix at Carmichael Gallery – LA USA
2011 International Women’s Day Group Exhibition at Dragon Bar – Hastings UK
2011 In The Nursery Group Exhibition at Corey Helford Gallery – LA USA
2010 L ART URBAIN 2 Exhibition at ADDICT Galerie – Paris France
2010 VIVID FICTION Exhibition at Merry Karnowsky – LA USA

2010 SWEET THINGS Group Exhibition at Crewest Gallery – LA USA
2010 PREVIEW 2010 Group Exhibition at Merry Karnowsky – LA USA
2010 DARK POP 2.0 at Last Rites Gallery – NY USA
2009 Animamix Biennale at Shanghai MoCA and Beijing Today Art Museum- China
2009 THE WYNWOOD WALLS by Jeffrey Deitch and Tony Goldman- Miami USA
2009 Graffiti Gone Global – Miami USA
2009 GO GET YOUR SHINEBOX at Brooklynite Gallery – NY USA
2009 Apocalypse Wow! at MACRO FUTURE – Rome Italy
2009 THREE APPLES Exhibition Celebrating 35year of HELLO KITTY at Royal T – LA USA
2009 Tokyo!Tokyo!Tokyo at VACANT – Tokyo Japan
2009 Diesel Cultivate Exhibition at Diesel – HongKong
2009 The New York Connection Group Exhibition Curated by Aiko at Gallery Target – Tokyo Japan
2009 JOY RIDE at Bicycle Film Festival – NY, SF, Denver, Chicago etc. USA
2009 Urban Superstar Show at MADRE Museum of Naples – Italy
2009 Work To Do at 112 Greene Studio – Soho NY
2009 Hard Left 2 at Merry Karnowsky Gallery – Berlin, Germany
2009 GOING POSTAL! Curated by Martha Cooper at Adhoc Art- Brooklyn NY
2009 Street Crush at Alphabeta – Brooklyn, NY
2009 New Image Art 15th Year Anniversary Exhibition – Los Angeles, California
2008 Piece Process at Anonymous Gallery – New York
2008 SCOPE MIAMI with Joshua Liner Gallery
2008 TIME CHANGES – Curated by AIKO at Calm & Punk Gallery – Tokyo, Japan
2008 NEXT: MIKE MING & FRIENDS at Uplink Gallery –Tokyo, Japan
2008 GROUP EXHIBITION at Joshua Liner Gallery NYC
2008 GRAND OPENING GROUP EXHIBITION at Merry Karnowsky Gallery – Berlin, Germany
2008 LADY PINK x AIKO – Brick Ladies of NYC at Ad Hoc Art – Brooklyn, New York
2008 SCOPE NYC at Lincoln Center with New Image Art
2008 POP SUBVERSION at Ad Hoc Art – Brooklyn, New York
2008 POSTER RENAISSANCE 2 at New Image Art – Los Angeles, California
2008 RUN TO THE HILLS at Andenken Gallery – Denver, Colorado
2008 BEHIND THE SEEN at Ad Hoc Art – Brooklyn, New York
2007 SANTA'S GHETTO – Bethlehem
2007 FAME COLLECTIVE Art Basel Miami – Florida
2007 INDEPENDENT RESIDENTS at Lineage Gallery – Philadelphia, PA
2007 BESTIAL at Iguapop Gallery – Barcelona Spain
2007 DECADE at Merry Karnowsky Gallery, 10th Year Anniversary Exhibition – LA, California
2007 NO SLEEEP TILL BUSHWICK at Ad Hoc Art – Brooklyn NY
2007 ART WALK (Atlantic Avenue) – Brooklyn, New York
2007 BEATNIK at Revelations – Tokyo, Japan
2007 ELEVEN at Leonard Street Gallery – London, England
2007 HEART THROB at Merry Karnowsky Gallery – Los Angeles, California
2007 MY 2007 at Colette – Paris, France
2006 Hello Kitty Secret House – HITEC, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong

