

Kikuo Saito  
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d. 2016, New York, NY

Solo and Two-Person  
Exhibitions

- 2024 *Color Plays*, James Fuentes, Los Angeles, CA  
*Color Codes*, curated by Christopher Y. Lew, James Fuentes, New York, NY
- 2023 *Kikuo Saito: Pictorial Clay*, KinoSaito, Verplanck, NY
- 2022 *Kikuo Saito: Hatching Color*, KinoSaito, Verplanck, NY  
*Kikuo Saito*, Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich  
*Kikuo Saito: The Alphabet Paintings*, KinoSaito, Verplanck, NY  
*Ouray*, Altman Siegel, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 *Painting as Performance / Performance as Painting*, KinoSaito, Verplanck, NY  
*Kikuo Saito: Cloud Paintings*, KinoSaito, Verplanck, NY  
*Kikuo Saito*, James Fuentes, New York, NY
- 2019 *To Paint with Drawing*, Loretta Howard, New York, NY (catalog)  
*Lyrical Abstraction: Small Scale*, Lori Bookstein Projects, New York, NY
- 2018 *Works on Paper*, Lori Bookstein Projects, New York, NY  
*Kikuo Saito: Resonant Tension*, Loretta Howard, New York, NY (catalog)  
*40 Years*, Octavia Art Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Kikuo Saito*, Jonathan Novak Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *Kikuo Saito*, Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2016 *Color and Drawing, Golden Artist Colors*, Sam & Adele Golden Gallery, New Berlin, NY
- 17 *The Final Years*, Leslie Feely, New York, NY
- 2016 *New Paintings*, Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI
- 2015 *Kikuo Saito*, Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2014 *Paintings and Works on Paper*, Leslie Feely Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2012 *Works on Paper*, Jill Newhouse Gallery, New York, NY

- Vision's Gallery*, Asagaya Art College, Tokyo, Japan
- 2011 *Paintings*, Elaine Baker Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
- 2010 New York Design Center, New York, NY
- 2009 *Paintings*, Leslie Feely Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2006 *Recent Paintings and Works on Paper*, Gallery Thiele, Linz, Austria  
*Paintings*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 2005 Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 2004 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 2002 Stephen Gallery Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL
- 1999 Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham MI  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York
- 1998 Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL
- 1997 *Recent Paintings*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY (catalog)
- 98 Gallery Thiele, Linz, Austria
- 1997 Duke University Museum of Art, Durham, NC  
Marita Gilliam Gallery, Raleigh, NC  
Galerie BMB, Amsterdam, Holland
- 1995 Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, London, England
- 1994 Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
- 1993 *Kikuo Saito: A True Colorist*, Fort Lauderdale Museum, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Blaffer-Robinson Gallery, Houston, TX  
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, London, England  
Eva Cohen Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 1992 Gallery Three, Palm Beach, FL  
Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL
- 1991 *Recent Paintings*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY; Beverly Hills, CA
- 1989 Galerie Don Stewart, Montreal, Canada  
Eva Cohon Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, London, England  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL  
Images Gallery, Toledo, OH

- 1988 Waddington & Shiell Galleries, Toronto, Canada  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL
- 1987 Galerie Don Stewart, Montreal, Canada  
Images Gallery, Toledo, OH  
Eva Cohen Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1986 Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 1985 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 1984 Il Punto Blu Gallery, Southampton, NY
- 1983 Hett Gallery, Edmonton, Canada  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 1982 Medicine Hat Museum, Alberta, Canada
- 1981 Galerie Ninety-Nine Bay, Harbor Islands, FL  
Galerie Ulysses, Vienna, Austria  
Hett Gallery, Edmonton, Canada
- 1980 S.G. Mathews Gallery, San Antonio, TX  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 1979 William Edward O'Reilly, Inc., New York, NY  
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- 1977 William Edward O'Reilly, Inc., New York, NY
- 1976 Deitcher/O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY (Nov/Dec)  
Deitcher/O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY (Feb/March)

#### Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Turn*, James Fuentes, New York, NY
- 2024 *Rupture & Connection*, curated by Christopher Y. Lew, Green Family Art Foundation, Dallas  
*Asian-American Abstraction: Historic to Contemporary*, Hollis Taggart, New York
- 2023 *Kikuo Saito and Friends: New York City Downtown and Beyond, 1970's and 1980's*, Curated by Karen Wilkin, KinoSaito, Verplanck, NY
- 2010 *Calder to Rauschenberg*, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX  
*On Paper: Painted, Printed, Drawn*, Jill Newhouse Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 *Expanding Boundaries: Lyrical Abstraction*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL  
*Group Show*, Leslie Feely Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2008 Cajetan Glil Gallery, Salzburg, Austria  
Art Festival for World Peace, Yokohama, Japan
- 2005 Gallerie D'Arte, Benucci, Rome  
Yellowbird Gallery, Newburgh, NY
- Salon III*, The Loft at 81 Leonard, New York, NY
- 2004 The Art Festival for World Peace, Shanghai, China
- 2001 Clement Greenberg: A Critic's Collection, Portland Art Museum Portland, OR
- 1998 *Abstraction II*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
Galerie Thiele, Linz, Austria
- 1996 *Twentieth Anniversary*, Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI  
*Abstractions*, Barbara Scott Gallery, Miami, FL
- 1995 *Olitski, Poons, Saito*, Zeckendorf Towers, New York, NY  
Steven Haller Gallery, New York, NY  
*Toys R Art*, Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL
- 1994 *Group Show*, Vero Beach Centre for the Arts, Vero Beach, FL  
*Group Show*, Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL
- 1993 *Abstraction*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
*Group Show*, C.S. Schultz Gallery, Milburn, NJ
- 1992 *Five Years*, Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery London, England  
Helander Gallery, Palm Beach, FL  
*Abstract Painters Who Paint Landscapes*, Schulte Gallery, South Orange, NJ
- 1991 *Peter Stuyvesant Foundation Collection*, Seville and Zoragoza, Spain  
Gallery Ulysses, New York, NY  
*15th Anniversary Exhibition*, Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI  
*Gallery Selections*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY
- 1990 *Group: 1990*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
*Works on Paper*, Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, London, England  
*Turmac Tobacco Company B.V.*, Zevenaar, Netherlands Stewart Fine Arts, Montreal, Canada
- 1989 *Important Works on Paper*, Meredith Long Houston, Texas  
*Art for All*, Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Canada  
Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
Dubins Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, London, England

- Silvermine Gallery, Stamford, CT  
 Paperworks, John Szoke Gallery, New York, NY  
 1987 Satani Gallery Tokyo, Japan  
*New Abstract Prints*, Associated American Artists, New York, NY  
 John Szoke Gallery, New York, NY  
 Kathleen Laverty Gallery, Edmonton, Canada  
 Waddington & Shiell Galleries, Toronto, Canada  
 1986 Robert Kidd Gallery, Birmingham, MI  
 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
 Gallery Camino Real, Boca Raton, FL  
 1985 *Private Treasures from San Antonio Collections*, San Antonio Museum, Texas  
*Artist's Salute the Return of Hailey's Comet*, Edith C. Blum, Art Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY  
 Griffin-Haller Gallery, Washington Depot, CT  
 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
 1984 Martha White Gallery, Louisville, KY  
 Hett Gallery, Edmonton, Canada  
 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
 Il Punto Blue Gallery, Southampton, NY  
*Artists Choose Artists*, Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Canada  
 1983 Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
 1982 *Saito and Roth*, Nicola Jacobs Gallery London, England  
*Saito, Slone, and Zox*, Gallery One, Toronto, Canada  
*Contemporary Abstractionists*, Rubiner Gallery, Royal Oak, MI  
 Martha White Gallery, Louisville, KY  
 Ken Heffel Fine Arts, Vancouver, Canada  
 1981 *Keller, Saito, and Sutton*, Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Canada  
 Watson de Nagy, Houston, TX  
*IV Medellin Biennial*, Medellin, Colombia  
*Phoenix*, Alte Oper, Frankfurt, Germany  
*Boxer, Olitski, Poons, Saito*, Gallery Ulysses, Vienna, Austria  
 Clayworks Studio Workshop, New York, NY  
*Uniquely Painted Prints*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
 Rubiner Gallery, Royal Oak, MI  
 Douglas Drake Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
 Sarah Y. Rentschler Gallery, Bridgehampton, NY  
 Ivory Klimpton, San Francisco, CA  
 1980 ROSC International Exhibition, Dublin, Ireland

- The Next Generation: A Curator's Choice*, Andre Emmerich, New York, NY  
*Inaugural Exhibition*, Salander-O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
 1979 American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY  
 Gallery Ninety-Nine, Bay Harbour Islands, FL  
 Watson de Nagy Gallery, Houston, TX  
 1978 *Shape and Field*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York  
 1977 *Group Show*, United States Mission to the United Nations, New York, NY  
 1976 Deitcher/O'Reilly Galleries, New York, NY  
*Group Show*, Gray Gallery, New York University, New York, NY  
 1975 *Contemporary Reflections*, Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
*Invitational*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester, MI  
 1973 LoGuidice Gallery, New York, NY  
*Group*, Soho Center for the Visual Arts, New York, NY  
 1972 *Contemporary Reflections*, Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
*Four Painters*, LoGuidice Gallery, New York, NY  
*Group Guest Show*, Andre Emmerich, New York, NY  
*Group Invitation*, Musee Galerie, Paris, France  
*Group*, LoGuidice Gallery, New York, NY  
*Group*, Soho Center for the Visual Arts, New York, NY  
*Invitational*, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester, MI  
 1970 *Young American Painters*, Reese Pally Gallery, New York, NY

### Theatre Work

- 2001 Ash Garden, LaGuardia High School, New York, NY  
 1996 Toy Garden, Duke University Museum of Art, Durham, NC  
 Toy Garden, La MaMA Experimental Theatre Club, New York, NY  
 1976 Water Play, La MaMA Experimental Theatre Club, New York, NY  
 1973 Haftan, Byrd Homan Foundation, New York, NY  
 1972 Robert Wilson, Opera Comique, Paris  
 Robert Wilson's theatre piece at 6th Festival of the Arts, Shiraz, Iran

- 1967 Rochelle Owen's Futz directed by Tom O'Horgan, La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club, New York, NY  
Tom Paine directed by Tom O'Horgan, La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club, New York, NY  
Tom Eyen's Sara B. Divine, Spoleto Festival, Spoleto, Italy
- 1966 Modern dance piece with LD Toshiro Ogawa, Iino Hall, Tokyo, Japan
- 1965 Modern dance, an early collaboration with Toshiro Ogawa [Lighting Designer at Waseda University], Tokyo, Japan

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- 2022 "See This: A New Examination of Kikuo Saito," *The New York Times Style Magazine*, May "Kikuo Saito at Galerie Rüdiger Schöttle, Munich," *Mousse*, October
- 2021 Kikuo Saito (monograph), *James Fuentes Press*, New York
- 2019 Bridget Gleeson, "In 'The Final Years,' See the Last Works of a Celebrated Japanese Painter and Set Designer," *Artsy*, September  
John Dorfman, "Setting the Scene," *Art & Antiques*, March  
John Dorfman, "Kikuo Saito: To Paint with Drawing," *Loretta Howard*, New York, Sept-Oct
- 2016 Jim Walsh, "Cutting Water," Sam & Adele Golden Gallery, *New Berlin*, NY, Sept-March
- 2016 Bridget Gleeson, "In 'The Final Years,' See the Last Works of a Celebrated Japanese Painter and Set Designer," *Artsy*, September
- 2015 Karen Wilkin, "Kikuo Saito: A Restless Spirit," Octavia Art Gallery, New Orleans, LA; Houston, TX; San Antonio, TX  
Stephanie Preweda, "Japanese painter Kikuo Saito's colorful works on display in Birmingham," *The Oakland Press*, June
- 2014 Joshua Cohen, "Reflections," *Leslie Feely Fine Art*, New York, March-May
- 2012 Karen Wilkin, "Kikuo Saito: Works on Paper," *Jill Newhouse Gallery*, New York, Nov-Dec
- 2006 Karen Wilkin, "Kikuo Saito: Recent Paintings and Works on Paper," *Gallery Thiele*, Linz, Austria, June-July
- 1997 Karen Wilkin, "Kikuo Saito: Recent Paintings," -98 *Salander O'Reilly Galleries*, New York, Dec-Jan
- 1996 "Playing in The Neighborhood," *The New York Times*, March
- 1991 Karen Wilkin, "Kikuo Saito," *Salander-O'Reilly Galleries*, New York, November
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Sue Hubbard, "Kikuo Saito," *Time Out*, London, June
- 1988 Teru Fujieda, "After Minimal Art," *Graphication*, Tokyo, December  
Kenworth Molet, "Kikuo Saito," *Moffet's Artletter*, June
- 1987 Julia Van Alst, "Unobtrusive Structuring Marks Kikuo Saito's Art," *The Blade*, Toledo, Ohio, June
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Vivien Raynor, "Kikuo Saito," *The New York Times*, April
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- 1984 Helen A. Harrison, "Art; Abstract Imagery Marks Group Show," *The New York Times*, November  
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- 1982 Pamela Jablons, "Collecting with a Tradition," *Diversion*, New York, August  
Ron Glown, "Christensen, Hughto, Saito, Zox, Kenneth Heffel Fine Art Inc.," *Vanguard*, Vancouver, Canada, April  
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 Impact Rug Inc., Montreal, Canada  
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 J.P. Morgan Chase Collection, New York, NY  
 The Lincoln Savings Bank, New York, NY  
 Midland Finance Company, Chicago, IL  
 Mitsui & Co., New York, NY  
 Mony Financial Services, Teanack, NJ  
 The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
 The Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 Nova Southeastern University, FL  
 Northrop, Los Angeles, CA  
 Pepsico, New York, NY  
 Pfizer Inc., New York, NY  
 Queens University, Canada  
 John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, FL  
 Siemens, Germany  
 Peter Stuyvesant Foundation, Netherlands  
 TRW Corp., New York, NY  
 Ulster Museum, Ireland  
 Unicorn American, New York, NY  
 University of Lethbridge, Canada  
 U.S. Equities, Chicago, IL  
 World Bank, Washington, DC

### Collections

The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
 AT&T, New York, NY  
 Blain & Co., Boston, MA  
 Baxter Corp., Greenfield, IL  
 Buchanan Ingersoll, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ  
 Chevron Oil, Dublin, CA  
 Duke University Museum of Art, Durham, NC  
 The Edmonton Art Gallery, Canada  
 Estée Lauder, New York, NY  
 Frost Brother, San Antonio, TX  
 H&R Block, Kansas City, MO  
 H.J. Heinz, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Henly Group, New York, NY