

# Satoko Okuno

Fine Artist | Painting and Ceramics

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## EDUCATION

### Bachelor of Fine Arts

04.2024

#### ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

- Valedictorian, GPA 4.0, Provost list (Fall 2021 - Spring 2024), The Honors Term Recipient
- Receive multiple scholarships for academic and creative excellence

### Bachelor of Laws

03.2013

#### The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Teaching Assistant (Composition & Painting, Composition & Drawing, Head & Hands, etc.)

09.2022 - 04.2024

#### ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

- Assist professor with demos and presentations and grade anatomical quizzes
- Engage in critiques on figure drawing and assist professor with grading homework

### Riso Printing Lab Assistant

09.2023 - 04.2024

#### ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

- Operate a Risograph printer to help students print their illustrations and graphic designs

### Prop Room Crew

04.2022 - 08.2023

#### ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

- Set up the prop and studio equipment for painting and drawing classes
- Facilitated the proper staging by ensuring that the creative needs of the instructors were met

## RECENT PROJECTS

### Mixed Media Paintings of Mythological Creatures

01.2024 - 04.2024

#### Wet Paint | ArtCenter College of Design, Pasadena, CA

- Paint mythological creatures inspired by ancient art, such as Greek pottery and Aboriginal art in mixed media (oil, oil stick, oil pastel, acrylic, collage, cold wax, marble dust, etc.)
- Experiment with combining figuration and abstraction, including patterns and textures

### Large Stoneware Sculpture of a Mythological Creature

11.2023 - 01.2024

#### Build Big | The Infinite School, Los Angeles, CA

- Hand-built a large ceramic sculpture (approximately 38" tall) of a mythological creature
- Developed hand-building skills on a large scale and experimented with new clays and forms

## RECOGNITION / AWARDS

### Society of Illustrators Scholarship Competition 2024

- The Jerry Pinkney Legacy Scholarship, "Panther-Lizard", acrylic, oil, and oil stick on canvas, 48" x 36"

03.2024

### London International Creative Competition 2022

- Best in CREATE (Art) - Non-Professional, "Anna Sophia in a chair", oil on panel, 16" x 12"
- Official Selection in CREATE (Art) - Non-Professional, "Morning Light", oil on canvas, 24" x 18"

02.2023

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### Group Exhibition "Echoes: Eye On Berlin" at aquabitArt galerie (Berlin, Germany)

08.2023

- "Berlin Creatures" (triptych), acrylic and oil on canvas, 50 x 50cm each

### ArtCenter Student Gallery (Excerpt)

01.2024 - 04.2024

- "Sand Cat (The World Must Be Big)", mixed media on canvas, 48" x 36"
- "Life with Two Cats", acrylic, oil, and oil stick on canvas, 40" x 30"
- "Tiger and a Pine Tree", acrylic, oil, oil stick, and origami paper on canvas, 48" x 36"
- "Amphorae", acrylic, oil, and oil stick on canvas, 24" x 40"
- "Flowers" (diptych), oil and acrylic on canvas, 20" x 22" each

09.2023 - 12.2023

04.2023 - 09.2023

01.2023 - 04.2023

09.2022 - 12.2022

## SKILLS

**Software:** Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, Media Encoder, Procreate, Google Suite, Microsoft Office (Powerpoint, Excel, Word), KeyNote, Slack, Shopify, Miro, Bluescape

**Material:** Oil, Oil stick, Oil pastel, Acrylic, Acrylic gouache, Gouache, Watercolor, Pen & Ink, Graphite, Charcoal, Color pencil, Resin, Urethane, Silicon, Plaster, Wire, Punch needle

**Language:** English (Fluent), Japanese (Native)

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- The Honors Term Recipient (One free semester awarded right after the graduation)
- 2013 Bachelor of Laws, The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan

## GROUP EXHIBITION

- 2024 *May Flowers*, The Trophy Room LA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 *Echoes: Eye On Berlin*, aquabitArt galerie, Berlin-Mitte, Germany
- 2023 *Welcome Home*, Hutto Patterson Exhibition Hall, Pasadena, CA
- 2023 *Present*, Hutto Patterson Exhibition Hall, Pasadena, CA

## AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2024 The Jerry Pinkney Legacy Scholarship, Society of Illustrators Scholarship Competition 2024
- 2024 Graphis New Talent Awards 2024, Honorable Mention
- 2024 Selection for ArtCenter President's Office
- 2024 Phil Hays Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- 2024 Peter Arnell Family Scholarship
- 2024 ArtCenter Undergraduate Cont Scholarship
- 2023 Diversity and Access Travel Stipend Award
- 2023 ArtCenter 100 Scholarship
- 2023 ArtCenter Two Term Scholarship
- 2022 London International Creative Competition 2022, Best in CREATE (Art)
- 2022 Creative Quarterly 69, Runner-up in Fine Art
- 2022 Phil Hays Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- 2022 ArtCenter General Endowed Scholarship
- 2021 ArtCenter Undergraduate Scholarship

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2023 Shoutout LA, Meet Satoko Okuno | Painter and Ceramics Artist
- 2023 VoyageLA, Rising Stars: Meet Satoko Okuno