

Kayo Saito

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1969, Yokohama, Japan

- 1989-1992 Musashino Art University, Tokyo, Japan, Diploma
1997-1999 London Guildhall University, London, BA (Hons) Silversmithing,
Jewellery & Applied Arts
1999-2001 Royal College of Art, London, MA Goldsmithing, Silversmithing,
Metalwork & Jewellery

Working in Kent

The constant movement and segmental elements of nature, particularly those found in plant life, are the inspirations behind Kayo Saito's work. Her early work was in paper, in which she translated natural colours and forms into her own creative language, developing ways of making the delicate paper jewellery wearable and durable. In 2007, she was selected for the *Rising Stars* exhibition at Goldsmiths' Hall, which allowed her the opportunity to translate her work from paper into precious metals.

As in nature, Kayo builds her pieces from repetitive elements seeming almost to expand organically. The layering of each element brings a sense of energy and movement to the final piece creating highly decorative ornaments that closely fit the body's form.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2009 Galeria Reverso, Lisbon, Portugal
2003 Galeria Reverso, Lisbon, Portugal

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2024 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, The Treasure House Fair, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, The Treasure House Fair, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2022 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
2021 *Adrian Sassoon at Parham, a House of History*, Parham House, West Sussex
 Showcase, Tayloe Pigott Jewelry, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, USA
2020 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2019 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2018 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2017 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2016 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2015 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2014 *A Common Ground*, Touchstones Rochdale, Rochdale, Lancashire
 Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2013 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
 Kayo Saito, Kazumi Nagano, Yu Hiraishi, Galerie Orfè, Luxembourg
2012 *Gold: Power and Allure*, Goldsmiths' Hall, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London
 Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
2011 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, The Royal Hospital Chelsea, London

Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2011 *Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon*, COLLECT, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2010 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Adrian Sassoon, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
Adrian Sassoon, Masterpiece London, Former Chelsea Barracks, London
Clare Beck at Adrian Sassoon, COLLECT, The Saatchi Gallery, London
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2009 Keiwa Kobayashi and Kayo Saito, Gallery CAJ, Kyoto, Japan
Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2008 *Kim Jung Vu et Kayo Saito*, Galerie Orfèò, Luxembourg
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2007 *Adrian Sassoon*, The International Art + Design Fair, New York, USA
Rising Stars, Goldsmiths' Hall, London
Adrian Sassoon, London Art Fair, Business Design Centre, London
- 2006 *The David Collection*, SOFA Chicago, USA
Claude Schmitz and Kayo Saito, Galerie Slavik, Vienna, Austria
- 2005 *Contemporary British Jewellery*, Galeria Bielak, Krakow, Poland
David Watkins and Students, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
- 2004 *The David Collection*, SOFA Chicago, USA
200 Rings, Velvet da Vinci Gallery, San Francisco, USA
Soft, Asociación de Creadores Textiles de Madrid, Madrid, Spain
Connection, Mobilia Gallery, Cambridge, USA
Lesley Craze Gallery, COLLECT, V&A Museum, London
Landscape Jewellery, Alternatives Gallery, Rome, Italy
- 2003 *Rarefind*, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham, Surrey
Jewellery meets Textile, Contemporary Applied Arts, London
Kogei, Crafts Council Shop at the V&A Museum, London
Rings, The Scottish Gallery, Edinburgh
- 2002 *Kim Jung Vu et Kayo Saito*, Orfeo, Luxembourg
Schmuck 2002, Munich, Germany

Awards

- 2024 Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Award for Excellence
- 2016 Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Award
- 2010 Shortlisted, The Arts Foundation Award, UK
- 2004 Development Award, Crafts Council, London
- 2002 Janet Fitch Jewellery Award, Chelsea Crafts Fair, London
Peggy Ross Prize, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham, Surrey
- 2001 Commended: Fashion Jewellery, Goldsmiths' Company Awards
- 2000 First Prize, Bombay Sapphire Glass Competition
- 1999 Innovation Award, Goldsmiths' Company

Public Collections

- Alice and Louis Koch, Switzerland
The Goldsmiths' Company, London
Victoria and Albert Museum, London